

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY JULY 8, 2024
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 8, 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 Brother Brian Fudge to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the June 10, 2024, 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 Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Treasurer Blanchet read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$26.01; Prescription Co-Pay \$426.50; Cumberland County Inmate Housing \$883.50; Booking Fees \$1,855.63; Vending Commission \$13.05; Phone Commission \$3,524.83; Reimbursement \$1,170.57; Per Diem \$2,953.49; Dividend (2 checks) \$533.29; Interest \$15.30 for a total income of \$11,402.17. There was a transfer from general in the amount of \$50,000.00. The expenses were \$244,436.26 which makes a difference of income and expenses negative (\$183,034.09). The average inmates for the month was 87 There were 8 ¾ hours overtime. As of today, there are 36 state inmates, 13 from Clinton County and 38 from Russell County for a total of 87 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 his report for the month of June. He stated there were 507 calls for 911 service; 51 arrests; 11 Domestic; 0 Traffic Stops; 18 1045's; 5 1046's; 13 Motorist Assist; 16 Alarm Calls; 13 Animal Complaints; 33 Requests for Deputy; 0 Shots Fired; 17 Suspicious Persons; 18 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 7 mental health transports; 16 Juvenile Summons; 4 Subpoenas; 2 Eviction Notice; 20 Civil Summons; 1 EPO; 51 Criminal Summons; 114 court papers served; 81 Prisoner Transports; 2822 court security transport miles; 45 vehicle inspections and 19 CCDW permits. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Waddell 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810: Judge Marcum stated he needed a motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 for possible litigation. Magistrate Garner made a motion to go into Executive Session with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Magistrate Garner made a motion to come out of Executive Session with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed. Judge Marcum stated there was no action taken.

TRANSFER \$144,953.00 FROM GENERAL TO 911 DISPATCH: Judge Marcum asked to transfer \$144,953.00 from General fund to the 911 Dispatch fund as budgeted. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

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 Waddell 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 Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

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 Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

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 Wilson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RUSSELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT DAR PROGRAM: Darrell Selby with the Conservation District came before the court and thanked the court for the opportunity to speak. He highlighted the many things the district does for the county and asked once again for the fiscal court's matching funds for the dead animal removal grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Magistrate Garner made a motion to provide the funds for the grant with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

ACCEPT SALT BID FROM KACO REVERSE SALT AUCTION: Judge Marcum stated we had the reverse salt auction through KACo that is done annually. Cargill Inc was the low bidder for the county at \$104.75 per ton. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

AE TRANSFERS APPROVAL FY 24-25: Treasurer Blanchet asked for the courts pre-approval to do any AE transfers needed throughout the fiscal year to avoid having to have a special called meeting. She stated we were allowed now to do that as a blanket transfer for the fiscal year. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to pre-approve all AE transfers needed throughout fiscal year 24-25 with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REPORT FOR FY 23-24: Treasurer Blanchet read the required report of employees hired for the fiscal year 2023-2024. There was a total of 25 persons hired: 10 females; 15 male; 25 white/Caucasian. There were 11 part time: 4 females; 7 male. There were 14 full time: 5 females; 9 male. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2ND READING DISCONTINUANCE OF .057 WOLLEN MILL ROAD: Judge Marcum stated we had tabled the second reading at last month's meeting since Magistrate Garner was absent from the meeting. Magistrate Garner stated he had been to see the folks that had requested the discontinuance and stated there was a gate that has been across that portion of the road and the county had not maintained it for many years. He stated he had spoken with the Judge Marcum and Treasurer Blanchet had contacted KACo attorney Rich Ornstein who had recommended we remove that portion of road from the county road system. Magistrate Garner made a motion to discontinue 0.057 of Wollen Mill Road with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

LAKE CUMBERLAND RECREATION LEASE WITH ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS: Judge Marcum stated the Corp of Engineers had provided a second supplement agreement with our current lease of the old Alligator ramp area. He stated they had actually amended the lease agreement to include another 0.35 acres of tract S-1931. He also stated they had extended the lease for another 25 years to make the new expiration date 6/30/2060. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to accept the amended lease agreement with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated the court gave \$1,500.00 to the spay & neuter clinic last year and it was a new grant period and asked if the court would be willing to commit those funds again. He stated many of the older folks

in the county had really benefited from this program. Magistrate Garner made a motion to commit the \$1,500.00 to the program with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Garner stated he had spoken with Sheriff Polston prior to the meeting and they were having an issue with parking at the Clifty Creek boat ramp. He stated he would like for the road department to remove the "no parking" signs and replace with signs that stated "any blockage of the boat ramp vehicle will be towed at owner's expense". Magistrate Garner made a motion to that extent with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Magistrate Garner 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.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk