

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 9, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday August 9, 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 Dennis Price.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the July 12, 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: Corrections Assist \$8,477.83; Prescription Co-pay \$415.87; Nurse Visits \$96.99; HB 452 (2 checks) \$447.95; DUI Fees \$549.46; State Inmate Housing (3 checks) \$155,920.38; Social Security \$200.00; HB 413 \$1,654.89; Traffic School \$111.93; Clinton Co Inmate Housing (3 checks) \$29,532.65; Old Bills \$113.04; Booking Fees \$1,367.63; Fee Claim \$178.00; Vending Commission \$26.94; Phone Commission \$4,091.52; Reimbursement \$136.18; Per Diem \$2,999.39; Interest \$78.42; Prior Year Carryover \$385,886.71; Budget Transfers from General and ABC \$377,418 for a total income of \$969,703.78. The expenses were \$218,878.10 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$750,825.68. The average inmates for the month was 112. There was 69 hours overtime. As of today there are 49 state inmates, 7 from Clinton County and 52 from Russell County for a total of 108 inmates. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of July. He stated there were 570 911 calls for service; 11 10-45 accidents with no injury; 3 10-46 accidents with injury; made 32 traffic stops; 56 requests for officers; 24 welfare checks; 21 lockouts; 62 arrests; 7 mental health transports; 57 Criminal Summons; 107 court paper served; and 1,283 court security transport miles. Sheriff Polston stated 2 of the School Resource Officers attended training in Orlando Florida that is required for the COPS grant. Sheriff Polston also stated he had received a lot of interest in the new position for SRO for Jamestown Elementary and he hoped to have news of the grant award by late September or October. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,284,238.34; Road \$244,548.19; Jail \$750,825.68; LGEA \$11,473.28; ASAP \$134,406.59; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$4,243.95; Tourism \$49,728.04; Dispatch \$99,256.84; Airport \$127,128.01; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$40,257.42; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$43,059.20; ARPA \$1,741,513.08 for a total of \$4,552,393.04. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. 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 Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

1st READING ORDINANCE 21-06 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. No vote is required until the 2nd reading which will be at the September 13, 2021 meeting.

2nd READING ORDINANCE 21-05 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Holt made a motion to approve the budget ordinance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

JEFF DICK – KY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 8: Judge Robertson stated Jeff Dick had called and didn't have all the information available yet so he would wait to come speak at the September meeting.

AARON POYNTER – CUMBERLANDS WORKFORCE: Judge Robertson stated Aaron Poynter and Myra Wilson were here to speak to the court regarding the Cumberland Workforce "KARES" program. They went on to explain the program in depth and outlined how it would benefit both the citizens in need in the county as well as providing a boost to the county when those folks go back into the workforce. He also stated he realized the shared cost of the program would have to be implemented into next year's budget, however he had been made aware that in the meantime there were other associated costs that were due now before the full roll out of the program takes place next year. He asked the court if they would be willing to share those costs with the other two cities which would be \$1,333.33 for each entity. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to approve the payment of the \$1,333.33 with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SET 2021 COUNTY TAX RATES: Judge Robertson stated the rates are: Real Estate 6.7 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value; Tangible, Aircraft and Documented Watercraft 9.2 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value. He asked what the courts feeling on the issue was. Magistrate Johnson stated he felt the rates should remain the same and made that into a motion. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & EXTENSION - TAX RATES: Judge Robertson stated some of the districts were present to present their tax rates. He also stated a recent bill had been passed in the legislature that allowed the fiscal courts to not accept SPGE's tax rates if necessary. He stated the court did not vote on the rates but still acknowledges.

Ms. Jane Gosser from the Health Department stated the rates for their district did not change and were Real Property at 4.5; Tangible at 4.5; Watercraft/Aircraft at 4.5.

Mr. Jonathan Oakes from the Extension Service state the rates for their district did not change and were Real Property at 3.801; Tangible at 6.3173; Watercraft/Aircraft at 6.3173.

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 Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

INTERLOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT – RC FISCAL COURT & CITY OF JAMESTOWN: Judge Robertson explained this was something we do every year with both the City of Jamestown and the City of Russell Springs. He stated we had already done the inter-local road agreement with the City of Russell Springs and he recommended we go ahead and enter into the agreement with Jamestown as well. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

E911 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson stated we had the E911 Inter-Local agreement between the Fiscal Court, the two cities and the Ambulance Board. He stated he had spoken with both city mayors and they had agreed to up their commitment to \$35,000 per year instead of \$25,000. He also stated the Ambulance commitment would remain the same at \$25,000.00 since the dispatch offices were located in their building. He went on to state some minor changes had been made to the agreement with the LINK/NCIC portion being under the office of County Attorney Shearer and the 911 Board would now be made up of both city mayors, the Emergency Management Director, the Chairman of the Ambulance Board and the Russell County Sheriff. He made the recommendation the court sign the agreement. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the agreement and Magistrate Waddell seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

ROCKET DOCKET – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RENEWAL: Commonwealth Attorney Leveridge gave an overview on how the program works and provided an update. He also stated the pandemic had definitely affected everything and the numbers in the report were fairly conservative. The report showed there were 30 participants, 6,047 days saved which amounts to \$152,122.00. He also presented a Memorandum of Understanding that agrees for his office to provide the service from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 for the amount of \$33,366.00. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the MOU with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 21-09 – K9 VEHICLE GRANT: Judge Robertson said we had Resolution 21-09 to adopt. He asked Sheriff Polston to explain. Sheriff Polston said his office was applying for this grant since they have a couple of K-9 units within the force. He stated currently they are in the SUV in a kennel but this grant would allow for a K9 vehicle built specifically for the needs of the K9 officers. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 21-10 – FLEX FUNDING: Judge Robertson stated we had received notification some of our flex funding had been approved by the state and before work could begin, the court needed to pass a resolution to allow the judge to sign the MOA. He stated we had been approved for about \$206,000.00. The roads submitted were McClendon Ridge Road; Harbor Springs Road; Lily Creek Ramp Road and P Jones Drive. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

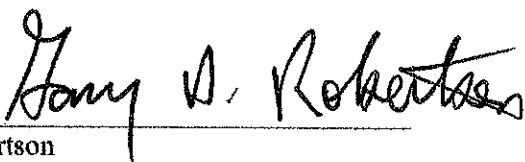
ROAD CHANGES: Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes to deal with. Treasurer Fenske stated Sunrise Landing Road in District 1 needed the name to be changed to match the 911 addresses to Sunrise Landing. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to make the name change with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated Cooper Creek Spur Road in District 3 needed the name to be changed to match the 911 addresses to Cooper Creek Spur. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to make the name change with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated Turkey Trace Drive in District 3 needed the name to be changed to Turkey Trace to match the 911 addresses. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to make the name change with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated we needed to extend C Wooldridge Road by 350 feet to match what was being maintained by the county. The new length of the road will be 0.51 miles. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the road extension change with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Robertson stated we had several individuals that had signed in to speak to the court. He asked they send up a representative for the group to speak. Mitch Nobles who had come to the court last month to pursue a golf cart ordinance came before the court to see if they had obtained any other information and asked the court to move forward with adopting the ordinance. There was much discussion between citizens and court members. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to move forward with drafting an ordinance to allow golf carts on county roads. With the lack of a second on the motion, the motion dies said Judge Robertson.

Judge Robertson stated we had an employee Dillon Crew who works at the recycle department had obtained his CDL license and has requested to transfer to the road department to fill the vacancy created by Jimmy Fowler when he quit. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to grant the transfer effective immediately with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated since we were on the topic of employees, HM had a young man that was working for him on the litter abatement grant that would be a good replacement for the opening now at the recycle center. HM Bottom stated Harley Davidson is currently working on the grant but has provided back up coverage for the dog warden when he is taking time off. He also stated he was a very good worker and very dependable. He asked once his litter abatement grant runs out to move Mr. Davidson into the slot at the recycle center. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to allow the transfer of Mr. Davidson to the recycle center when the litter funds ran out and Magistrate Johnson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were up some from last month. He stated we collected about \$14,440.12 for the month of June sales which were collected in July. He stated out of that amount the county paid \$3,302.65 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk