

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 8, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Mickey Garner, Ronald Johnson, Steve Richardson, Larry Holt, County Attorney Kevin Shearer and County Treasurer Kim Fenske.

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

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the February 8, 2021 regular meeting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PAY BILLS: Judge Robertson submitted a list of regular bills to be approved along with a list of bills that came in late. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$653.66; Nurse Visits \$99.27; HB 452 \$248.90; State Inmate Housing \$60,360.84; Old Bills \$481.19; Booking Fees \$2,056.97; Vending Commission \$15.52; Phone Commission \$3,000.30; Per Diem \$2,610.85; Interest \$73.30 for a total income of \$69,600.80. The expenses were \$138,487.55 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$68,886.75). The average inmates for the month was 106. There was 25 hours overtime. As of today there are 56 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 41 from Russell County for a total of 99 inmates. Jailer Dunbar also presented the detention center budget for fiscal year 21-22. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of February. He stated there were 16 arrests; 2 mental health transports; 0 Criminal Summons; 127 court paper served; 2515 court security transport miles; and 72 vehicle inspections. He stated his office collected \$162,601.35 tax bills from February 1 through February 28. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,626,917.95; Road \$694,428.48; Jail \$712,738.10; LGEA \$6,389.29; ASAP \$118,184.54; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$1,920.11; Tourism \$4,478.80; Dispatch \$112,718.88; Airport \$55,387.29; Airport Project \$80,854.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$33,771.12; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$52,228.37 for a total of \$3,512,118.35. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. She stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were also included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Treasurer Fenske also asked the court if she should include the CPI of 1.4% to the magistrate's salaries for fiscal year 21-22. Magistrate Garner made a motion to include the 1.4% to the salaries with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

1st READING ORDINANCE 21-02 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Judge Robertson stated there would be no vote tonight and we would have the second reading at next fiscal court meeting in April.

Judge Robertson stated the donation that was mentioned in the budget amendment was from an individual in the county that wanted to donate to the emergency shelter fund. He thanked the individual for doing so and also thanked the Russell County Rescue Squad for their support during the recent snow emergency. He went on to state they had worked diligently to take folks to dialysis, work and provide other services to the public during that time and he wanted to let folks know if

they wanted to donate to them he was certain they would appreciate it since they haven't been able to do their normal fund raising with the Covid pandemic.

TRANSFER \$100,000.00 FROM ROAD TO GENERAL FOR REPAY OF LOAN FUND AMOUNT:

Judge Robertson stated we needed to repay the general fund from the road fund the \$100,000.00 that was transferred back in July of 2020. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to make the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$19,750.00 FROM AIRPORT PROJECT TO AIRPORT GENERAL FOR QTPOD GRANT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to make this transfer to repay the airport general fund which is where the payments were made from on the QTPOD grant. Magistrate Garner made the motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$30,000.00 FROM AIRPORT PROJECT TO AIRPORT FUEL FOR FUEL FARM GRANT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$30,000.00 from the airport project fund to the airport fuel fund. He stated this was grant money that was received for the fuel farm. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to transfer the money with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

AMBULANCE GRANT: Judge Robertson stated we had received an Ambulance Grant that we generally get every year. Treasurer Fenske stated we had received the funds and needed a vote to pay the funds to the Ambulance Service. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay the funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

ETHICS BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson stated our county administrative code has an ethics committee/board and the current board members term will be expiring on April 13, 2021. He stated that each appointment could only be appointed for 2 terms and then would have to step down. He stated he needed to appoint new members to the committee and these recommended appointments did not come from himself but from the County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Jailer and the Chamber of Commerce. The recommended appointments that were provided to him were the reappointment of Todd Whittle, Adam Stille, Eric West and Michael B. Foley. He stated Jeff Padilla just completed his second term and it was the recommendation of Jailer Dunbar to appoint Mr. Ryan Vaughan as his replacement. He went on to state per the Ethics Policy that board members would have a staggered term limit. He recommended Ryan Vaughan be appointed to his 1st term beginning 4/14/21 through 4/13/25. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson recommended Michael Foley be appointed to his 2nd term beginning 4/14/21 through 4/13/25. Magistrate Holt made the motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson recommended the appointment of both Adam Stille and Todd Whittle be appointed to their 2nd terms beginning 4/14/21 through 4/13/24. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson recommended the appointment of Eric West to his 2nd term beginning 4/14/21 through 4/13/23. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judge Robertson stated he had received a letter from an attorney in Lexington regarding an easement the county had on a piece of property that needed to be released. County Attorney Shearer explained the easement was granted in conjunction with a construction project that was going on back in 1983. Since the project was long over, the request has been submitted to release the easement with the county. It was County Attorney Shearer's recommendation to the court to grant the release. Magistrate Garner made a motion to grant the easement release with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated Clerk Sue Brockman had provided the court her amended fee settlement reports for 2020. Treasurer Fenske explained there was no change to the overall numbers from the budget, the only changes made were amounts had been moved from one line item to another. She explained all four quarterly reports had these changes done as well as the final and that was what had been presented to the court in the packets. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the fee settlement reports with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated there was a road name change. Treasurer Fenske stated on J Oaks Road in District 3, the spelling needed to be changed from Oaks to Oakes. She stated this would not affect any addresses of residents. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the name change with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated the Fiscal Court Audit for fiscal year 19-20 had been received by the court. He reported it was a clean audit with no issues or recommendations. He expressed his appreciation to all the office staff for doing a good job.

Magistrate Garner stated during the Road Committee meeting it had been discussed to look into purchasing some new trucks, a tractor and side arm bush hog. He expressed their concern regarding the condition of the equipment the road department is currently working with and ask the court to pursue looking into ways in which we can purchase some new and much needed equipment. He also asked for the court to look into pricing and funding strategies so this could be addressed. Magistrate Garner made a motion for the court to pursue the pricing and funding strategies with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call as unanimous.

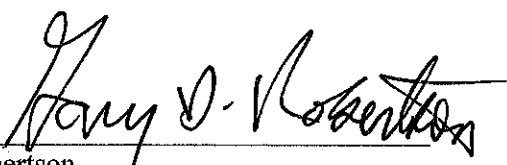
Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were still down a bit from last month. He stated we collected about \$7,084.34 for the month of January sales which were collected in February. He stated out of that amount the county paid \$1,140.69 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales.

HM Bottom spoke about the litter situation in the county and he stated the litter program would be beginning in a couple of weeks to address that need. He also spoke about the Free Dump Day we normally have in April. He stated he thought he had everything worked out and in place with having 6 trucks to work the free dump day but he had been informed there may only be 4 trucks available. He went on to state if that was the case we would have to postpone the Free Dump Day because with just having the 4 trucks they wouldn't be able to keep up. He asked for the courts recommendation on how to proceed. Magistrate Richardson stated he felt the court should grant HM the authority to work it out and make the decision on when to have it. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to that point. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Kevin Shearer stated he had a conversation with a couple of our local boards and he felt he needed to discuss this with the court in executive session per KRS 61.810 (c). Motion was made by Magistrate Waddell to go into executive session with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated he needed a motion to come out of Executive Session and go back to regular session. Motion was made by Magistrate Holt to come out of executive session with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated no action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk