

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Russell County Courthouse. 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 all those present and led everyone in the pledge followed by a prayer by Jailer Dunbar.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the December 9, 2019 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 Waddell made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$112.01; Prescription Co-Pay \$290.10; HB 452 (2 checks) \$806.96; DUI Fees \$1,027.53; State Inmate Housing \$71,049.18 HB413 \$1,728.50; Traffic School \$35.49; Work Release (4 checks) \$360.00; Old Bills \$128.11; Booking Fees \$1,816.09; Phone Commission \$3,546.27; Per Diem \$2,183.45; Training Reimbursement \$479.52; Bond Interest \$.55; Interest \$49.53; for a total income of \$83,613.29. The expenses were \$439,609.38 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$355,996.09). The average inmates for the month were 118. There was 48 hours overtime. As of today there are 72 state inmates, 1 from Clinton County and 47 from Russell County for a total of 120 inmates. 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 December. He stated there were 505 calls dispatched; 3 Drug Search Warrants executed; 67 arrests; 7 mental health transports; 147 court papers served; 10 Criminal Summons; 2,015 court security transport miles; 115 out of state transport miles. He stated his office had collected a total of 88% of the taxes which is \$9,172,684.02. Sheriff Polston also stated his next quarterly meeting would be on January 30, 2020 from 6:00-7:00pm at the High School ANC conference room and invited everyone to attend.

RESOLUTION 20-01 – 2ND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY: Sheriff Polston went on to state how he felt the necessity existed for the county to become a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County. He provided Resolution 20-01 to the fiscal court in support of this and read the resolution aloud. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept Resolution 20-01 as read with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY & QUARTERLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,659,809.50; Road \$68,401.10; Jail \$368,586.12; LGEA \$8,693.46; ASAP \$118,468.12; Grants \$0; Tourism \$5,183.09; Dispatch \$121,647.34; Airport \$56,230.97; Airport Project \$6,534.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$44,119.94; ABC \$70,841.24 for a total of \$2,540,616.30. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance and all quarterly reports had been uploaded to the Department for Local Government as required. She also stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly & quarterly settlement reports and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$46,153.00 FROM GENERAL TO 911 DISPATCH AS BUDGETED: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$46,153.00 from the General fund to the 911 Dispatch fund as budgeted for operational costs. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$538,015.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL AS BUDGETED: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$538,015.00 from the General fund to the Jail fund as budgeted for operational costs. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$100,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO ROAD AS BUDGETED: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General fund to the road fund as budgeted for to make up for the difference in what we were getting from the state for the road fund. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PAY FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD SUPPORT AS BUDGETED: Judge Robertson stated we needed to vote to pay our annual support to the local Fire Departments and Rescue Squad. These funds are budgeted items. Funds budgeted are \$10,000 to Jamestown Fire Department, \$10,000 to Russell Springs Fire Department, \$10,000 to Eli Fire Department, \$10,000 to South Russell Fire Department, \$4,000 to Faubush Fire Department and \$10,000 to Rescue Squad. Motion was made by Magistrate Waddell to distribute the funds with a second by Magistrate Richardson. The roll call was unanimous.

APPROVE 2020 COUNTY PERSONNEL COMPLIMENT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to approve the appointment of county personnel as required by the auditors. A list of county employees, their respective positions along with their pay rate was provided to each of the Magistrates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the county employee personnel list with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

EXTENSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Judge Robertson stated we had an extension board appointment. He stated the term of Judy Rexroat had expired 12/31/19 and the extension board had made the recommendation to appoint Sheila McKinley for her first four year term beginning 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2023. Magistrate Garner made the motion to appoint Ms. McKinley with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810: Judge Robertson stated he thought we would need to go into executive session, however, Attorney Byrom stated we would need to table this until the next meeting.

ROAD CHANGES: Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes. Treasurer Fenske stated we needed to take in Covenant Road in District 1. It measured 0.068 miles in length and the road has already been plated with the right of ways. Magistrate Waddell made the motion to take the road into the county road system with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judge Robertson stated we had hired Jimmy Faller at the road department back in the summer and he had been hired part time until he got his CDL license. He stated he already has obtained his permit and he wanted to make the recommendation to go on and move him to full time and utilize him as a mechanic until he obtains his CDL. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the Judge's recommendation to move Mr. Faller to full time and Magistrate Waddell seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated at last month's meeting he had made some Tourism Board appointments and he needed to make a correction to the expiration of the terms. The corrected term expiration date for Kim Byrom, Heather Weaver and Randy Baird is 6/30/22 to correspond with the Tourism Board's fiscal year. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to make the correction with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

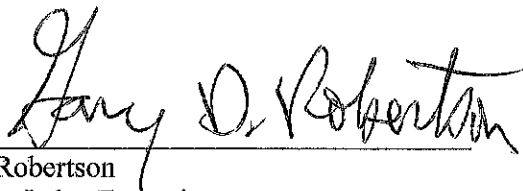
Judge Robertson stated we had an old ordinance 92-1 which is an ordinance protecting the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Russell County through the abatement of nuisances that needed to be amended to provide the county with a little more authority to control certain situations. He asked HM Bottom to speak to the specifics of the proposed amended changes. HM came before the court and stated the county had been receiving calls on a daily basis with complaints of homeowners not maintaining their properties and allowing the accumulation of trash and garbage on their property as well as complaints where folks would allow junk piles and overgrowth of vegetation. He went on to state with the proposed amended changes, it would allow the court the ability to enforce homeowners to comply with the ordinance and in such a case after notices had been sent then the court would have the ability to place a lien on the property. Judge Robertson proceeded to read the ordinance in its entirety. He stated this was only the first reading and he recommended to the court to review the changes carefully and if they desired to make any changes or omissions it could be done prior to the 2nd reading which will be at the fiscal court meeting in February.

Judge Robertson stated we had a few folks in attendance that had signed up to speak. Mr. Dale Onyon came before the court and shared his viewpoint on Resolution 20-01 which had just been passed at the fiscal court meeting. Mr. Brian Mills, Representative from Senator Rand Paul's office came before the court and just reminded the court to reach out to Senator Paul's office if they ever needed anything. Next, Ms. Sandy Simpson, representative of Congressman Comer's office came before the court and also reminded the court to reach out to Congressman Comer's office if they needed anything.

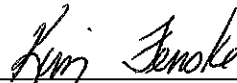
Judge Robertson stated we had a couple of individuals who were running for State Representative and recognized Mr. Mark Polston and Mr. Josh Branscum. Both individuals thanked the court for their leadership and time.

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were down some from last month. He stated we collected \$6,868.69 in regulatory fees from the prior month and out of that amount the county paid \$1,376.07 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6.44p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer