

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2024  
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, 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, Attorney Don Byrom, and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet.

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

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the September 9, 2024, regular meeting. Magistrate Wilson 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 Garner seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Chief Deputy Jailer McGowan read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$56.59; Prescription Co-Pay \$250.58; HB 452 (2 checks) \$952.64; HB 556 (2 checks) \$10,420.00; State Inmate Housing \$43,256.16; Social Security Payment \$400.00; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$9,056.69; Booking Fees \$1,884.48; Fee Claim \$262.36; Vending Commission \$26.98; Phone Commission \$2,989.44; Light Pole Insurance Claim \$1,136.57; Reimbursement \$677.09; Per Diem \$2,747.74; Interest \$19.22; Transfer from general \$100,000.00; Transfer out to general \$6,767.00 for a total income of \$167,369.54. The expenses were \$142,084.97. The difference between actual receipts (less the \$100,000.00 transfer from general) to expenses is (\$74,715.43). The average inmates for the month was 85. There were 0 hours of overtime. As of today, there are 30 state inmates, 6 from Clinton County and 35 from Russell County for a total of 71 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 the Sheriff's report for the month of September. He stated there were 388 calls for 911 service; 15 arrests; 11 Domestic; 0 Traffic Stops; 16 1045's; 3 1046's; 22 Motorist Assist; 0 Alarm Calls; 9 Animal Complaints; 34 Requests for Deputy; 4 Shots Fired; 32 Suspicious Persons; 15 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 227 other; 2 mental health transports; 6 Juvenile Summons; 13 Subpoenas; 6 Eviction Notice; 26 Civil Summons; 1 EPO; 0 Criminal Summons; 52 court papers served; 80 Prisoner Transports; 1974 court security transport miles; 98 vehicle inspections and 13 CCDW permits. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Sheriff Polston stood before the court to address them about the need for his officers to get hazardous duty pay as well as a raise. He stated with the recent loss of Deputy Phipps killed in the line of duty, he feels his officers deserve the added benefit. He also stated he felt they deserved a raise as well and he asked the court for their help with both. There was much discussion about the two issues with questions from most all the magistrates. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to table the issue until the numbers could be run and everyone could see where the funds could come from. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. 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 & quarterly reports and pre-approved AE transfers were in the packet and asked the court if anyone had any questions regarding those reports. Treasurer Blanchet noted the general fund was out of balance by \$14,166.66 due to a deposit error which would be corrected at today's meeting. There were no other comments or questions. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the reports & AE transfers with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE 24-05 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. No vote is required until the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading which will be at the November 2024 meeting.

**CHRIS MONEY:** Judge Marcum asked Chris Money to come before the court. Mr. Money came forward and stated he was asking for help for the Russell County Rescue Squad. He stated this organization was strictly a volunteer organization and had provided many life saving rescues for the community as well as assisting in neighboring counties. He went on to state their funding was very limited. He asked the court for their assistance of \$10,000.00. Magistrate Garner made a motion to give the rescue squad \$10,000.00 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 24-20 EPA GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated this resolution was for a grant from the EPA that Susan Melton wanted to apply for and asked the court to adopt it. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$14,166.66 FROM GENERAL FUND TO DISPATCH FUND TO CORRECT A DEPOSIT ERROR:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$14,166.66 from the general fund to the dispatch fund to correct a deposit error: Magistrate Garner made a motion to transfer \$14,166.66 from the general fund to the dispatch fund with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**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 Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**SET HALLOWEEN HOURS:** Judge Marcum stated we always set the hours for the kids for Halloween. He stated the hours for Halloween will be Thursday, October 31 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Marcum stated the court had approved the new console station for 911 dispatch and had also approved the addition of a third console station. However, that cost had not been included in the original proposal. He stated the cost for the third console was \$35,000.00 and asked for the courts approval to move forward and pay for that console as well. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay for the additional console with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked Susan Melton to come before the court and provide an update on the county bi-centennial celebration. Mrs. Melton came forward and passed out a packet that explained what the committee had put together thus far. She asked the court for help with some of the startup costs. Magistrate Garner asked her how much she felt the committee would need to which she replied they would like to get a total of \$50,000.00. However, she didn't need the full amount today. Magistrate Garner made a motion to give \$25,000.00 today and then give the balance of \$25,000.00 at the time she needed it. He also stated the funds should come from the Tribal Funds. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated alcohol fees collected for the month of August were \$14,245.28.

**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 10:55 a.m.



Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk