

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 14 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 Jonathon Oaks to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the regular meeting on March 10, 2025 and called meeting on March 21, 2025. 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 Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Facility Fees \$6,466.65; Catastrophic Medical (2 checks) \$981.21; Nurse Visits \$89.54; Prescription Co-Pay \$137.29; HB 452 (2 checks) \$732.80; HB 556 \$2,734.00; DUI Fees \$868.22; State Inmate Housing \$36,011.46; Social Security \$800.00; Other County Inmate Housing (3 checks) \$30,354.24.00; Booking Fees \$1,840.70; Fee Claim \$55.90; Vending Commission \$17.93; Phone Commission (2 checks) \$1,928.93; Reimbursement \$585.13; Per Diem \$3,602.60; Interest \$37.84 for a total income of \$87,244.44. The expenses were \$202,808.51. The difference between receipts to expenses is (\$115,564.07). The average inmates for the month was 95. There were 11.5 hours of overtime. As of today, there are 39 state inmates, 9 from Clinton County and 54 from Russell County for a total of 102 inmates. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided the Sheriff's report for the month of March. He stated there were 413 calls for 911 service; 36 arrests; 13 Domestic; 0 Traffic Stops; 14 1045's; 2 1046's; 20 Motorist Assist; 15 Alarm Calls; 5 Animal Complaints; 39 Requests for Deputy; 2 Shots Fired; 22 Suspicious Persons; 13 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 232 other; 4 mental health transports; 10 Juvenile Summons; 13 Subpoenas; 3 Eviction Notice; 27 Civil Summons; 2 EPO; 1 Criminal Summons; 56 court papers served; 109 Prisoner Transports; 2875 court security transport miles; 118 vehicle inspections and 20 CCDW permits. Sheriff Polston stated there was \$237,659.01 in taxes. Magistrate Garner 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 Garner made a motion to accept the reports & AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

1ST READING ORDINANCE 25-04 2025-2026 BUDGET: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for the budget for the fiscal court for fiscal year 25-26. She stated the amounts in each fund were General \$4,766,136.00; Road \$1,932,471.00; Jail \$2,285,106.00; LGEA \$19,900.00; ASAP \$135,000.00; Emergency Shelter \$9,606.00; ARPA \$719,010.00; Tourism \$400,000.00; Dispatch \$696,585.00; Airport \$327,600.00; Airport Project \$2,308,831.00; Airport Board \$94,075.00; ABC \$97,643.00; Opioid Settlement \$617,453.00; Clerk Storage \$125,498.00 for a total budget of 14,535,914.00. Judge Marcum stated the budget is the same as last year. He stated it was discussed in the budget committee how to come up with the funding for hazardous duty pay for the sheriff deputies but at this time we just couldn't do it. Magistrate Garner stated we had discussed being able to provide the hazardous pay if the sheriff would be willing to go to fee pool. Sheriff Polston stated that would be something he would have to look into.

RECURRING EXPENSES FY 2025-2026: Judge Marcum stated the recurring expenses were in the packet which was included in the budget but these needed to be approved for Treasurer Blanchet to send in for approval. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to approve the recurring expenses for FY 25-26 with Magistrate Skaggs 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 Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RICK ROBBINS – PAT OF LIFE: Mr. Robbins came before the court and asked the court's assistance for his recovery center with the opioid funding. Treasure Blanchet explained that the opioid funds were strictly for opioid related issues and because he housed both alcohol addicts as well as narcotic addicts it would be difficult to differentiate between the two and everything must be tracked. Judge Marcum explained we would need to discuss how we could handle his request utilizing the opioid funding and asked Mr. Robbins to come back next month.

ROAD CHANGES: Judge Marcum stated we had some road changes. Treasurer Blanchet stated East Service Road needed to be added back into the county and the name needed to be changed to Cravens Road, which is .261 in length and is in District 5. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the road name change with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer Blanchet stated Dandy Lane in District 2 and .186 miles in length, the residents were asking it be taken into the county road system. Magistrate Garner made a motion to take the road in with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer Blanchet stated residents were requested the discontinuance of county maintenance on a portion of Womack Road in District 4 of .147 miles, reducing the length of the road from .621 miles to .474 miles. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to discontinue county maintenance on the .147 miles with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. Treasurer Blanchet stated this would be considered the 1st reading and we would have to follow proper protocol with public notice and signage and have the 2nd reading at next month's meeting. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated he needed to re-appoint Steven Fletcher to the Hospital Board for a second term. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Fletcher with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked CEO Scott Thompson to come and speak before the court regarding the hospital. Mr. Thompson came before the court and stated it was anticipated for work to begin on the new addition to the hospital in April or May with a projected completion date of 16 to 18 months. He went on to state the hospital had cut the tax rate for the county by 1% and he felt the total cost of the new hospital addition would come in at approximately \$35 million dollars and they anticipated to be able to pay for that all.

Judge Marcum asked tourism director Danielle Wilson to speak to the court. Ms. Wilson came before the court and stated she had applied for a grant for Jamestown being a "Trailtown" and had been notified she had been a warded the grant which was for \$30,000. She went on to state these funds would be used to help restore the Greasy Creek project.

Judge Marcum stated alcohol sales for the preceding month was \$2,171.58.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk