

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 12 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 Dennis Price to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the January 8, 2024 regular meeting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Skaggs 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 Wilson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Social Security \$200.00; Transfer from General \$127,000.00; Corrections Assist \$7,796.24; State Inmate \$58,134.30; Vending Commission \$20.40; Phone Commission \$3,223.95; Prescription Co-pay \$267.88; Nurse Visits \$86.33; Booking Fees \$1,579.58; Reimbursement \$493.19; Per Diem \$2,739.41; HB 556 (2 checks) \$12,390.00; Other County Inmate Housing \$6,426.79; HB 452 \$243.48 Interest \$36.33 for a total income of \$220,637.88. Actual income for the detention center less the transfer from the general fund is \$93,637.88. The expenses were \$162,235.37 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$68,597.49). The average inmates for the month was 100. There were 44 hours overtime. As of today there are 53 state inmates, 5 from Clinton County; 1 from Cumberland County and 34 from Russell County for a total of 93 inmates. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Jailer Dunbar also passed out a copy of his policies & procedures to each court member.

Judge Marcum opened the bids for E-Cigs for the detention center and food service. He stated there was only one bid for each. The E-Cig bid came from Custom Technologies which is the current vendor. Their bid was \$3.50 per unit which is the current cost. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Judge Marcum opened the only bid for food service for the detention center which was from the current provider Kellwell Food Management. The cost was \$2.14 for 81-90 meals; \$2.00 for 91-100 meals and \$1.89 for 101-110 meals. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of January. He stated there were 289 calls for 911 service; 22 arrests; 6 Domestic; 16 1045's; 4 1046's; 20 Traffic Stops; 23 Officer Requests; 2 Animal Complaints; 0 EMS Requests; 2 Shots Fired; 9 Suspicious Persons; 16 Welfare Checks; 5 mental health transports; 16 Juvenile Summons; 1 Subpoenas; 2 Eviction Notice; 20 Criminal Summons; 0 EPO; 39 court papers served; 103 Prisoner Transports; 2376 court security transport miles; 40 vehicle inspections and 17 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$810,145.42 tax bills from January 1 through January 31. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Sheriff Polston presented his 2023 Final Fee Tax Settlement Report and stated he would be giving the court \$20,703.61 in excess fees. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the 2023 Final Fee Tax Settlement with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Sheriff Polston presented his 2022 Oil Tax Settlement. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the 2022 Oil Tax Settlement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS:

Judge Marcum stated the treasurer's report 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 Garner made a motion to accept the reports & AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

1ST READING BUDGET AMENDMENT 24-01: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts since this was the first reading there was no vote. The 2nd reading will be at the March Fiscal Court meeting.

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

TRANSFER \$5,559.88 FROM ASAP TO OPIOID FUND TO CORRECT DEPOSIT ERROR: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$5,559.88 from the ASAP account to the Opioid Settlement account. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to transfer \$5,559.88 from ASAP to Opioid Settlement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DISPERSE FUNDS ON SPAY & NEUTER GRANT: Judge Marcum stated this was from the grant we had received earlier. Treasurer Blanchet stated this was a matching grant and originally, we thought we were going to get \$1,500.00 in matching funds but we had only received \$1,212.00 in grant funding. However, since the court had committed the \$1,500.00 that is what we needed to follow through with. She stated the total amount we needed to pay to the Russell County Animal Welfare League was \$2,712.00. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to disperse the \$2,712.00 with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

PAY FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD SUPPORT AS BUDGETED: Magistrate Garner asked Judge Marcum if we could table this until the next meeting and Judge Marcum stated yes. Magistrate Garner made a motion to table this until the March meeting with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DUO-COUNTY BROADBAND PROJECT: Judge Marcum stated this was a project the prior administration had committed some of the ARPA funding on and opened the floor to Duo-County attorney HK Cooper. Mr. Cooper asked the court to reconsider funding on this project. There was some discussion regarding the original resolution which was adopted in October 2021 but had been rescinded at last month's meeting. After considerable discussion Magistrate Garner made a motion to resolve to honor the original resolution 21-14 and pay the \$250,000.00 originally obligated for the project. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-01 LOGAN ANTLE BRIDGE PROJECT: Judge Marcum stated we needed to adopt Resolution 24-01 to allow him to sign the MOA for the 80/20 bridge project of Logan Antle Bridge which had been submitted to KYTC for funding. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-01 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-02 ELECTION EQUIPMENT GRANT: Judge Marcum stated this resolution was from HB1 which allowed us to recoup some funding from the state on the new election equipment we had to purchase last year. Treasurer Blanchet added there was \$87,621.00 we were able to apply for to recoup some of the election equipment we had purchased before. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-02 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-03 VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT GRANT PHASE 2: Judge Marcum stated this resolution was from DLG which was for the detention center video arraignment equipment. He stated this was for phase II. Magistrate

Skaggs made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-03 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

EMERGENCY SHELTER INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Marcum stated we had entered into this inter-local agreement with both cities to address the need in the county. He stated it had worked well in the past and if the county wanted to continue then we would sign and then send to each of the cities for their agreement to participate. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

E911 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Marcum stated this agreement had been revised to include a 5 year term on this agreement and each of the other entities, City of Russell Springs, City of Jamestown & Ambulance Service would each contribute \$35,000.00 per year. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to enter into the 911 Inter-Local agreement with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated we had some road changes. He stated Chapman Road in District 2, length was being changed from 0.063 miles to 0.183 miles. He stated Bridge View Lane was being taken into the county road system and that also was in District 2. The road Billy Bolin Road was changing name to AWE Farm Road which was in District 4 and lastly was a name change of Garnet Edmunds Road changing to R Hill Road which was in District 5. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept all the road changes with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated the monthly ABC receipts were \$4,557.93 collected in the month of January for December sales.

Judge Marcum stated the 911 Board had met on Friday February 9th and they had recommended a change to the starting salaries for employees with an additional \$1.50 per hour. He stated he wasn't sure how the court felt about that. He also mentioned he had provided some information on ways to obtain additional funding for our E911 for the court to review. Magistrate Garner asked if that was something the court did and Judge Marcum stated the 911 board did it but the court would have to vote to approve it so it would be on the compliment. Magistrate Garner made a motion for the salary change with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he would like to get the court's approval for him to review the current ordinance of the Industrial Development Authority. He stated he felt it would be a more favorable option for the county to amend the ordinance to make the change from Industrial Development to Economic Development. He stated he just wanted their approval to take a look at the ordinance and present some possible options on amending it. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to allow the judge to proceed on options of amending the ordinance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer Blanchet stated to the court there was one more item. DVA spokesperson James Clark and Robert Burton came before the court and recognized veteran Larry Skaggs. They also presented a plaque to the Judge Marcum for his support of the DVA

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 10:46 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk