

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY MAY 12, 2025  
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 12 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 Dennis Price to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the regular meeting on April 14, 2025. 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: Corrections Assist \$8,245.60; Nurse Visits \$124.21; Prescription Co-Pay \$159.49; State Inmate Housing \$42,655.38; Social Security \$200.00; HB 413 \$1,782.70; Traffic School \$51.87; Other County Inmate Housing (3 checks) \$8,874.57; Booking Fees \$2,224.10; Fee Claim \$201.67; Phone Commission \$12,077.97; Reimbursement \$668.72; Refund \$143.52; Reimbursement for Team Viewer \$316.73; Per Diem \$3,549.79; Interest \$28.54 for a total income of \$71,304.86. The expenses were \$155,925.32. The difference between receipts to expenses is (\$84,620.46). The average inmates for the month was 102. There were 78.5 hours of overtime. As of today, there are 40 state inmates, 11 from Clinton County and 55 from Russell County for a total of 107 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided Sheriff's report for the month of April. He stated there were 437 calls for 911 service; 38 arrests; 14 Domestic; 66 Traffic Stops; 15 1045's; 7 1046's; 16 Motorist Assist; 10 Alarm Calls; 11 Animal Complaints; 34 Requests for Deputy; 1 Shots Fired; 12 Suspicious Persons; 15 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 228 other; 5 mental health transports; 25 Juvenile Summons; 4 Subpoenas; 2 Eviction Notice; 30 Civil Summons; 2 EPO; 0 Criminal Summons; 63 court papers served; 108 Prisoner Transports; 4344 court security transport miles; 172 vehicle inspections and 14 CCDW permits. Sheriff Polston stated there was \$134,099.14 in taxes. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson 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 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 reports & AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE 25-04 2025-2026 BUDGET:** Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for the budget for the fiscal court for fiscal year 25-26. She stated the amounts in each fund were General \$4,766,136.00; Road \$1,932,471.00; Jail \$2,285,106.00; LGEA \$19,900.00; ASAP \$135,000.00; Emergency Shelter \$9,606.00; ARPA \$719,010.00; Tourism \$400,000.00; Dispatch \$696,585.00; Airport \$327,600.00; Airport Project \$2,308,831.00; Airport Board \$94,075.00; ABC \$97,643.00; Opioid Settlement \$617,453.00; Clerk Storage \$125,498.00 for a total budget of 14,535,914.00. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt ordinance 25-04 with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE 25-06 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Treasurer Blanchet read ordinance 25-06 which was for unbudgeted receipts. No vote was needed since it was the first reading.

Judge Marcum stated he was going to veer off the agenda for a moment because he had a member of the community he would like to come before the court. He asked Mr. Terry Stephens to come before the court. Mr. Stephens came forward and Judge Marcum presented him with a Proclamation proclaiming May 2025 as Terry & Pam Stephens month to commemorate the historic accomplishment of having his horse, Chunk of Gold, in the Kentucky Derby. Judge Marcum stated Mr. Stephens put our small community on the world map with his accomplishment and also thanked him for his many contributions to the county.

**TRANSFER \$75,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$75,000.00 from the general fund to the jail fund. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 25-03 KYTC CRA PROGRAM 25-26:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to adopt Resolution 25-03 so he can sign the MOU for CRA funding. Magistrate Garner made the motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**KYTC DISTRICT 8 – FLEX ROAD:** Judge Marcum asked Treasurer Blanchet to explain. Treasurer Blanchet stated Kayla Frye from District had sent the list of roads the state was planning on doing with the flex funding which was a portion of KY 92 from the square to Little Louisville Road; from KY 619 on Maple Street; from KY 3017 Fairgrounds/Lakeway Drive. Treasurer Blanchet also indicated the county had \$340,508 available in flex funding. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the flex roads and funding with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**OPEN BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES:** Treasurer Blanchet stated we had received two bids for janitorial products. She stated the bids were from Norvex and Kerr Supply. Judge Marcum stated we generally will accept all bids to allow the court to shop to get the best price amongst all bidders. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept both with Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**OPEN BIDS FOR FUEL, OIL, CHIP & SEAL, HOT MIX, BLACKTOP, POTHOLE PATCH, ROCK & TILE:** Treasurer Blanchet opened the bids as follows:

- Fuel, **Premier Energy (formerly Southern Petroleum)** - rack price plus \$.020 per gallon excluding applicable freight and tax. 2<sup>nd</sup> bid was from **White Oil Company** – rack price plus \$.15 per gallon. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid from Premier Energy with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- Asphalt, **Selby Asphalt Maintenance** - will provide the following services to Russell County in connection with road maintenance and repair, such as asphalt repair, repair of cracks, rock & tile work, emergency storm debris removal & emergency road services, sealing, pavement markings, backhoe & skid steer services and snow removal. For asphalt repair – any and all areas will be prepped (dug out, cleaned out, and/or filled with gravel.) This will be done so by Selby Asphalt Maintenance. In recent negotiations with Gaddie Shamrock asphalt prices will be quoted on a weekly basis to ensure you getting the lowest asphalt prices possible. With this pricing we respectfully ask to quote each job on a job to job basis. This is due to the fact that some asphalt will be coming out of the Columbia plant and some will be coming out of the Albany plant. Any job quoted in advance in the effect that asphalt goes up before the job is completed you will only pay the quoted price. (Rock will be extra\*  
\*Along with a modest Fuel Surcharge.\* All repairs must be approved by someone designated by the Road Foreman, County Judge, or Magistrate of said District. Terms are net 30 days from completion of work performed. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- Road Oil, **Hudson Materials** – RS2 \$2.59 per gallon, RS-2 Special/AE-90 \$2.59 per gallon, Enviro \$3.94 per gallon, AE-200 \$2.86 per gallon, Pug Mill \$.35 per gallon. If in a case you order a partial load under 5300 gallons you will add \$.16 cents per gallon. Prices are subject to change with increase or decrease of raw material costs or state index. **EZ Street Asphalt** - Loose Bulk picked up \$115.00/ton (20 tons) Loose bulk delivered \$157.00/ton (20 tons) EZ Street 50 lb bags 56 bags \$16.00/bag delivered. Magistrate Garner made a motion to

accept both bids since we can only get the bags from EZ street with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

- Chip Seal, **Gaddie Shamrock Jabez only** – A rate of \$0.45 per ton will be paid for each mile beyond the 10-mile radius with minimum hauling being \$4.50 per ton; the following prices include labor and equipment per mile furnished by Gaddie, single seal 12 feet & under road width \$8,006.00, 13 thru 18 feet road width \$10,915.00; double seal 12 feet & under road width \$10,915.00, 13 thru 18 feet road width \$13,125.00. The county is responsible for furnishing the oil and stone for chipping and preparing and shaping the roads. If prep work is done by Gaddie Shamrock, all equipment used will have a charge of \$150.00 per hour per unit. A price of \$2,2425.00 per road will be charged for moving for roads .40 miles and under. A minimum daily charge of \$5,313.00 (final decision to be discussed with foreman David Branham).
- Chip Seal, **Gaddie Shamrock** - A rate of \$0.45 per ton will be paid for each mile beyond the 10-mile radius with minimum hauling being \$4.50 per ton; the following prices include labor and equipment per mile furnished by Gaddie, single seal 12 feet & under road width \$5,313.00, 13 thru 18 feet road width \$7,161.00; double seal 12 feet & under road width \$7,161.00, 13 thru 18 feet road width \$9,600.00. The county is responsible for furnishing the oil and stone for chipping and preparing and shaping the roads. If prep work is done by Gaddie Shamrock, all equipment used will have a charge of \$150.00 per hour per unit. A price of \$2,425.00 per road will be charged for moving for roads .40 miles and under. A minimum daily charge of \$5,313.00 (final decision to be discussed with foreman David Branham).
- Stone, **Gaddie Shamrock** – F.O.B. Adair: #3 stone \$8.50 per ton; # 57 & 68 stone \$12.00 per ton; #8 stone \$14.50 per ton; #610 & DGA stone \$8.50 per ton; crusher run \$6.00 per ton; zero stone \$9.50 per ton; #11 stone \$12.00 per ton. F.O.B. Russell: #3 stone \$12.50 per ton; #57 & 68 stone \$14.75 per ton; #8 stone \$16.25 per ton; #610 & DGA stone \$12.50 per ton; zero stone \$12.50 per ton. Stockpiling from Columbia Quarry to Jabez \$.25 per ton mile from quarry location; stockpiling from Russell County site \$.25 per ton mile from quarry location. A minimum haul of \$4.00 per ton will be applied to haul within 16 miles of the nearest quarry. A rate of \$0.25 per ton will be paid for each mile beyond the 16 mile distance. **Rogers Group** - #2 stone \$9.00 per ton; #57 \$10.00 per ton; #8 \$14.00 per ton; #610 & DGA \$8.00 per ton; Screenings \$6.75; NP Shot Rock \$7.50 per ton; #0 Rip Rap \$10.00 per ton; Boulders \$10.00 per ton. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept both bids with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- Hot Mix, **Gaddie Shamrock** – Bid price of \$94.00 is based on the price index of \$590.71 per liquid ton. With every \$10.00 increase in the cost of liquid asphalt per ton over this amount, the base index will increase \$1.00 per ton. This index will also work in reverse as prices decline. Prices will be determined by the Kentucky Average Price index at the time of actual work performed. The F.O.B. price is \$82.00 per ton based on the current Ky. Highway Index price. At Gaddie's discretion, any tonnage amount under 100 tons at any specific location will be \$25.00 premium can be added to index price. An additional \$5.00 per ton will be added to haul when paving in Jabez area. Also noted, all quoted prices will fluctuate with the KY Highway Index price. All hot mix, materials, workmanship and equipment meet with the Kentucky Department of Transportation's specifications. Terms of accounts are net 30 days. This bid is valid for thirty days. The following prices will remain in effect for a one-year period. Gaddie Shamrock maintains the option with the County to extend this agreement for more than one year if agreed upon by both parties. **Rogers Group** - Bid included asphalt mix, hauling, placing, tack oil & flagging. In place surface within 20 miles \$100.50/ton; In place Binder within 20 miles \$93.50/ton; In place base within 20 miles \$88/ton; In place surface 20-40 mile \$108.50/ton; In place Binder 20-40 mile \$96.00/ton; In place Base 20-40 mile \$94.75/ton; In place Surface +40 mile \$116.50; In place Binder + 40 mile \$103.00/ton; In place Base + 40 mile \$101.75/ton. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to accept both bids with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- – EZ Street Bulk picked up \$115.00 per ton; EZ Street Bulk delivered is \$155.00 per ton; EZ Street Bags delivered, 50 pound bag \$16.00 per bag. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept all the bids presented with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**ACCEPT BIDS FOR AIRPORT LAWN MAINTENANCE:** Judge Marcum stated the airport board had asked for bids for the lawncare maintenance at the airport and the bids were opened at their board meeting on May 6, 2025. Treasurer Blanchet read each bid which was **Travis Dixon** at \$205 per mowing for dark green area, \$245 per mowing for light green area and \$20.00 per hour for hand work. **John Lovelace** at \$300 per mowing for dark green area, \$350 for light green area & \$60.00 per hour for hand work. **Wayne Wilson & Tim Pierce** at \$750 for dark green area, \$525 for light green area & \$25 per hour per person for hand work. Treasurer Blanchet stated the airport board members recommended Travis Dixon be awarded the bid. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the board's recommendation to go with Travis Dixon with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**PREAPPROVAL TO PAY LIBRARY WHEN FLOOD CONTROL MONEY COMES IN:** Judge Marcum stated that we are expecting the flood control money from the federal government any day. When it comes we are required to give 18% of it to the library. Since it is generally received this time of year and it's close to the end of our fiscal year he asked for pre-approval to pay the library as soon as it comes in. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pre-approve to pay the library when the flood control money comes in. Magistrate Richardson seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING CLOSURE OF WOMACK ROAD:** Treasurer Blanchet read the discontinuance notice which is for the discontinuance of 0.147 mile of Womack Road. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to discontinue the road from county maintenance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**BICENTENNIAL CONTRACTS:** Judge Marcum stated there were 2 contracts in the packet for the bicentennial events happening this year. One was for the Hot Air Balloon and the other was for the Entertaining. He asked the courts permission to sign both contracts. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to allow the Judge to sign both contracts with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**AMBULANCE BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Judge Marcum stated he needed to make a couple of ambulance board appointments. He recommended re-appointing Billy Grider beginning 6/10/25 to 6/9/29 as well as appoint Paul Aaron for his first term beginning 6/10/25 to 6/9/29. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**ETHICS BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Judge Marcum stated he needed to make several new appointments to the ethics board. He recommended reappointing Aaron Poynter & Ryan Vaughn, appoint Michelle Roy & Ginger Smith for a term beginning 4/13/25 to 4/12/29. He stated he had one more appointment to make which would be next month. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**OPIOID LIASON POSITION:** Judge Marcum stated a few months back the court approved him to look for a candidate to be hired to handle the newly created position with the opioid settlement funds. He stated he had received an application from an individual that came highly recommended and asked the courts approval to move forward and offer the position. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the judge to make the hire with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Marcum stated Mr. Rick Robbins had come before the court at last month's meeting looking for some help for his program Pat Of Life which works with individuals that have been addicted to opioids. Judge Marcum stated Treasurer Blanchet had identified some funds that had been budgeted for a different program that could be utilized to assist Mr. Robbins program. Treasurer Blanchet stated there was \$4,500.00 in the current budget that was for a similar type program that was not being utilized and recommended we provide those funds to Pat Of Life. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to provide the funding of \$4,500.00 to Pat of Life with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Wilson provided the court with a proposal for the Eli Fire Department. He stated the Eli fire department had been awarded a grant for a new tanker truck that had a \$22,000.00 match to be provided by the fire department. Magistrate Wilson asked the court to consider helping the fire department with \$10,000.00 to assist them. There was much discussion regarding how other fire departments might want the same type of assistance which caused some concern amongst the court. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to provide the Eli Fire Department with \$10,000.00 to assist with the grant with Magistrate Waddell seconding. A roll call took place; Magistrate Waddell – Yes; Magistrate Garner – No; Magistrate Wilson – Yes; Magistrate Richardson – No; Magistrate Skaggs – Abstain; Judge Marcum – Yes. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated alcohol sales for the preceding month was \$5,029.22.

**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 10:55 a.m.



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Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk