

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2025
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025 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 Jailer Dunbar to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the July 14, 2025, 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 Richardson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Q1 Corrections Assist \$8,346.32; Allotment \$41,832.37; Nurse Visits \$52.64; Prescription Co-Pay \$369.21; Medical Claim \$106.20; HB 556 (3 checks) \$9,808.00; State Inmate Housing (3 checks) \$130,244.45; Social Security \$400.00; HB 413 \$1,926.66; Traffic School \$38.22; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$27,734.80; Restitution Payment \$1,500.00; Booking Fees \$2,206.09; Phone Commission (2 checks) \$3,353.96; Reimbursement (2 checks) \$863.42; Per Diem \$2,306.88; Interest \$21.01; Prior Year Carryover \$89,190.76; Transfer from general \$100,000.00; Transfer from ABC \$15,000.00 for a total income of \$468,468.62. The expenses were \$154,228.62 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$124,240.00. The average inmates for the month was 104 There were 0 hours overtime. As of today, there are 40state inmates, 12 from Clinton County and 53 from Russell County for a total of 105 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided the his report for the month of July. He stated there were 583 calls for 911 service; 61 arrests; 11 Domestic; 140 Traffic Stops; 16 1045's; 7 1046's; 16 Motorist Assist; 11 Alarm Calls; 8 Animal Complaints; 47 Requests for Deputy; 0 Shots Fired; 11 Suspicious Persons; 13 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 7 Juvenile Complaints; 235 other; 8 mental health transports; 16 Juvenile Summons; 8 Subpoenas; 3 Eviction Notice; 37 Civil Summons; 0 EPO; 19 Criminal Summons; 83 court papers served; 149 Prisoner Transports; 5704 court security transport miles; 615 vehicle inspections and 16 CCDW permits. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Garner 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 monthly settlement 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 Richardson made a motion to accept the report & AE transfers with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

1ST READING BUDGET ORDINANCE 25-06: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. She stated we would have the 2nd reading at the September meeting.

TRANSFER \$125,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$125,000.00 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.

TRANSFER \$125,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO LGEA: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$13,850.00 from the general fund to the LGEA fund as budgeted. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$1,500.00 FROM JAIL TO ROAD FUND FOR ROAD REPAIR RESTITUTION: Judge Marcum stated we need to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Jail fund to the Road fund. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$133,388.00 FROM GENERAL TO GRANTS FUND FOR MODIFIED ASPHALT GRANT: Judge Marcum stated we need to transfer \$133,388.00 from the general fund to the grants for the modified asphalt grant. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ELI TRUCK FUNDING: Judge Marcum stated a few months back the court had voted to pay the Eli Fire Department \$10,000.00 to go toward a matching grant they had been awarded. He went on to state, Susan Melton, Grants Administrator, had found and secured a grant that would cover the entire match of \$20,805.00 that was required so the court did not have to expend the funds, as they would be coming from the AFG Grant.

PAY RUSSELL COUNTY AMBULANCE BOARD \$10,000 FOR DISPATCH LEASE: Judge Marcum stated we needed to pay the Ambulance Service \$10,000 for the 911 dispatch lease which is the annual payment amount. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

1ST READING ORDINANCE 25-07 STREET LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES: County Attorney Shearer read the ordinance. Magistrate Richardson made a motion passengers must be over the age of 16 to be added to the language in the ordinance. There was no second. Therefore the motion died on the floor. County Attorney Shearer stated this was the second reading would be at the September meeting.

DANIELLE WILSON – RUSSELL COUNTY TOURISM: Mrs. Wilson came before the court and provided the 2024 economic impact report to the fiscal court. She stated the labor income grew by 13.8% totaling \$9.9 million and supported 385 jobs. She also stated state and local taxes increased by 11.8% to equal \$3.8 million. Total economic impact over the past year has risen 13.6%.

BILLY DYKES – RUSSELL COUNTY RECOVERY: A representative from Russell County Recovery came before the court and asked for some funding as they had in years past for the recovery center. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to give \$1,000.00 as we had in the past with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SET 2025 COUNTY TAX RATES: Judge Marcum stated the compensating rate came in at 6.4 and recommended we take the compensating rate which actually will lower the rate from 6.5 to 6.4. He also stated the tangible rate had no change. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the compensating rate of 6.4 for real property and 9.2 on tangible with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TAX RATES: Judge Marcum stated Candi Garner was next to present the health department tax rates. Mrs. Garner came before the court and stated the health department board had set the 2025 tax rates at .045 for real property; .0425 for tangible property and .0425 for motor vehicles. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the tax rates with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

LAKE CUMBERLAND HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Judge Marcum stated since we were on the subject of opioid money he asked Laura Woodrum of the Lake Cumberland Health District to come speak to the court. Ms. Woodrum came before the court and asked the court for \$20,000.00 of the county-allotted opioid abatement dollars to continue the MRT classes at the county detention center. After some discussion, Magistrate Garner made a motion to give \$20,000.00 to the health district to continue the classes. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 25-10 FLEX FUNDING WITH KYTC: Judge Marcum stated he needed the court to adopt the resolution to allow him to sign the MOU for flex funding through KYTC. A list of roads to be done under the flex funding were Cherry Loop; Coffey Avenue; D Johnson Road; Harris Road; Honeysuckle Lane; Lorel Dunbar Road; Meadow Brooke Drive; Primrose Street; Reeder Road; & Wade Road. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-10 with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

2025 SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM: Judge Marcum stated the application for the 2025 spay & neuter grant had been processed and he asked for the court's approval to commit \$2,000.00 toward the grant. He also stated he felt this was a really good program as it helps control the dog & cat population. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to commit the \$2,000.00 to the grant program with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SALT ACUTION BID: Treasurer Blanchet stated we had reviewed the bids at last month's meeting but a motion had been made to table the acceptance until more information was available about the product we used last year called ClearLane. Treasure Blanchet stated she had reached out to each bidder but all had the same response that the product we wanted was not available in our market area. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Compass Minerals with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

INTERLOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT – RC FISCAL COURT & CITY OF JAMESTOWN: Judge Marcum asked for a motion to sign the inter-local road agreement between the City of Jamestown. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

TRANSFER \$10,000.00 FROM GENERAL FUND TO RC AMBULANCE SERVICE – FY26 KBEMS GRANT: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the Russell County Ambulance Service for the ambulance grant from KBEMS. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated we had not used all the funds for the Waste Tire Grant and we needed to send the balance back to the state. He stated we needed to pay them \$1,333.00. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to back the unused funds with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum explained to the court that Tri K/Republic still did not have our rate corrected on the bill for the landfill service. He asked for their pre-approval to pay that bill when it was fixed so we could pay it since it dated all the way back to June. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to allow Judge Marcum to pay the bill when it was corrected and when we received it. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated the Sheriff had gotten a resignation letter from one of his deputies that went to the City of Russell Springs due to hazardous duty pay. He went on to state we had not readdressed this issue since the new budget went into play and he feels we need to do something about it. Magistrate Garner stated he would only agree to do hazardous duty pay if we fee pooled the money. Judge Marcum stated if the court wanted to go to fee pooling then we would have to do an ordinance to that effect. Sheriff Polston stated he would love to see the hazardous duty pay for his officers, but he couldn't see giving total control of his office to the fiscal court. He went on to state he would not submit to fee pooling with his office. Magistrate Garner made a motion to go to fee pooling with the Sheriff's office as well as go over to hazardous duty pay. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Magistrate Garner asked County Attorney Shearer to draw up the ordinance for the next meeting.

Judge Marcum stated the court had been asked to take in Rowena Road. He went on to state the length of the road is .812 mile and there was a lot of work being done in the area to promote economic development. He went on to state we had been asked to black top the road but the state had said we can't until we take it in as a county road. They would like the name of the road to be Tony Sloan Way. Magistrate Garner made a motion to amend the regulation for the requirements of county roads being taken in for just this road to not require the 2 permanent residents. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Garner made a motion to take in Tony Sloan Way (.812 miles) into the county road system. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated we were really close to getting the Greasy Creek project approved through the corp. He explained that once the approval came in that the City of Jamestown agreed to annex the project area so they could patrol it. He asked the court if they would agree to black top those 2 small areas there. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the black topping with Magistrate Waddell seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated regulatory fees collected for the month of July were \$11,699.45. He stated for the last two months we took in \$20,411.21.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10.57 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk