

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 9, 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 Brother Dallas Luttrell to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the May 12, 2025, regular meeting and the called meeting on May 30, 2025. Magistrate Garner 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 Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Chief Deputy Jailer McGowan read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$35.52; Prescription Co-Pay \$40.50; HB 452 \$397.14; Social Security \$400.00; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$9,010.00; Booking Fees \$2,589.08; Fee Claim \$474.32; Phone Commission (2 checks) \$3,382.55; Reimbursement (3 checks) \$1,030.18; Per Diem \$2,443.84; Dividend (2 checks) \$544.11; Interest \$19.02; Transfer from General \$75,000.00 for a total actual income of \$20,395.11. The expenses were \$149,745.26 which makes a difference of income and expenses negative (\$129,350.15). The average inmates for the month was 103 There were 70 hours overtime. As of today, there are 38 state inmates, 18 from Clinton County and 40 from Russell County for a total of 96 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: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of May. He stated there were 526 calls for 911 service; 43 arrests; 9 Domestic; 59 Traffic Stops; 20 1045's; 5 1046's; 16 Motorist Assist; 9 Alarm Calls; 11 Animal Complaints; 38 request for deputy; 2 Shots Fired; 25 Welfare Checks; 23 Suspicious Person Complaints; 5 Juvenile complaints; 261 other; 11 mental health transports; 15 Juvenile Summons; 8 Subpoenas; 9 Criminal Summons; 2 Eviction Notice; 68 Civil Summons; 2 EPO; 104 court papers served; 151 Prisoner Transports; 4437 court security transport miles; 510 vehicle inspections and 18 CCDW permits. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S 2024 FINAL TAX SETTLEMENT: Judge Marcum stated the sheriff's 2024 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 few of cents. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the settlement report with Magistrate Skaggs 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.

REVIEW AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR 2025-2026: 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 were no changes to the code. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the Administrative Code with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF BICENTENNIAL POETRY WINNERS: Judge Marcum invited Librarian Lindsay Westerfield to present the winners. Mrs. Westerfield came and thanked the court for allowing her to be a part of the Bicentennial festivities and also thanked the sponsors of the event. She presented Emily Bowen with the award for 4th-8th Grand Poetry; Brenda Selby-Onyon for Adult Poetry & Mike Boger for Adult Prose.

2ND READING ORDINANCE 25-05 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept Budget Amendment 25-05 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. 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 Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 25-04 COPS GRANT: Judge Marcum stated Grants Administrator Susan Melton had applied for a grant that would provide 3 officers 24/7 for the hospital and we had received the award. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-04 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 25-05 HB 605 GRANT MATCH GRANT: Judge Marcum stated Susan Melton had found HB 605 grant which if awarded would pay for the match on other grants. He went on to explain at last month's meeting the court had agreed to pay \$10,000.00 to help Eli Fire Department with a portion of what they had to match for a grant they had been awarded. There was much discussion regarding this and Magistrate Garner made a motion to hold off giving the \$10,000.00 we had previously agreed to in hopes we would secure this matching grant. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ARC GRANT: Judge Marcum stated Susan Melton had also applied and was awarded a ARC grant from the The Center for Rural Development for \$7,000.00 to launch a 6 months civic organization. Judge Marcum stated a neighboring county had done this and it was highly successful. He stated it would be great for the youth to learn about how government functions and he asked the court for the approval to allow him to implement such a program. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the judge to implement the program with Magistrate Richardson 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 Whitney Marcum to her 2nd term beginning 7/1/25 to 6/30/28. He also stated he wanted to appoint Caleb Weaver to his 1st term beginning 7/1/25 – 6/30/28. He also recommended to re-appoint Randy Baird to his 3rd term also beginning 7/1/25 – 6/30/28. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendations with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

ETHICS BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Judge Marcum stated he needed to make one more appointment to the ethics board. He recommended appointing Ross Haynes for a term beginning 4/13/25 to 4/12/29. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. 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 Skaggs made a motion to accept the agreement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

1st READING DISCONTINUANCE OF .036 mile of Dylan Drive: Judge Marcum stated Mr. Bryan Cooper had submitted a letter asking to discontinue the last portion of Dylan Drive. The letter stated he owned all the surrounding property and was currently maintaining that portion of the road already. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to begin the process of the discontinuance with Magistrate Garner 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 Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated since we had to take over the Transfer Station we needed to incorporate those jobs into the county compliment and the updated compliment was in the packet for review. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the updated compliment with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he wanted to mention we had gotten official notification we were awarded a crumb rubber grant by the state. He also stated last year only 4 counties received this grant so we were very fortunate to get this. He stated Susan Melton had also applied for an EPA grant that would help us over at the transfer station if we were awarded the grant. He said we had passed phase 1. He and the court all applauded the efforts of Grants Administrator Susan Melton.

Judge Marcum stated he needed approval to buy and pay for the backhoe that we need for the Transfer Station. He stated one had been found at KY Surplus. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to purchase the backhoe and pay for it. Magistrate Garner seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated we need to get a pulling truck for the transfer station and asked for a motion to purchase a used one. Magistrate Garner made the motion to buy the truck but not to exceed a cost of \$12,000.00. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated alcohol sales for the preceding month was \$66,692.41 and regulatory fees collected were \$4,001.54.

Judge Marcum stated Julie Garrett from the Small Business Administration was present and wanted to speak. Mrs. Garnett came before the court and explained they were here to help citizens affected by the recent tornado. She highlighted all the different opportunities that were available for those affected that needed it.

Sheriff Polston stated recent legislative changes were going to take affect June 27, 2025 and with the passage of HB 63 allowing side by side vehicles to operate on roadways. He wanted to make the court aware of this change because he was certain his office as well as the clerk's would be inundated with questions and comments when trying to get their vehicles inspected and license. County Attorney Shearer stated he would begin work on an ordinance for the county and we would bring it up at the July meeting.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Garner seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk