

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday October 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Zach Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Shearer and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet. Magistrate Mickey Garner was absent from the meeting.

WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE: Judge Marcum welcomed those present and Brother Dallas Luttrell led the prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the September 11, 2023, regular meeting and the called meeting from September 26, 2023. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

PAY BILLS: Judge Marcum submitted a list of regular bills to be approved along with a list of bills that came in late. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$283.42; Nurse Visits \$115.64; Catastrophic Medical (2 checks) \$6,774.49; HB 452 \$383.01; HB 556 (2 checks) \$77,936.00; DUI fees \$644.09; State Inmate Housing \$61,774.32; Traffic School \$106.47; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$7,032.30; Booking Fees \$2,336.34; Vending Commission \$16.28; Phone Commission \$3,469.22; Video Arraignment Grant \$23,271.00; Reimbursement \$518.50; Per Diem \$1,980.46; Interest \$37.94; Transfer from General \$200,000.00; Transfer from Dispatch \$368.00 for a total income of \$387,047.48. The expenses were \$398,047.61 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$11,000.13). The average inmates for the month were 105. There was 7 ½ hours overtime. As of today, there are 59 state inmates, 8 from Clinton County and 32 from Russell County for a total of 99 inmates. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided the sheriff's report for the month of September. He stated there were 371 911 calls for service; 25 arrests; 4 Domestic; 13 1045's; 9 1046's; 7 Motor Assist; 3 Animal Complaints 2 ATV Complaints; 5 Shots Fired; 22 Suspicious Person 5 Criminal Trespassing; 41 request for officers; 11 Welfare Checks; 224 Other; 10 mental health transports; 2 Criminal Summons; 50 court papers served; 3307 court security transport miles; 50 Vehicle Inspections; 37 CCDW and \$49.41 collected in Oil & Franchise tax. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY & QUARTERLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED AE

TRANSFERS: Judge Marcum stated the treasurer's reports and pre-approved AE transfers were in the packet and asked the court if anyone had any questions regarding those reports. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to approve the monthly & quarterly settlement reports and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

1st READING ORDINANCE 23-06 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. No vote is required until the 2nd reading which will be at the November 13, 2023 meeting.

TRANSFER \$453.56 FROM 911 TO AMBULANCE FOR ENHANCED MEDICAID: Judge Marcum stated this was where the state was putting the Ambulance's money for Enhanced Medicaid into the 911 account and had to be paid to the Ambulance Service. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$140,025.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$140,025.00 from general to the jail account for normal operating expenses. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

PERFECTION GROUP: Judge Marcum asked the folks from Perfection Group to come address the court. Carter Offut and Andrew Apro along with the rest of their team came before the court and provided them with a summary of projects they had prioritized. They indicated they understood these projects were costly and stated if the court wanted to utilize bonds to cover it they could assist with that. After some discussion, Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to table the issue until the court could have more time to review and discuss the options. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

JIM BOYD - VICISIOUS DOGS: Judge Marcum asked if the individual who asked to be on the agenda for this to come forward. No one came forward.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated we had received \$10,005.30 from alcohol sales for the month of August which was collected in September.

Judge Marcum stated he had heard on the radio the announcement that the county had received notice of some discretionary funding from the state for Hurricane Branch Road. However, he stated he had not been contacted yet regarding this but asked the court to go ahead and approved Resolution 23-11 which would allow him to sign the MOA when it became available. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-11 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated we had another resolution from the Board of Elections for some of election equipment. He presented Resolution 23-12 and asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-12 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated the court had accepted a bid back in May from D&D Sealing. He stated at that time the court's acceptance on the bid was contingent upon the vendor to be certified and maintain liability insurance. He went on to state the vendor had presented the liability insurance and had contacted the state and found out it wasn't necessary for them to be certified as a state vendor when said vendor wasn't doing any work for the state. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept this and to allow D&D Sealing to work on county projects. Magistrate Richardson seconded. All were in favor none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he needed to bring up an issue regarding the Inter-Local 911 agreement between the county, the ambulance board and the two cities. He stated both the City of Russell Springs along with the City of Jamestown had amended the agreement to only pay the county \$25,0000 per year for dispatch support instead of the agreement amount of \$35,000.00. He went on to state unfortunately that puts it as the county's burden to bear. He stated most of the calls for assistance come from within both of the cities so we were going to have to come up with a plan to figure out how best to handle this. There was discussion on having each city to handle their own calls for fire, emergencies and assistance as well as other discussions on how to recoup the money. It was discussed the county could not handle each city's need for stray dog pick ups etc. There was more discussion on different ways to try to recoup they money lost from the cities for reducing their share.

Judge Marcum shared with the court that Rhonda Green which is the Regional Emergency Personnel is leaving and moving to Wisconsin. He stated she had been extremely helpful to the county and would be missed. He went on to ask the court to allow him to bring Joe Branscum into the open position of part time emergency management at a flat rate of \$600.00 a month which would ultimately only cost the county \$300.00 per month since emergency management pays for half of those salaries. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to allow the judge to make the hire with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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