

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024  
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday April 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Mickey Garner, Zach Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet.

**WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER:** Judge Marcum welcomed those present and asked Brother Larry Johnson to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the March 11, 2024 regular meeting. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. 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 Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Medical \$924.49; Nurse Visits \$90.37; Prescription Co-Pay \$512.50; HB 556 \$11,278.00; State Inmate Housing \$55,872.54; Booking Fees \$2,081.38; Phone Commission \$2,778.03; Reimbursement \$479.53 & \$222.54; Per Diem \$2,047.19; Interest \$29.02; for a total income of \$76,315.59. The expenses were \$143,557.73 which makes a difference of income and expenses negative (\$67,242.14). The average inmates for the month was 103. There were 4 hours overtime. As of today there are 39 state inmates, 10 from Clinton County and 46 from Russell County for a total of 95 inmates. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of March. He stated there were 343 calls for 911 service; 23 arrests; 11 Domestic; 20 Traffic Stops; 20 1045's; 2 1046's; 35 Officer Requests; 0 Animal Complaints; 10 EMS Requests; 2 Shots Fired; 20 Suspicious Persons; 12 Welfare Checks; 4 Trespassing; 4 mental health transports; 27 Juvenile Summons; 5 Subpoenas; 0 Eviction Notice; 32 Civil Summons; 1 EPO; 65 court papers served; 110 Prisoner Transports; 36049 court security transport miles; 61 vehicle inspections and 25 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$292,285.74 tax bills from March 1 through March 31. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY & QUARTERLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS:** Judge Marcum stated the treasurer's monthly & quarterly settlement reports and pre-approved AE transfers were in the packet and asked the court if anyone had any questions regarding those reports. There were no comments or questions. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to accept the report & AE transfers with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE 24-02 2024-2025 BUDGET:** Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for the budget for the fiscal court for fiscal year 24-25. She stated the amounts in each fund were General \$4,037,420.00; Road \$1,769,294.00; Jail \$2,359,601.00; LGEA \$20,800.00; ASAP \$150,000.00; Grants \$44,000.00; Emergency Shelter \$9,606.00; ARPA \$1,345,655.00; Tourism \$300,000.00; Dispatch \$677,880.00; Airport \$327,600.00; Airport Project \$1,515,000.00; Airport Board \$129,660.00; ABC \$84,170.00; LATCH \$311,590.00; Opioid Settlement \$294,680.00; Clerk Storage \$812.00 for a total budget of 13,411,768.00.

**RECURRING EXPENSES FY 2024-2025:** Treasurer Blanchet she needed the court to vote on the recurring expenses so she could submit those with the budget to DLG. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to approve the recurring expenses for FY 24-25 with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$1,920.29 FROM DISPATCH TO RC AMBULANCE – ENHANCED MEDICAID:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$1,920.29 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$100,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$100,000.00 from the general fund to the jail fund. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$27,206.90 FROM THE GRANTS FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR RECORDER GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated this was for the recorder grant for 911 dispatch and we had paid the funds originally from the general fund so we needed to put the funds back to the correct account. Magistrate Garner made a motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-05 REGIONAL SPORTS TOURISM MULTIPLEX:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to adopt Resolution 24-05 so we can apply for some grant funding. He stated the passage of this resolution would allow us to apply for the grant. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-06 GREASY CREEK PARK:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to adopt Resolution 24-06 so we can apply for some grant funding for the Greasy Creek Park project. He stated the passage of this resolution would allow us to apply for the grant. Magistrate Garner made the motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-07 KYTC RURAL & MUNICIPAL AID AGREEMENT:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to adopt Resolution 24-07 so when we get the County Road Agreement we will be ready to sign it. Magistrate Waddell made the motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-08 KOHS GRANT – EOC:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to adopt Resolution 24-08 so when we apply for a grant with KY Office of Homeland Security to possibly get an EOC center. Magistrate Garner made the motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Marcum stated Tourism Director Danielle Wilson was in the court and invited her to speak. Mrs. Wilson came before the court and let them know that her department had acquired 3 kiosks to be placed in the county that would be very beneficial to folks to see tourism attractions in the county and much more.

Judge Marcum said he would like to ask the court to utilize some of the ARPA money to do the repair work on the roof of the courthouse as well as the front porch and pillars. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to pay for the work on both from the ARPA funds. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Skaggs stated a request had been made by the City of Russell Springs for the county to give Rocky Quarry Road which is CR-1584 due to the fact the property was within the city limits of Russell Springs and would fall under their zoning restrictions. City Official Jeremy Coffey was in the courtroom and stated it was their intention to obtain ownership of the road. Treasurer Blanchet stated she had corresponded with KYTC and this was something that could be done as long as both parties agreed to do it. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to give Rock Quarry Road to the City of Russell Springs with Magistrate Richardson seconding the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he would like to ask the court for their approval for him to look at state pricing for some trucks. He stated we had the LACTF funds available and these funds could be utilized for general government purposes. He suggested adding a ¾ ton truck for the road department, a truck for the litter crew and 2 new trucks for the recycle department since the stuff currently being used by these departments was more than likely in excess of 200,000 miles.

Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the judge to move forward on pricing and purchasing the trucks. Magistrate Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated there was some information in the packet regarding the use of some of the Opioid Settlement funding for a women's recovery program that was here in the county. He stated he didn't need an answer from the court today but wanted them to review the proposal and we would talk about it at the next meeting.

Magistrate Garner stated he would like to have the fiscal court meetings moved back to Monday nights at 5:30 instead of the 10:00 am it is currently. He stated it was difficult for him to make some of the meetings. He made a motion to change the time of the meeting back to the 5:30 pm timeslot. A roll call was conducted; Judge Marcum No; Magistrate Waddell No; Magistrate Garner Yes; Magistrate Wilson No; Magistrate Richardson Yes; Magistrate Skaggs Yes. The vote ended in a tie. Judge Marcum showed the KRS to the court which showed the Judge is the only one with the authority to set the meeting times and he wanted to keep it at 10:00am. The motion died.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.



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Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk