

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

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 14, 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 June 9, 2025, regular meeting. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810: Judge Marcum asked for a motion to go into executive session. Magistrate Garner made the motion with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Wilson made a motion to come out of executive session. Magistrate Richardson seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Judge Marcum stated no action was taken in executive session.

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. Roll call was Magistrate Wilson – Yes; Magistrate Waddell – Yes; Magistrate Skaggs – Yes; Magistrate Richardson – Yes; Magistrate Garner – No. Motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$86.80; Prescription Co-Pay \$257.77; HB 452 (2 checks) \$742.72; HB 556 (3 checks) \$573.59; DUI Fees \$775.36; State Inmate Housing \$44,634,421; Booking Fees \$2,358.29; Fee Claim (2 checks) \$361.07; Vending Commission \$32.06; Phone Commission (2 checks) \$2,932.38; Reimbursement \$626.93; Per Diem 3,036.39; Interest \$9.96 for a total income of \$56,427.76. There were two transfers from general in the amount of \$150,000.00. The expenses were \$268,585.37 which makes a difference of income and expenses negative (\$212,157.61). The average inmates for the month was 94 There were 6 hours overtime. As of today, there are 38 state inmates, 13 from Clinton County and 41 from Russell County for a total of 92 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of June. He stated there were 536 calls for 911 service; 50 arrests; 10 Domestic; 94 Traffic Stops; 19 1045's; 10 1046's; 29 Motorist Assist; 11 Alarm Calls; 7 Animal Complaints; 0 Requests for Deputy; 2 Shots Fired; 23 Suspicious Persons; 16 Welfare Checks; 3 Juvenile Complaints; 312 other; 0 Trespassing; 8 mental health transports; 15 Juvenile Summons; 14 Subpoenas; 5 Eviction Notice; 46 Civil Summons; 1 EPO; 1 Criminal Summons; 82 court papers served; 92 Prisoner Transports; 5348 court security transport miles; 674 vehicle inspections and 9 CCDW permits. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT, QUARTERLY AND YEAR END REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS: Judge Marcum stated the treasurer's monthly, quarterly & fiscal year end 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 report & AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$15,000.00 FROM ABC TO 911: Judge Marcum stated that we need to transfer \$15,000.00 from the ABC fund to the Jail fund. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$175,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$175,000.00 from the General fund to the jail fund. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$15,000.00 FROM ABC TO JAIL: Judge Marcum stated that we need to transfer \$15,000.00 from the ABC fund to the Jail fund. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$15,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO AIRPORT: Judge Marcum stated that we need to transfer \$15,000.00 from the General fund to the Airport fund. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$1,500.00 FROM GENERAL TO EMERGENCY SHELTER: Judge Marcum stated that we need to transfer \$1,500.00 from the General fund to the Emergency Shelter fund. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$64,011.18 FROM APRA FUND TO ROAD FUND FOR CODING ERROR: Judge Marcum stated that we need to transfer \$64,011.18 from the ARPA fund to the Road fund. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UPDATE TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: Judge Marcum stated in the packet was a declaration for an insurance waiver and this would need to be added to our administrative code. Magistrate Garner made a motion to add the declaration & verbiage to the code with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OPEN BIDS ON CRUMB RUBBER GRANT: Judge Marcum stated we only received one bid for the crumb rubber grant which was from Gaddie Shamrock. The bid came in for 953 tons at \$140.00 per ton. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 25-06 COPS GRANT: Judge Marcum stated this resolution was for a grant. Deputy Judge Melton stated we had already applied for the grant but this was for HB 605 which covers the matching portion of the grant. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ACCEPT SALT BID FROM KACO REVERSE SALT AUCTION: Judge Marcum stated we had the reverse salt auction through KACo that is done annually. Compass Mineral was the low bidder for the county at \$145.00 per ton. Treasurer Blanchet stated the current vendor for the county did not submit a bid and in the past year we had been purchasing a product that was better and more effective. Magistrate Garner made a motion not to accept any of the bids and for us to reach out to each of the vendors that bid to see if we could get the product we've used the past year and discuss it again at next month's meeting. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

AE TRANSFERS APPROVAL FY 25-26: Judge Marcum asked for the court's pre-approval to do any AE transfers needed throughout the fiscal year to avoid having to have a special called meeting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pre-approve all AE transfers needed throughout fiscal year 25-26 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REPORT FOR FY 24-25: Treasurer Blanchet read the required report of employees hired for the fiscal year 2024-2025. There was a total of 23 persons hired: 12 females; 11 males; 23 white/Caucasian. There were 14 part time: 7 females; 7 males. There were 9 full time: 4 females; 5 males. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

2ND READING DISCONTINUANCE OF .36 DYLAN DRIVE: Judge Marcum stated we had the first reading of the discontinuance in the June meeting and we needed to have the second reading to discontinue .36 of Dylan Drive in

District 1. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to discontinue 0.36 mile of Dylan Drive with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated Royce McGowan had asked to address the court. Mr. McGowan came and stated an agreement had been made with the previous administration and himself in regards to blacktopping a portion of Twin Oaks Road in District 3. Mr. McGowan stated he had followed through with widening an area in the area at his own expense but the county had never come to lay the asphalt. There was some discussion with Mr. McGowan and the court regarding the prior administration had not communicated that with the current magistrate. Magistrate Garner made a motion for the county to asphalt the portion of the road previously agreed too and take that money out of the general fund. Magistrate Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated Resolution 25-07 was in the packet and needed to be adopted by the court. He stated this resolution was between the court and RCIDA for them to apply for a grant. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt resolution 25-07 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum state Resolution 25-08 was also in the packet and it too was between the court and RCIDA. He stated this resolution was stating the county would be the pass through for the grant in which RCIDA was applying for and that there were matching funds in the amount of \$52,700.00 which would be paid by RCIDA. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated Resolution 25-09 was in the packet and this was between KYTC and the court for Kara Lane which had been approved to be done from the County Priorities Program with the state. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated at last month's meeting there was discussion regarding the new state law regarding side by side vehicles. County Attorney Shearer stated he would draft the ordinance to present at next month's meeting but the court would need to discuss what if any restrictions they wanted to include in the ordinance. There was discussion amongst the court regarding the restrictions. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow full use with no restrictions other than those listed in the state law. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. Roll call was Magistrate Garner – Yes; Magistrate Waddell – Yes; Magistrate Wilson – Yes; Magistrate Skaggs – Yes; Magistrate Richardson – No. Motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk