

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

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024 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 8, 2024, regular meeting and July 31, 2024 called meeting. Magistrate Waddell 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 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: 4th Quarter Facility Fees \$6,757.00; Corrections Assist \$8,245.60; Allotment \$41,832.37; Nurse Visits \$51.86; Prescription Co-Pay \$464.54; HB 452 \$405.50; HB 556 (3 checks) \$15,524.00; DUI Fees \$1,037.76; State Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$79,479.66; HB 413 \$2,001.63; Traffic School \$30.03; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$8,438.43; Booking Fees \$1,505.63; Fee Claim \$890.89; Vending Commission \$27.28; Phone Commission \$3,503.96; Cost Pool Refund \$4,116.04; Reimbursement (2 checks) \$1,170.57; Per Diem \$2093.06; Interest \$15.62; Transfer from general \$100,000.00; Transfer from ABC \$15,000.00 for a total income of \$294,641.99. The expenses were \$147,245.57 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$32,396.42. The average inmates for the month was 92 There were 25 ½ hours overtime. As of today, there are 39 state inmates, 7 from Clinton County and 44 from Russell County for a total of 90 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Deputy Bunch provided the Sheriff's report for the month of July. He stated there were 472 calls for 911 service; 43 arrests; 15 Domestic; 55 Traffic Stops; 18 1045's; 7 1046's; 19 Motorist Assist; 11 Alarm Calls; 8 Animal Complaints; 34 Requests for Deputy; 0 Shots Fired; 13 Suspicious Persons; 19 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 230 other; 3 mental health transports; 20 Juvenile Summons; 11 Subpoenas; 6 Eviction Notice; 34 Civil Summons; 1 EPO; 9 Criminal Summons; 71 court papers served; 114 Prisoner Transports; 2496 court security transport miles; 100 vehicle inspections and 16 CCDW permits. Magistrate Skaggs 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 Garner made a motion to accept the report & AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

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.

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.

2024 KYTC – DISTRICT 8 – JAMES JONES: Judge Marcum stated James Jones Engineer for District 8 was here to speak to the court regarding the situation of the new bridge project down in the lower end of the county. Mr. Jones came before the court and stated the state was aware of the damage the contractor's trucks were having on Manntown Road, Swan Pond Road and the other roads in the vicinity. He went on to state he was having a meeting with the contractors the next day to address the situation but expressed to the county when the project was complete they would make sure the roads were all repaired and resurfaced. Judge Marcum asked Mr. Jones about the Flex Road recommendations. Mr. Jones stated this year's flex roads were KY 76 from MP 1.227 (intersection of KY 1383) to MP 2.652 (intersection of KY 1611) and KY 910 from MP 3.946 (intersection of Butcher Road) to MP 5.970 (existing joint 200' west of Access Road) for a total of 3.449 miles of asphalt resurfacing at an estimated cost of \$325,153.00. Judge Marcum stated Resolution 24-16 which was for our flex funding was in the packet and asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-16 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RCRR – BILLY DYKES: Mr. Samuel Wilson came before the court and presented a card to the fiscal court to show appreciation for the court's support. He went on to explain how the Russell County Recovery Room works. He stated it was an organization to help addicts get their life back on track and stay off of drugs and/or alcohol. He asked the court for a donation of \$1,000.00 to help with their costs for keeping the recovery room open and available to residents. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to provide the requested funds with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

DANIELLE WILSON – RUSSELL COUNTY TOURISM: Judge Marcum stated Tourism Director Danielle Wilson had asked to speak to the court. Mrs. Wilson came before the court and provided a handout to show the financial effect tourism has for the county. She went on to state she was disappointed the Fiscal Court had cut the \$25,000.00 yearly support from the fiscal year 24-25 budget and asked the court to reconsider. After some discussion, Magistrate Garner made a motion to give the \$25,000.00 support to the tourism fund with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

JESSICA KIMBLER – WOMEN FINDING FREEDOM: Judge Marcum stated Jessica Kimbler was back to present her proposal to the court for the opioid abatement funds. Ms. Kimbler came before the court and discussed her proposal. She stated the main thing she would like to get from the list of items proposed was a van to transport her residents to and from meetings, appointments, etc. There was a lot of discussion on whether or not this was an appropriate use of the opioid abatement funds. Treasurer Blanchet stated she felt we needed to reach out to the opioid liaison at KACo before committing. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to table the discussion until such time we could get clarification if this was an item we could spend those funds on. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SET 2024 COUNTY TAX RATES: Judge Marcum stated the compensating rate came in at our current rate of 6.5 which is the current rate. He made the recommendation we take the compensating rate and keep the rate at the current 6.5. He also stated the tangible rate had no change. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the compensating rate of 6.5 for real property and 9.2 on tangible with Magistrate Richardson 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 2024 tax rates at .045 for real property; .045 for tangible property and .045 for motor vehicles. Magistrate Skaggs 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.

AMBULANCE BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Marcum stated he needed to make an ambulance board appointment. He recommended appointing Patricia Lamb. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the recommendation with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

UPDATE- RENOVATIONS AT 911 DISPATCH: Judge Marcum stated renovations were moving forward and there were some proposals in the packet to get some things moved around. He stated there was a proposal from GeoConex for \$14,500.00 to move the computer hardware, a proposal from ADS for moving the telecommunications for \$1,500.00 and a proposal from xybix for new console workstations for \$74,267.71. Magistrate Garner made a motion to move forward with the quotes 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 – FY25 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 Skaggs made a motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ROAD CHANGES: Judge Marcum stated we had some road changes. Treasure Blanchet read the changes which were Hadley Road in district 2 which is .20 miles in length, residents are asking to take into the county road system. Christian Lane also in district 2, the name was being changed to Pio Nono Lane. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the changes with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

KIM YORK – TWIN CREEKS LOOP: Judge Marcum stated Kim York asked to address the court about the road she lives on. Mrs. York came before the court and explained a major problem with Twin Creeks Loop and asked the court to take the road into the county road system. There was much discussion about the road because it was a private road and there was another private road that led to their road. After considerable discussion County Attorney Shearer stated the road could be taken in if the both roads were named the same thing. An agreement was made by residents and Magistrate Garner to name Twin Creeks Road and Twin Creeks Loop to Twin Creeks Loop. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the name change and take it into the county road system. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Magistrate Garner stated in regards to the ARPA money he felt since the state wasn't going to be blacktopping the roads we sent in we should use those funds to blacktop the roads. He made a motion to allocate 80% of the balance by 12/1/24 to use on roads. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Garner stated he had spoken with Road Foreman Lewis Conner about looking around for a new backhoe that was on the state contract list. Mr. Conner had obtained a quote from McCoy Construction for a 2023 John Deere 410 P-Tier Backhoe Loader for \$124,846.20 and a trade-in allowance of \$35,000.00 for a total cost of \$89,846.20. Magistrate Garner asked if this quote covered the swivel bucket and Mr. Conner stated it did not. The swivel bucket is an additional \$8,800.00. Magistrate Garner made a motion to purchase the backhoe and the swivel bucket with the ARPA funds. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Judge Marcum added he asked Mr. Conner to get a quote on a track hoe to enable the road department to clean the ditches out more easily. Magistrate Garner recommended we hold off on this at the moment.

Judge Marcum asked the court to start thinking about the County bicentennial which is occurring next year and he asked the court to think about allocating \$50,000 of the ARPA funds for that celebration. He went on to state the court didn't need to vote on this now but wanted the court to consider it.

Judge Marcum stated there was another proposal in the packets from Preventia which was the company that installed the automatic door locks. He stated this proposal was for cameras to be installed at each outer door location to add another layer of security for the building. He stated the cost for this was \$5,060.00. Magistrate Garner stated he was ok with this as long as it came out of the general fund. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the proposal with Magistrate me also wanted to recommend the county put an ordinance in place to require anyone hauling trash on a truck or trailer needed to have a cover to secure the items on the vehicle. He stated trash was constantly falling off these vehicles and it was littering up the county. Magistrate Garner made that request in the form of a motion with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated alcohol sales for the month of June were \$230,095.87 which provided \$16,293.40 in revenue for the county which was collected in July.

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 11:31 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk