

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 14, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday June 14, 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 Phillip Miller.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the May 10, 2021 regular meeting and May 27, 2021 special called meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Garner 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: Cost Pool Refund \$5,874.13; Prescription Co-pay \$992.82; Nurse Visits \$195.04; HB 452 (2 checks) \$638.52; State Inmate Housing \$57,540.24; Old Bills \$606.13; Booking Fees \$2,572.61; Vending Commission \$27.11; Phone Commission \$4,048.83; Per Diem \$5,482.23; Phone Dividend \$448.67; Interest \$70.46 for a total income of \$78,496.79. The expenses were \$138,922.13 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$60,425.24). The average inmates for the month was 120. There was 19 ¾ hours overtime. As of today there are 61 state inmates, 5 from Clinton County and 45 from Russell County for a total of 111 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 May. He stated there were 625 calls for service; 50 arrests; 11 mental health transports; 36 Criminal Summons; 90 court paper served; 2,480 court security transport miles; and 42 vehicle inspections. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RC SHERIFF 2020 FINAL TAX SETTLEMENT: Sheriff Polston also presented the 2020 Sheriff Local Tax Settlements to the court. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the tax settlements 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 \$1,811,156.15; Road \$349,956.49; Jail \$638,516.29; LGEA \$5,153.85; ASAP 135,908.31; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$4,383.22; Tourism \$15,248.84; Dispatch \$71,513.62; Airport \$85,121.72; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$73,753.76; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$58,788.25; ARPA \$1,740,728.500 for a total of \$5,011,943.42. Treasurer Fenske stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were also included in the packet. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2nd READING ORDINANCE 21-04 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Fenske read the budget ordinance. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the budget amendment ordinance with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

AARON POYNTER – CUMBERLAND WORKFORCE PROGRAM: Mr. Poynter came before the court and asked them to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Cumberland Workforce Program and the Detention Center. He explained the benefits of this program and Jailer Dunbar also stated the program was great and it truly prepared inmates for release back into society. Magistrate Garner made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated Mayor Shearer was here to speak about a water line project proposal on C Wooldridge Road. Mayor Shearer came before the court and stated he had been contacted by residents as well as Magistrate Garner regarding water on C. Wooldridge Road. He stated an additional 1.1 mile of a 3" pipe was needed to service the residents on that road. He went on to state he had worked with the engineers regarding this and the estimated cost was \$25,000.00 and he would like the county to be responsible for that cost. Judge Robertson stated we could look to DLG in regards to funding this project or it's possible the ARPA funds could be utilized for this project. Magistrate Garner made a motion we proceed with this project and Magistrate Waddell seconded. The roll call was unanimous. Magistrate Holt asked the question if C Wooldridge Road connected to S Grider Road but Magistrate Garner stated it did not. There was more discussion regarding this same issue on S Grider Road so it was agreed to that Mayor Shearer would have the engineers take a look at that road as well to see if it could be done too.

JEFF DICK – KY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 8: Judge Robertson stated Mr. Jeff Dick from KYTC was here to provide some information regarding the realignment project on 127. Mr. Dick came before the court and stated he had passed out the proposed realignment stats and how some of the roads would become county roads if the court agreed to take them in. There was much discussion regarding the process and making sure that when the roads were ready to be taken into the county road system they would be sufficient to meet the specs of county road system. Mr. Dick assured the court the roads would be up to the specs and would all be resurfaced before the county took them over. Judge Robertson asked the length of the roads in the proposal to which Mr. Dick answered the first section was .866 and the second section was .387. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

REVIEW AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR 2021-2022: Judge Robertson stated we need to review and adopt the Administrative Code for the next fiscal year. He stated this was something we have to do on an annual basis. Treasurer Fenske added that no changes had been made to the code. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the Administrative Code with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

WASTE TIRE GRANT CLOSEOUT – PAY BACK UNUSED FUNDS: Judge Robertson stated we needed to close out our waste tire grant for the current fiscal year. He stated we had taken some tires over to be sold but then they had stopped us from bringing any more so we still had funds left. Treasurer Fenske stated we had used \$2,076.36 of the \$4,000.00 dollars so we needed to return \$1,923.64 to the state. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay back the unused funds with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Judge Robertson stated he had two tourism board appointments to fill. He stated Steven Eastin had served his first term as the hotel/motel designee and he recommended him to his second 3 year term beginning 7/1/21 – 6/30/24. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated Eric West was the Judges appointee and his term expires on 6/30/21 and this has been his second term. He thanked Mr. West for his service to the board and made the recommendation to replace him with Ms. Kim Kelsey for her first 3 year term to begin 7/1/21 – 6/30/24. Magistrate Holt made the motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

INTER-LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS: Judge Robertson explained this agreement was something we did every year with the City of Russell Springs. This agreement is for the purpose of establishing a system of cooperation between the City of Russell Springs and the County of Russell, specifically for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, paving, and/or the creation of roads within the City of Russell Springs and Magisterial District 5. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the agreement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PAY KCTCS \$10,000.00 FOR DUPLICATE AMBULANCE BOARD GRANT PAYMENT: Judge Robertson stated we had received a notification we had received a duplicate payment for the Ambulance grant. Treasurer Fenske stated we had received the first payment in February and then we received another payment in May. She stated she had received an email stating this was a duplicate and needed to be returned. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to repay the funds with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PAY RESCUE SQUAD FOR SAR GRANT - \$14,469.30: Judge Robertson stated we were a pass through agency on a grant the Rescue Squad had applied for. Treasurer Fenske stated she had received notification the grant money had been

deposited into the general fund and we would need to vote to write a check for that grant money over to the rescue squad. She stated the amount of the grant award money was \$14,469.30. Magistrate Johnson made the motion to write the check for the funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

COMPLIMENT ADJUSTMENTS: Judge Robertson stated we needed to make some changes to the county compliment. Treasurer Fenske added we had to make adjustments on the beginning salary for the litter abatement grant program as well as to the 911 dispatch opening salaries. She stated this was needed in order to be somewhat competitive in the work force. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the changes in the compliment with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Robertson stated he needed to get the court's approval to send in the estimate for the Cabin Fork Creek bridge project. He stated he had information from the engineer and the plan was to utilize concrete casting and the county would provide the rock work as our in kind. He stated the estimate came in at \$63,750 plus our in-kind. Magistrate Garner made a motion to have the judge to proceed with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated in the packet for the magistrates was the information on the truck program that had been discussed at last month's meeting. He stated he had spoken with Scott Pekar of Worldwide Equipment and had been told they had finally gotten the program nailed down. Judge Robertson stated we could do a 3 year lease through the program and KACo and that would be \$2,153.88 per month per truck equipment with the snow plow and salter and at the end of the lease we would have the option to purchase it or let it go to auction. He stated since this seemed to be what the court wanted he thought if we had to, we could take the money for the payment from the general fund. He said if the court was set on getting another truck this would be his recommendation. He went on to state the court had already agreed to buy 2 new Dodge trucks and with this truck plus the two we already have at the garage which are in good shape that would make us 5 trucks and then with the other equipment we have, we barely have enough personnel to drive it all. Magistrate Garner stated he had also spoken to Scott Pekar of Worldwide and he stated if we bought the truck straight out it would be \$116,155.00 for the truck, salt box and plow. He stated he felt if we made the payments on it and then still bought it we would be paying a lot of interest and he felt we should just buy the truck outright. He also stated when he spoke to Mr. Pekar he asked him about the availability of two trucks and was told one truck may be available by next week but a second truck would not be available until about a month from now. He said he thought we needed two new trucks equipped with salt box and snow plow. He went on to state he felt the money we were getting from the ARPA funds would at some point be able to be used to pay for equipment and stuff. Judge Robertson interjected as of now those funds could only be used for water, sewer, broadband or infrastructure. Judge Robertson said as of now one truck is really all we were able to buy and pay for but it was up to the court if they felt otherwise but it wouldn't be his recommendation. There was discussion regarding how we were going to come up with the funds to which Magistrate Garner stated we had 1.8 million in the general funds and he felt we should spend it. Treasurer Fenske stated costs were continue to go up and revenues were decreasing and for the last several years we were steadily going through the carry over at about \$200,000.00 per year and eventually those excess funds would run out. Magistrate Johnson stated the way he figured, it would take 9 years to go through the excess to which Treasurer Fenske replied that at that time the payout for the detention center would be due and we would also be assuming the responsibilities for the judicial center at that time. There was more discussion regarding to purchase or lease. Magistrate Garner made a motion to buy 2 new trucks at a cost of \$116,155 per truck. Magistrate Johnson seconded the motion. Magistrate Richardson interjected and asked about the interest rate for a KACo lease to which Treasurer Fenske answered she would have to check. There was more discussion on whether to pay for the trucks outright or finance them. Judge Robertson stated there was a motion on the floor to buy 2 trucks. Roll call was Garner – Yes; Richardson – Yes; Holt – Yes; Waddell – Abstain; Johnson – Yes. Judge Robertson stated there was 4 yes and 1 abstain and we would have to check tomorrow on the interest rate. Magistrate Garner then made a motion to just buy the 2 trucks outright with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes. Treasurer Fenske stated JM Lane in District 4 which is 0.265 miles in length needed to be added in to the county road system. Magistrate Richardson made the motion to take it in to the county road system with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated the length of Dixon Cemetery Road in District 2 needed to be corrected from 0.5810 miles to 0.7120 miles. Magistrate Garner made a motion to make the length correction with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated the length needed to be corrected on York Cemetery Road also in District 2 from 0.1150 mile to 0.8720

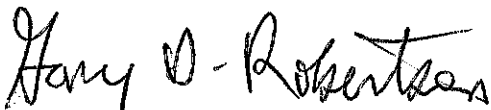
miles. Magistrate Garner made a motion to make the correction with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson asked the court if anyone had any other business. Magistrate Richardson stated he had been asked by Dillon Crew, an employee at the Recycle Center about transferring over to the Road Department. He stated he had obtained his CDL permit but did not have his license yet. Judge Robertson stated according to the Compliment, any road employee must have their CDL license and once Mr. Crew obtained the license then we could look at transferring him.

Sheriff Polston told the court his office had applied for a grant for another School Resource Officer. He stated it had been his mission as sheriff to make sure the children of the county were protected in the schools and he was still committed to do this. He went on to state that if his office didn't get the grant, he would be planning on coming to the county, the school board and the City of Jamestown for financial help to make sure an officer was put at Jamestown Elementary.

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were up some from last month. He stated we collected about \$8,422.60 for the month of April sales which were collected in May. He stated out of that amount the county paid \$1,477.36 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Garner seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk