

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

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Zach Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet. Magistrate Garner was absent from the meeting.

**WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER:** Judge Marcum welcomed those present and asked Brother Craig Huddleston to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the May 13, 2024, regular meeting and the called meeting on May 30, 2024. 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:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$74.60; Prescription Co-Pay \$373.83; HB 452 \$380.22; State Inmate Housing \$44,669.76; Booking Fees \$2,091.84; Phone Commission \$8,580.23; KADD Reimbursement \$2.88; Reimbursement \$677.09; Per Diem \$2,545.94; Interest \$25.68; for a total income of \$59,422.07. The expenses were \$146,862.68 which makes a difference of income and expenses negative (\$87,440.61). The average inmates for the month was 94 There were 5 ¾ hours overtime. As of today, there are 34 state inmates, 11 from Clinton County and 39 from Russell County for a total of 84 inmates. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of May. He stated there were 490 calls for 911 service; 32 arrests; 10 Domestic; 13 Traffic Stops; 16 1045's; 8 1046's; 18 Motorist Assist; 16 Alarm Calls; 3 Animal Complaints; 8 Shots Fired; 12 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 6 mental health transports; 11 Juvenile Summons; 8 Subpoenas; 3 Eviction Notice; 28 Civil Summons; 5 EPO; 55 court papers served; 95 Prisoner Transports; 4370 court security transport miles; 62 vehicle inspections and 14 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$7,359.04 tax bills from May 1 through May 31. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**SHERIFF'S 2023 FINAL TAX SETTLEMENT:** Judge Marcum stated the sheriff's 2023 final tax settlement was in the packet for approval. Sheriff Polston stated he was very proud of his staff as the account reconciled within a couple of cents. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the settlement report with Magistrate Waddell 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 Skaggs made a motion to accept the report & AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE 24-03 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to accept Budget Amendment 24-03 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE 24-04 CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS:** Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was to prohibit cannabis business operations in the county. Judge Marcum explained by passing this ordinance didn't mean citizens wouldn't be able to have access to medical marijuana. He stated either of the cities could vote to allow business operations within their jurisdiction and there was a limit on how many businesses could be open within a regional area. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adopt ordinance 24-04 with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**REVIEW AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR 2024-2025:** Judge Marcum stated we need to review and adopt the Administrative Code for the next fiscal year. He stated this was something we have to do on an annual basis. Treasurer Blanchet added there was only one change made which was to limit bereavement leave to 3 days. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the Administrative Code with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**PAY PULASKI COUNTY \$13,375.00 FOR REGIONAL SHELTER:** Judge Marcum stated we contract with Pulaski County for our regional dog shelter. We pay them \$13,375.00 every six months and it's time to pay them again. He stated this is a budgeted item but needs fiscal court approval to pay the bill. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to pay Pulaski County with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$50,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$50,000.00 from the General 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.

**TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Judge Marcum stated he had two Tourism board appointments to make. He stated he wanted to re-appoint Stephen Eastin to his 3rd term beginning 7/1/24 to 6/30/27. He also stated he wanted to re-appoint Kim Kelsey to her 2<sup>nd</sup> term also beginning 7/1/24 to 6/30/27. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept both of the judge's recommendations with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**INTER-LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS:** Judge Marcum explained this agreement was something we did every year with the City of Russell Springs. This agreement is for the purpose of establishing a system of cooperation between the City of Russell Springs and the County of Russell, specifically for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, paving, and/or the creation of roads within the City of Russell Springs and Magisterial Districts 4 & 5. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the agreement with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated we had received notification from the Governor a project for the local library had been approved for funding and those funds would be a pass through with the county. He stated we needed to pass this resolution to allow him to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the stated. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-13 HOSPITAL EXPANSION GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated we had received notification from the Governor a project that would allow the local hospital to expand had been approved for funding and those funds would be a pass through with the county. He stated we needed to pass this resolution to allow him to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the stated. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-14 HB 723 GREASY CREEK GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated this resolution was one we needed to adopt to allow us to apply for grant funding for the Greasy Creek project. He stated the original grant administrators had changed and we were having to apply all over again since the House Bill changed. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING DISCONTINUANCE OF .057 WOLLEN MILL ROAD:** Judge Marcum stated we had the 1<sup>st</sup> reading on this road closure at the last fiscal court meeting in May. Treasurer Blanchet stated all the required procedures had been followed. He asked what was the court's feeling on this. A citizen stood, Mr. Bob Cummins, and stated he was in the courtroom to protest the closure. Another citizen, Christina Bishop, also stood and explained to the court it was she and

her husband that originally asked for the closure since the portion of the road she had asked be discontinued was no longer being maintained by the county and the road ended at the edge of her property. There was considerable discussion about the pro's and con's of the closure. County Attorney Shearer also explained to the court if the so choose to move forward it only meant the county would no longer maintain the maintenance on the road and it didn't necessarily mean the road would physically closed. Magistrate Wilson stated he felt Magistrate Garner needed to be a part of the decision since the road was in his district. Magistrate Wilsom made a motion to table this until next month. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**SELECTION & APPROVAL OF BID FOR CYBER SECURITY GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated Susan Melton had secured 3 bids for the cyber security grant that had been approved by the state. He stated the bids were in the Magistrates packets. Ms. Melton had recommended the selection of the local provider Lake Cumberland Computers with the lowest bid of \$23,094.00. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to select the recommended bid with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Marcum asked if the court had anything else they wanted to discuss. Magistrate Waddell asked about having another surplus auction. Judge Marcum stated they were working on it and that Community Action also wanted to auction some of their head start buses when we did it.

Judge Marcum stated he had ordered the trucks the court had approved him to order but they weren't going to be available until some time in September and we would only be using about half of the funding that was available.

Magistrate Waddell expressed his appreciation of the work that County Treasurer Blanchet does for the court.

**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 10:35 a.m.



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Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk