

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2025  
10:00 AM**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 13, 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 Jailer Dunbar to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the September 8, 2025, 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 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 \$58.99; Prescription Co-Pay \$72.16; HB 452 (2 checks) \$1,122.56; HB 556 \$3,366.00.00; DUI Fees \$371.86; State Inmate Housing \$54,317.58; Social Security Payment \$800.00; Booking Fees \$1,924.74; Fee Claim \$127.93; Phone Commission (2 checks) \$3,942.32; Reimbursement \$677.09; Per Diem \$3,181.56; Interest \$31.90; for a total income of \$69,994.69. The expenses were \$215,750.53. The difference between actual receipts and expenses is (\$145,755.84). The average inmates for the month was 109. There were 76.5 hours of overtime. As of today, there are 45 state inmates, 7 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 the Sheriff's report for the month of September. He stated there were 503 calls for 911 service; 48 arrests; 9 Domestic; 65 Traffic Stops; 13 1045's; 8 1046's; 9 Motorist Assist; 9 Alarm Calls; 9 Animal Complaints; 44 Requests for Deputy; 3 Shots Fired; 13 Suspicious Persons; 23 Welfare Checks; 6 Juvenile Complaints; 244 other; 1 mental health transports; 6 Juvenile Summons; 7 Subpoenas; 78 Civil Summons; 2 EPO; 22 Criminal Summons; 1 Eviction Notice; 8 Other; 124 court papers served; 90 Prisoner Transports; 2680 court security transport miles; 354 vehicle inspections and 15 CCDW permits. Magistrate Waddell 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 settlement & quarterly reports and pre-approved AE transfers were in the packet and asked the court if anyone had any questions regarding those reports. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the reports & AE transfers with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE 25-09 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the budget amendment with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$20,805 FROM GENERAL FUND TO GRANT FUND FOR ELI FIRE TRUCK GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$20,805.00 from the general fund to the grant fund for the grant dollars we received for the matching part of Eli Fire Truck grant and pay them the funds. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to transfer \$20,805.00 and pay the fire department. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$375,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES & BOND PAYMENT:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$375,000.00 from the General fund to the jail fund for operating expenses & the bond payment. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**RUSSELL COUNTIANS AGAINST INDUSTRIAL SOLAR:** Judge Marcum stated several folks were in attendance at today's meeting and they wanted to address the court regarding the new proposed location for a solar farm/park. Multiple citizens addressed the court and adamantly express their opposition. Ben Levy of Round Trip Energy, the company proposing the solar farm also spoke. After much discussion, Magistrate Richardson expressed his opposition to the proposal as well along with Magistrate Skaggs and other members of the court. Judge Marcum stated he had done some research and the county really could not do much about the situation since we have no planning & zoning, land owners are at liberty to do what they want with their property. However, he stated we could enact an ordinance that would provide set backs from the roadway which could be up to 2000 feet which would more than likely deter companies from coming. Magistrate Richardson made a motion, seconded by Magistrate Skaggs to have County Attorney Shearer prepare an ordinance that would have a 2000 foot set back from both roadways & waterways. It was also stated they would like to see language that would limit the acreage in the county to solar projects. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**PRE-APPROVE TO PAY RESCUE SQUAD GRANT DOLLARS WHEN RECEIVED:** Treasurer Blanchet stated we had received approval of a KYEM grant the Rescue Squad had applied for that had been approved and asked the court to pre-approve paying those grant funds to the Rescue Squad when they had been received. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to pre-approve the payment with Magistrate Skaggs 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 Friday, October 31 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the set hours with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Marcum stated there were some road changes. Treasurer Blanchet stated a request had been received by residents to have the county take in Irene Lane in District 2. She stated it was .112 mile in length. Magistrate Garner made a motion to take in Irene Lane into the county road system with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked for a motion to go into executive session. Magistrate Garner made the motion with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Garner made a motion to come out of executive session. Magistrate Richardson seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Judge Marcum stated no action was taken in executive session.

Judge Marcum stated alcohol fees collected for the month of August were \$14,598.67.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

  
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Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive

  
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Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk