

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday September 13, 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, Attorney Don Byrom 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 Jailer Dunbar.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the August 9, 2021 regular 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 \$334.46; Nurse Visits \$72.45; HB 452 \$284.05; State Inmate Housing \$52,870.58; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$8,591.27; Old Bills \$545.44; Booking Fees \$1,848.13; Fee Claim \$232.83; Vending Commission \$19.31; Phone Commission \$3,481.87; Reimbursement \$290.12; Insurance Claim (keys) \$19,287.00; Per Diem \$5,762.15; Interest \$86.56 for a total income of \$93,706.22. The expenses were \$152,605.17 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$58,898.95). The average inmates for the month was 109. There was 55 hours overtime. As of today there are 56 state inmates, 6 from Clinton County and 38 from Russell County for a total of 100 inmates. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Chief Deputy Melton provided the sheriff's report for the month of August. He stated there were 679 911 calls for service; 60 arrests; 17 mental health transports; 26 Criminal Summons; 122 court paper served; and 4,356 court security transport miles. Chief Deputy Melton also stated the tax bills would be mailed at the end of the month and if residents had not received their bill by October 15th to please call the sheriff's office and let us know. He stated the total tax revenue to be collected was \$10,754,186.44. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,229,006.01; Road \$266,297.82; Jail \$691,926.73; LGEA \$11,132.45; ASAP \$143,593.92; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$4,244.14; Tourism \$32,137.34; Dispatch \$159,190.84; Airport \$122,408.73; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$45,718.58; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$68,958.22; ARPA \$1,745,064.70 for a total of \$4,541,393.90. Treasurer Fenske stated the general and dispatch accounts were out of balance by \$6,700.00 because the state had done an auto deposit into the wrong account as well as the jail and ABC accounts were out of balance by \$732.18 also due to a deposit error. Those errors would be corrected at the meeting tonight with transfers. 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.

2nd READING ORDINANCE 21-06 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the budget ordinance with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$6,700.00 FROM DISPATCH FUND TO GENERAL FUND TO CORRECT DEPOSIT ERROR: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$6,700.00 from the Dispatch fund to the General fund to correct the error that was made by the state. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to make the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$732.18 FROM THE JAIL FUND TO THE ABC FUND TO CORRECT DEPOSIT ERROR: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$732.18 from the jail fund to the ABC fund to correct the deposit error. Magistrate Holt made a motion to make the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$7,713.13 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AMBULANCE SERVICE – FY22 KBEMS GRANT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$7,713.13 from the general fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was a KY Emergency Services grant where the fiscal court was just a pass through. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to make the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$1,276.21 FROM DISPATCH TO AMBULANCE SERVICE – ENHANCED MEDICAID PAYMENT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$1,276.21 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Holt made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2021 TAX RATES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS: Judge Robertson stated the county and a couple of the other taxing districts had presented the rates at the last meeting but the other districts would be presenting the tax rates tonight. School Superintendent Michael Ford came before the court and stated the board had met and voted to leave the tax rates the same as the previous year. Those rates were 52.2 for Real Property; 52.2 for Tangible and 52.2 for Watercraft/Aircraft.

Judge Robertson presented the following rates for the other districts. RC Hospital at 6.6 for Real Estate; 9.2 for Tangible and 9.2 for Watercraft/Aircraft. RC Ambulance at 6.8 for Real Property; 9.2 for Tangible and 9.2 for Watercraft/Aircraft. RC Library at 6.2 for Real Property; 7.86 for Tangible and 7.86 for Watercraft/Aircraft. He stated the court could accept all the rates or reject them. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept all the rates with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 21-11 – RSA CONSULTING: – Judge Robertson said we have worked with Ross Sinclair Associates for several years and they had contacted us about working with us on the ARPA money. He asked Treasurer Fenske to explain. She stated there was a formula that Treasury had provided to figure each counties loss of revenue. She went on to state that if the county could show loss of revenue then the ARPA funds could be used as a replacement with no restrictions. Ross Sinclair, along with the law firm Frost Todd & Brown have partnered together to offer counties to figure their loss of revenue and also help them stay within the guideline restrictions governing the use of ARPA funds for a 1.5% fee. She also stated Compass Municipal was also providing this service to counties. She recommended adopting the resolution because the county just doesn't have the staff to be able to manage the use of the funds as needed. Magistrate Richardson made the motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

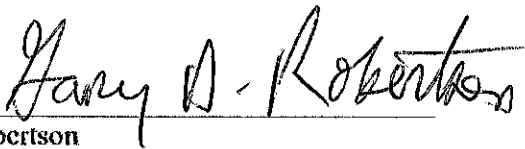
OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Robertson asked the court if anyone had any other business. Magistrate Garner asked why the county was still paying employees for time off when in quarantine when the state offices weren't doing it. Judge Robertson stated we had followed the federal guidelines which expired on 12/31/20 but then had been reinstated until 9/30/21. The county has continued to pay employees placed in quarantine as long as they had a note from a health care provider stating they have to be in quarantine. He also stated this was something that really was left up to the courts discretion and the court could vote to change it and make employees start using their own time. There as a lot of discussion regarding vaccinated versus unvaccinated and how to handle the ongoing situation. Magistrate Richardson made a motion that beginning October 1, 2021 any employee that has been in quarantine must present a negative Covid test upon their return. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Magistrate Garner inquired on the status of the trucks we had voted to purchase to which Judge Robertson stated he was told by Don Franklin they were still waiting to get them ordered. Magistrate Garner asked about the possibility of looking at some of the 2021's that were on the lot and Judge Robertson replied if the vendor would honor the state contract price on them that would be fine.

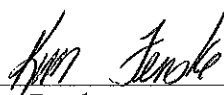
Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were up quite a bit from last month. He stated we collected about \$26,668.21 for the month of July sales which were collected in August. He stated out of that amount the county paid \$5,553.88 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales.

Judge Robertson stated he wanted to go on record and let the public know that he would not be running for re-election. He stated he had been asked by many folks in the county if he was running and felt like he needed to let everyone know that he was not. Magistrate Holt also stated he had no intention of running for re-election.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Johnson made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk