

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday September 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Mickey Garner, Ronald Johnson, Steve Richardson, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, Attorney Don Byrom and County Treasurer Kim Fenske. Magistrate Holt was absent from the meeting.

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

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the August 8, 2022 regular meeting and the called meeting on August 26, 2022 meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Richardson 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 Garner made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$126.25; Nurse Visits \$78.72; HB 452 \$480.17; HB 556 \$10,990.00; State Inmate Housing \$70,609.32; Old Bills \$23.25; Booking Fees \$961.63; Vending Commission \$26.91; Phone Commission \$3,455.00; Reimbursement \$643.89; Per Diem \$1,942.52; Interest \$63.04 for a total income of \$89,400.70. The expenses were \$145,454.63 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$56,053.93). The average inmates for the month was 110. There was 55¼ hours overtime. As of today there are 72 state inmates, 4 from Clinton County and 37 from Russell County for a total of 113 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Judge Robertson provided the sheriff's report for the month of August in Sheriff Polston's absence. He stated there were 407 911 calls for service; 44 arrests; 18 mental health transports; 6 Criminal Summons; 119 court paper served; and 4,098 court security transport miles; 58 Vehicle Inspections and 31 CCDW permits issued. Judge Robertson also stated the tax bills would be mailed out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and if residents had not received their bill by October 15<sup>th</sup> to please call the sheriff's office and let them know. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,381,981.48; Road \$1,080,733.76; Jail \$557,150.62; LGEA \$12,304.29; ASAP \$152,410.19; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$4,503.20; Tourism \$35,397.65; Dispatch \$234,892.11; Airport \$280,148.98; Airport Project \$65,656.79; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$55,114.69; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$105,957.32; ARPA \$2,500,816.40 for a total of \$6,479,168.69. She also stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$1,918.56 FROM DISPATCH TO AMBULANCE SERVICE – ENHANCED MEDICAID**

**PAYMENT:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$1,918.56 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**2022 TAX RATES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS:** Judge Robertson stated the county and 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. Jonathon Oaks of the Extension Service came before the court and stated the board had met and voted to take the compensating rate of 3.8 on real property; 5.76 on tangible; 2.39 on motor vehicle. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the rates with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous. 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. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the library tax rates with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The other taxing districts were not represented at the fiscal court meeting. Judge Robertson stated we would have to have a special called meeting before the end of the month for those districts to present before the tax bills could be mailed out on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RESOLUTION 22-12 – AMENDED RESOLUTION 21-02 SOLAR FARM PROJECT:** Judge Robertson said Solly Van Meter was here to provide an explanation of the proposed amended change to the resolution. Mr. Van Meter came before the court along with attorney Mark Franklin of Dinsmore & Shoh. They stated the change they are proposing will result in ENGIE paying more money to the county by 1) paying the full amount of the \$1,000/MWac (\$60,000/year) to the Fiscal Court, 2) making an additional separate payment to the school district for the full amount of taxes that would otherwise be due to it, and 3) increase the amount of PILOT payments in the later years of the project. County Attorney Shearer concurred he had reviewed the changes and felt it was in the best interest of the county to sign the amended resolution. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the amended resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**OPEN BIDS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VEHICLE:** Judge Robertson stated we had received only 1 bid for the Emergency Management Vehicle grant. He stated the bid was from Don Franklin in Somerset. He opened the bid to reveal a cost for a 2022 Dodge Durango at \$37,947.00. He stated the equipment for the vehicle would be bid/bought separately to which EM Director Coffey answered yes. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the bid on the 2022 Dodge Durango with Magistrate Richardson seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING AMENDED ORDINANCE 95-6 TOURISM ORDINANCE:** Judge Robertson stated we had the first reading of the amended ordinance 95-6 tourism ordinance at last month's meeting. County Attorney Shearer stated the language was only changed to include camp sites, RV parks and other such type areas in the transient tax. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TOURISM DIRECTOR DANIELLE WILSON – 2021 TOURISM ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Tourism Director Danielle Wilson came before the court to provide the 2021 numbers for tourism economy in the county. She stated all numbers were above the previous year and it appeared they would only continue to rise.

**OPEN NEW BANK ACCOUNT FOR SENATE BILL 135 CLERK STORAGE FEES:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to open a new bank account to comply with the KRS on SB 135. Treasurer Fenske explained the clerk collects a \$10.00 storage fee and those funds are now to be turned over to the fiscal court and deposited into a separate checking account. These funds will stay in that account until such time the clerk has an appropriate expenditure need for the funds. At that time, the specific expense will be provided back to the clerk in check form from the fiscal court. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to open the new account with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**AMBULANCE GRANT:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to pay the money for the ambulance grant to the ambulance district. Treasurer Fenske explained this is something that we've done in years past and this is just a grant where the fiscal court is the pass through entity. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay the \$10,000.00 ambulance grant money over to the Ambulance District. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

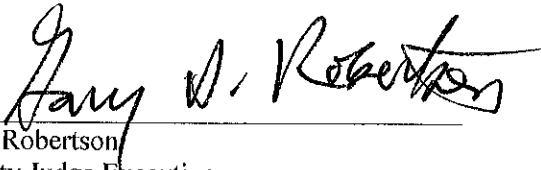
**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Robertson stated he knew it was early but he had already been asked many times about Halloween hours for next month. He stated the hours the county would observe Halloween was from 4- 8 pm on Monday October 31, 2022.

Judge Robertson stated we collected about \$190,000 in alcohol sales for the month of July and our regulatory fees were about \$11,400.00. He reminded everyone this was county only since the City of Jamestown was now collecting their own regulatory fees.

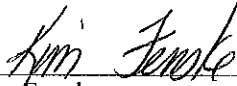
Judge Robertson stated Coroner Mark Coots was in the courtroom and he wanted to ask the court about purchasing another cooler for the coroner's office. Mr. Coots came before the court and explained the cooler he currently uses does not allow for the gurney to roll into it and he has to lift the bodies to get them in the cooler. He stated this can be difficult and it takes multiple people to help lift the bodies when there is more than 1 or 2. He went on to state he had asked for this to be incorporated into this year's fiscal court budget. He also stated there was an estimate in the packets from a

company he had been in touch with and that estimate was for \$9,657.94. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to make the purchase on the new cooler with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Johnson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



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Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk