

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Zach Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet. Magistrate Garner was absent from the meeting.

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

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the February 12, 2024 regular meeting and the called meeting on March 1, 2024. Magistrate Wilson 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 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: Nurse Visits \$71.63; Prescription Co-Pay \$319.73; HB 452 \$ 284.43; State Inmate Housing \$54,883.02; Social Security \$200.00; Cumberland County Inmate Housing \$1,095.54; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$3,467.04; Booking Fees \$1,373.24; Phone Commission \$3,415.15; Reimbursement \$794.11; Per Diem \$1,575.27; Interest \$34.20; Transfer from General \$100,000.00 for a total income of \$167,513.36. Actual income for the detention center less the transfer from the general fund is \$67,513.36. The expenses were \$207,773.91 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$140,260.55). The average inmates for the month was 100. There were 6 hours overtime. As of today there are 50 state inmates, 12 from Clinton County; 1 from Cumberland County and 46 from Russell County for a total of 108 inmates. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Jailer Dunbar also presented his proposed FY Budget for 24-25 to the court.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of February. He stated there were 306 calls for 911 service; 38 arrests; 10 Domestic; 15 1045's; 3 1046's; 17 Traffic Stops; 34 Officer Requests; 9 Animal Complaints; 10 EMS Requests; 0 Shots Fired; 19 Suspicious Persons; 13 Welfare Checks; 5 mental health transports; 4 Juvenile Summons; 8 Subpoenas; 3 Eviction Notice; 32 Criminal Summons; 1 EPO; 48 court papers served; 85 Prisoner Transports; 3739 court security transport miles; 56 vehicle inspections and 21 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$103,344.77 tax bills from February 1 through February 29. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report 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 Skaggs made a motion to accept the report & AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

RC CLERK 2023 FINAL FEE SETTLEMENT REPORT: Judge Marcum asked Clerk Patti Gover to come forward. Ms. Glover presented her 2023 final fee settlement report and turned over a check for \$184,918.23 in excess fees. Magistrate made a motion to accept the final fee settlement report with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

2ND READING BUDGET AMENDMENT 24-01: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to accept Budget Amendment 24-01 with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

PAY FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD SUPPORT AS BUDGETED: Judge Marcum stated we needed to vote to pay our annual support to the local Fire Departments and Rescue Squad. These funds are budgeted items. Funds budgeted are \$20,000 to Jamestown Fire Department which is now merged with South Russell Fire Department, \$10,000 to Russell Springs Fire Department, \$10,000 to Eli Fire Department, \$4,000 to Faubush Fire Department and \$10,000 to Rescue Squad. Motion was made by Magistrate Waddell to distribute the funds with a second by Magistrate Richardson. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 24-01 RESCUE SQUAD AFFILIATION AGREEMENT: Judge Marcum stated this was something we did every year which addressed the chain of command within the county. Attorney Shearer stated this was an Executive Order and there was no vote needed.

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 Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-02 HB 1 ELECTION EQUIPMENT: Judge Marcum stated we needed to adopt Resolution 24-02 so we can apply for some of the funding afforded to the court in House Bill 1 for election equipment. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

PAY RESCUE SQUAD GRANT FUNDING \$5,284.66 FOR SAR GRANT: Judge Marcum stated we had received the funds for the Rescue Squad for the SAR grant for which they had applied and we needed to pass along those funds to them. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to pay the rescue squad the \$5,284.66 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated we needed to open the bids that came in for the courthouse roof repair. Treasurer Blanchet stated only one bid was received. Judge Marcum stated the bid was from Wooten's Construction and was for \$60,000.00. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.


Judge Marcum said he had a Hospital board appointment to make. He recommended appointing Sherry Redmond to the board beginning March 11, 2024 through March 10, 2028. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the Judge's recommendation with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated the monthly ABC receipts were \$2,824.27 collected in the month of February for January sales.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk