

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday January 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.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 Christian Naylor to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the December 11, 2023 regular meeting. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Waddell 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:** Treasurer Blanchet read the jail report as follows: Catastrophic Medical \$253.37; Prescription Co-pay \$398.20; Nurse Visits \$115.08; HB 452 (2checks) \$1,039.31; HB 556 (4 checks) \$14,662.00; DUI Fees \$1,056.81; State Inmate Housing \$60,148.68; Social Security Payment \$400.00; HB 413 \$1,782.17; Traffic School \$79.17; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$9,599.56; Booking Fees \$1,767.70; Phone Commission \$2,816.03; Refund \$247.35; Reimbursement \$476.47; Per Diem \$1,413.81; Interest \$29.62; Transfer from General (2) \$175,906.43 for a total income of \$272,191.76. The expenses were \$146,305.46 which makes a difference of income and expenses 128,886.30. The average inmates for the month was 100. There was 48 hours overtime. As of today there are 52 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 44 from Russell County for a total of 99 inmates. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated to the court the medical provider for the jail had presented their new contract for the upcoming year and it was at a 30% increase from the current contract. He stated he and Jailer Dunbar had met with the vendor and questioned them on the increase since in the current contract stated they would not increase with more than 3%. He went on to state they negotiated to accept the 3% for a 6 month period and then would renegotiate. He also stated if needed we would re-bid the contract at that time if they couldn't come to terms.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of December. He stated there were 325 calls for 911 service; 21 arrests; 8 Domestic; 16 1045's; 4 1046's; 40 Traffic Stops; 25 Officer Requests; 4 Animal Complaints; 5 EMS Requests; 1 Shots Fired; 21 Suspicious Persons; 15 Welfare Checks; 9 mental health transports; 8 Juvenile Summons; 3 Subpoenas; 1 Eviction Notice; 21 Criminal Summons; 1 EPO; 34 court paper served; 61 Prisoner Transports; 1,133 court security transport miles; 54 vehicle inspections and 11 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$1,028,033.130 tax bills from December 1 through December 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 report, quarterly 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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING BUDGET AMENDMENT 23-08:** Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the budget amendment ordinance with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$127,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$127,000.00 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 \$28,160.35 FROM AIRPORT PROJECT TO AIRPORT GENERAL:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$28,160.35 from the airport project account to the airport general account. Treasurer Blanchet stated this was from the terminal grant where some items were paid for out of the general account and the project money needed to be transferred back to the appropriate account. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$79,476.00 FROM GENERAL TO 911 DISPATCH:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer 79,476.00 from General fund to the 911 Dispatch fund as budgeted. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$2,376.82 FROM DISPATCH TO RC AMBULANCE – ENHANCED MEDICAID:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$2,376.82 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$84.87 FROM TERMINAL TO AIRPORT GENERAL AND CLOSE THE ACCOUNT:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$84.87 from the airport terminal account to the airport general account and close the account. Treasurer Blanchet stated this was the USDA account that had to be opened specifically for the terminal grant and this grant was being closed out so the remaining funds needed to be transferred to the airport general account so the account could now be closed out. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to transfer the funds and close the account with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL PER KRS 67.710(7):** Judge Marcum stated the employee roster was in the packets which listed all county employees, job titles and rate of pay. He stated this was required to do every year in January. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the appointment of county employees with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMPLIMENT CHANGES:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to make some changes to the compliment with the allocations of some positions. He stated we had eliminated 2 part time positions to make another full time position. He stated we had also added another supervisor position for the litter abatement grant. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the changes with Magistrate Richardson seconding the motion. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE 23-09 GREASY CREEK BRIDGE GRANT PROJECT:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of ordinance 23-09 for the Greasy Creek Bridge grant which was changing the designation of the county bridge to a county fishing pier. Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the ordinance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Marcum stated we had a change in length of a county road. Treasurer Blanchet stated Gene Conner Road, CR-1551 in District 5 length needed to be changed from 0.091 to 0.116. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to change the road length with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated at last month's meeting the court had approved for him to get some quotes for mini split units for the judge's office as well as staff upstairs. He stated he was still waiting on some other quotes but the one he had was for a total of \$36,500.00. He suggested we continue to get other quotes.

Judge Marcum stated at last month's meeting the court had approved for him to remove the carpet in some of the offices and he stated he had Mann's Construction working on that project.

Judge Marcum stated last year when he was campaigning he had hosted an Easter Egg hunt for the community. He went on to state that the event was a huge success and people had asked about if it was going to happen again this year. He

stated that since he was an elected official now he wasn't able to sponsor the event but asked if the court would approve the event as a community event. Magistrate Garner made a motion for the fiscal court to host the event with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated there were a couple of things he wanted to share with the court and the public. The first was to announce the court had been approved on a Homeland Security grant that Susan Melton, our Grants Coordinator had applied for which was a \$40,000 cyber security grant. He commended Ms. Melton on a job well done. He went on to state the columns for the courthouse front and steps project were in but we would have to wait on weather before we could proceed any further.

Judge Marcum stated he would like to ask the court to consider a time change for all future Fiscal Court meetings. He suggest we still have the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month but to change the time from 5:30pm to 10:00am. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to adopt the change with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated the county's bicentennial would be in December of this year and he would like to ask the court to allow him to appoint a bicentennial committee to help commemorate the event. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the judge to appoint the committee with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Wilson stated it was his understanding there were ARPA funds that had been allocated to Duo County for the broadband for the Jabez area that still had not been paid out. Judge Marcum stated he had several conversations with Duo in the past and they still had not submitted an invoice for the funds. There was some discussion on whether or not the court wanted to de-obligate the funds and rescind the resolution to which County Attorney Shearer stated he was not aware of any contract that had been signed. A motion was made by Magistrate Richardson to rescind the Resolution obligating \$250,000.00 of the ARPA funding to Duo-County Broadband. Magistrate Wilson seconded the motion.

**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 6:06 p.m.



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Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk