

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 11, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday April 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Russell County Courthouse. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Pat Loy, Ronald Johnson, Steve Richardson, Larry Holt, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, Assistant County Attorney Don Byrom, Deputy Judge Chris Ramsey and County Treasurer Kim Fenske.

WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER: Judge Robertson welcomed all those present and led everyone in the pledge followed by a prayer by Brother Jason Walters.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting and the special called meeting on March 24, 2016. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve both of the meeting minutes with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PAY BILLS: Judge Robertson submitted a list of bills to be approved along with some late bills. Magistrate Holt made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-Pay \$263.41; Nurse Visits \$66.16; HB 452 \$312.82; DUI Fees \$613.97; Housing State Inmates \$56,129.94; Social Security Payment \$800.00; Quarterly Donation \$6,250.00; Clinton County Housing \$4,231.93; Booking Fees \$1,611.46; Old Bills \$770.86; Phone Commission \$3,145.72; Per Diem \$2,527.40; Interest \$80.43; Total receipts were \$76,804.10 and total expenditures were \$175,963.70 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$99,159.60). The average inmates for the month were 132. There was 166 hours overtime. As of today there are 62 state inmates, 16 from Clinton County, and 47 from Russell County for a total of 125 inmates. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the jail report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Separately, Jailer Dunbar addressed the court regarding him pursuing a possible expansion of the detention center. He indicated he had been told the possibility existed the state would be opening some private prisons in the future so he felt it was best to table the expansion idea for now

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY & MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & END OF MONTH AE

TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,436,044.00; Road \$976,729.95; Jail 685,422.87; LGEA \$5,604.99; ASAP \$102,555.82; Grants \$32,000.00; Tourism \$3,960.02; Dispatch \$107,201.51; Airport \$24,635.53; Airport Project \$180,059.00; DFC \$12,101.21 Airport Board \$29,054.77; HRSA \$0.00; ABC \$18,172.14 for a total of \$3,613,541.81. The quarterly Financial Statement, Reconciliation, Encumbrances and Liabilities reports were presented and are in balance and have been submitted to the Department for Local Government. Treasurer Fenske also presented the end of month AE transfers that had been pre-approved at the March 14, 2016 meeting to the fiscal court. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2ND READING BUDGET AMENDMENT 16-05: Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the amendment with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

HRSA ACCOUNT – APPROVAL TO CLOSE ACCOUNT: Treasurer Fenske stated the HRSA grant was now complete and the account held a zero balance. In light of this there is no need for the account any longer and she asked the court's approval to close the account. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to close the HRSA account with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

C HADLEY ROAD: Judge Robertson stated we had received a court order to close a section of C. Hadley Road. He asked County Attorney Shearer to explain. County Attorney Shearer stated over the last several years that the portion of

C. Hadley Road had been a point of contention with some individuals within the community. He stated a lawsuit had been filed regarding the right to use that portion of the road. He explained the county had been brought into the lawsuit when the Sheriff's office had been asked to go and open a gate that had been placed across the portion of the road in question. Hence the county becoming part of the 'action'. He went on to state a settlement had been agreed to between the parties regarding the length of road that would be considered as a private road (243 feet) and the court has ordered that both parties petition the fiscal court to close that agreed to portion of the road and remove that portion from the county road list. In this removal, the county will no longer bear any responsibility for maintaining that portion of road. County Attorney Shearer stated the county would need to adhere to the court order issued from the circuit court and it would be his recommendation to do so. He went on to state we would need to follow proper protocol in beginning the process of closing that portion of the road which would mean a public notice would need to be run in the local newspaper alerting citizens of the impending closure as well as notices being posted at 2 conspicuous locations around the area of the road closure. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to pursue the closure of the portion of C. Hadley Road (243 feet) with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

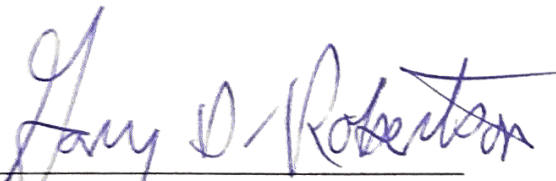
1st READING OF ORDINANCE 16-06 2016-2017 BUDGET: Judge Robertson stated the budget committee had met and come to an agreement on the budget. Treasurer Fenske read the budget ordinance. The totals were General \$3,824,290.00; Road \$1,649,174.00; Detention Center \$1,984,017.00; LGEA \$14,110.00; ASAP \$122,296.00; Grants \$620,900.00; Tourism \$146,006.00; 911 Dispatch \$331,918.00; Airport General \$51,102.00; DFC \$12,102.00; Airport Board \$51,654.00; ABC \$104,200.00 for a total of all budget funds of \$8,911,769.00. Treasurer Fenske stated the 16-17 budget was a little bit of a decrease from the current year budget, about \$140,000.00. Judge Robertson added the contributions to the fire departments, rescue squad and tourism were still included in this budget. Treasurer Fenske also presented the 16-17 recurring expenses. Judge Robertson stated this was the first reading and no vote was necessary tonight but if the budget was acceptable with everyone we would have the 2nd reading at the regular meeting in May.

Coroner Reynolds came before the court and presented his quarterly report. He stated he had 28 cases to date compared to 29 cases in 2015 and 15 cases in 2014 respectively. Of the 2016 cases, 12 were cremations/natural causes; 13 medical causes; 1 trauma; 3 open cases and 1 autopsy to date. He also stated he hoped to get the notice to the paper for the sale of the old coroner's vehicle so we could open the sealed bids at the next fiscal court meeting in May.


Judge Robertson reminded everyone the free dump day for the county would be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 and the tire amnesty days would be at the state highway garage in Russell Springs on April 28, April 29 and a half day on April 30, 2016. He also told the court that Treasurer Kim Fenske had been elected to the state executive board for Kentucky Treasurer's & Finance Officers.

Judge Robertson also informed the court he had sent in to Frankfort the road repair requests. He stated he didn't know if they would be accepted but at least he had sent them in to be considered. He read off the list of roads to be considered for the Flex funds as well as for the Discretionary funds.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Loy made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
Fiscal Court Clerk