

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 9, 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 Ethan West to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the August 12, 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 Wilson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Chief Deputy Jailer McGowan read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$7.82; Prescription Co-Pay \$360.53; Catastrophic Medical (3 checks) \$ 2,549.68; HB 452 \$309.10; HB 556 \$678.00; State Inmate Housing \$39,156.72; Social Security Payment \$600.00; Clinton County Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$34,543.00; Booking Fees \$2,229.96; Fee Claim \$855.69; Phone Commission \$2,780.89; Reimbursement \$969.35; Per Diem \$2,769.93; Interest \$18.91; Transfer from general \$125,000.00; for a total income of \$212,829.88. The expenses were \$221,816.56. The difference between actual receipts (less the \$125,000.00 transfer from general) to expenses is (\$133,986.68). The average inmates for the month was 94 There were 3¼ hours of overtime. As of today, there are 38 state inmates, 10 from Clinton County and 38 from Russell County for a total of 86 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: Deputy Bunch provided the Sheriff's report for the month of August. He stated there were 513 calls for 911 service; 45 arrests; 16 Domestic; 52 Traffic Stops; 14 1045's; 9 1046's; 23 Motorist Assist; 0 Alarm Calls; 12 Animal Complaints; 41 Requests for Deputy; 0 Shots Fired; 12 Suspicious Persons; 14 Welfare Checks; 0 Trespassing; 275 other; 2 mental health transports; 8 Juvenile Summons; 12 Subpoenas; 1 Eviction Notice; 36 Civil Summons; 1 EPO; 11 Criminal Summons; 69 court papers served; 118 Prisoner Transports; 2751 court security transport miles; 108 vehicle inspections and 10 CCDW permits. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the 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.

TRANSFER \$6,767.00 FROM JAIL FUND TO GENERAL FUND TO CORRECT CODING ERROR: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$6,767.00 from the jail fund to the general fund. Treasurer Blanchet added a check from the Commonwealth had come in for the jail fund but it should have been for the general fund. Magistrate Garner made a motion to transfer \$6,767.00 from the jail fund to the general 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 Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-17 FOR KACO GRANT: Judge Marcum stated we had Resolution 24-17 which was for a grant provided by KACo for the detention center. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-18 FOR HB 1 GRANT FUNDING FOR HOSPITAL: Judge Marcum explained Resolution 24-18 was for HB1 funding for the expansion project for the hospital. He stated this resolution would transfer the administration of the grant over to the hospital and they would be responsible for administering the grant and be responsible for following all grant requirements as stated in the grant. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-18 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-17 FOR HB 1 GRANT FUNDING FOR LIBRARY: Judge Marcum explained Resolution 24-19 was for HB1 funding for the expansion project for the library. He stated this resolution would transfer the administration of the grant over to the library and they would be responsible for administering the grant and be responsible for following all grant requirements as stated in the grant. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-19 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TAX RATES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS: Judge Marcum stated the county and a one of the other taxing districts had presented the rates at the last meeting but the other districts would be presenting the tax rates tonight. Judge Marcum stated the rates for the conservation district remained the same at .09 for real property. Jonathon Oaks of the Extension office presented their rates. Those rates are 3.8 for real property; 6.23 for tangible and 6.23 for watercraft. Lindsey Westerfield from the library presented the tax rates for the library district. Those rates are 5.9 for real property; 6.83 for tangible and 6.83 for watercraft. Robert Baugh from the Ambulance Board presented their tax rates. Those rates were 6.5 for real property; 9.2 for tangible; 9.2 for watercraft. Scott Thompson from the hospital presented their rates. Those rates were 5.6 for real property; 9.2 for tangible; 9.2 for watercraft. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept all the tax rates from the districts with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

OPEN BIDS FOR E911 CONSOLE STATIONS: Judge Marcum stated we had one bid for the 911 console workstations. The bid received was from Xybix and came in at \$74,267.71 for the 3 unit console workstation. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated alcohol sales for the month of July were \$221,288.28 which provided \$13,277.33 in revenue for the county which was collected in August.

Magistrate Garner stated earlier today in the road meeting they had discussed purchasing a used tractor Road Foreman Conner had found for \$23,500.00. Also discussed was purchasing 2 bush hogs for a total purchase price of \$38,000.00 and utilizing the money from the surplus auction to purchase the 2 bush hogs. Another item discussed was the purchase of a new skid steer and trading in the old skid steer for a total purchase price of \$36,800.00. The tractor and skid steer purchase will come from the ARPA funds. Magistrate Garner made a motion to make the purchases and pay for the equipment with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Waddell stated he felt the dog warden needed a new vehicle. Magistrate Skaggs questioned to see if there were any other vehicles in the county fleet to give him. Judge Marcum stated the dog warden's vehicle was in very bad shape and needed to go in the surplus auction. He went on to state we should have addressed this when we purchased the other vehicles for recycle and road departments. Magistrate Garner suggested the judge look at state vehicles or look at a vendor that's on the state contract list. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the judge to pursue the purchase and payment of a new or used 4-wheel drive vehicle for the dog warden from a vendor on the state contract list with the funds being expended from the Tribal monies fund. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Magistrate Skaggs stated it has come to his attention that most homes in the county do not display their address on their property. He went on to state this creates difficulty for the Sheriff's office and first responders to locate citizens when they are in need. Judge Marcum stated this had been discussed earlier and the cost for the county to provide signage would cost the county about \$250,000.00. There was a lot of discussion about the need for the signage and who would bear the cost as well as who would enforce citizens to comply if it became an ordinance. He added Ms. Coffey had found other counties recommended to residents to purchase the signs but it wasn't mandated. The court decided to table the topic so we could get some costs together and then we would go from there.

Magistrate Waddell stated he had driven his entire district and had placed reflective tape on every stop sign in his district. He stated he felt this was a safety issue for the citizens of the county and made a motion to have the road department do this on all county roads. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Deputy Bunch wanted to express his gratitude and appreciation to Jonathon Oaks of the Extension Office for putting on the Farm Safety day for the youth of the county. He stated this was such a great event and had great community support and involvement and the kids really loved it.

Judge Marcum explained to citizen Bob Cummins the Greasy Creek project had hit a snag and the Army Corps of Engineers and begun pushing back on the project. He went on to state we were trying to work through the issues and he would keep folks up to date with progress.

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 10:37 a.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk