

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday November 11, 2019 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, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, 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 Sheriff Polston.

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the October 14, 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 Richardson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Corrections Assist \$8,798.69; Prescription Co-pay \$320.15; Nurse Visits \$85.43; Inmate Medical other county \$10.00; HB 452 (2 checks) \$577.98; DUI Fees \$906.39; State Inmate Housing \$74,401.16; Social Security Payment \$1,000.00; HB 413 \$1,722.70; Traffic School Fee \$24.57; Work Release (2 checks) \$156.00; Cumberland County Inmate Housing \$1,344.00; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$7,485.69; Booking Fees \$2,048.43; Old Bills \$138.83; Fee Claim \$323.40; Phone Commission \$4,349.24; Per Diem \$1,804.73; Bond Interest \$.48; Interest \$95.96 for a total income of \$105,593.83. The expenses were \$203,363.85 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$97,770.02). The average inmates for the month were 136. There was 8 ½ hours overtime. As of today there are 77 state inmates, 1 from Clinton County and 59 from Russell County for a total of 137 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of October. He stated there were 594 calls dispatched; 81 arrests; 17 mental health transports; 84 court papers served; 2515 court security transport miles; 1140 state transport miles; 3 drug warrants with arrests. He stated his office collected 72.95% of the taxes in the month of October which was \$7,092,423.91. He also mentioned his office was awarded a grant from KY Homeland Security for a watercraft in the amount of \$9,700.00.

Sheriff Polston also submitted the final fee settlement reports for 2018. One for former Sheriff McAninch and one for himself. He stated his office had submitted a check for \$510.63 which was the last 10%. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the reports with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,203,093.70; Road \$425,649.93; Jail \$780,439.08; LGEA \$10,313.46; ASAP \$107,974.14; Grants \$8,673.39 Tourism \$17,927.38; Dispatch \$126,047.30; Airport \$57,640.80; Airport Project \$6,534.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$39,015.89; ABC \$71,917.31 for a total of \$2,867,327.80. 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.

**TRANSFER \$10,036.40 FROM GRANTS TO GENERAL FOR SAFE ROOMS:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$10,036.40 from the Grants fund to the General fund to pay the final reimbursement for the safe rooms. Magistrate Holt made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RC CLERK – 2019 AMENDED BUDGET:** Deputy Clerk Ruth Hill came before the court and stated the changes to the amended budget were for licenses and transfers, usage tax, tangible and personal property tax and disabled permits. All

these categories had increased, however delinquent tax collections had decreased. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the amended budget from the clerk with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING BUDGET AMENDMENT 19-08:** Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Judge Robertson stated this is the first reading and the vote would be at the December meeting.

**HEALTH INSURANCE – OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Judge Robertson stated it was that time of year for the health insurance open enrollment. Sharon Hill from McKinney & Blair came before the court with the proposed renewal rates. She stated the current plan renewal rates went up by 15%. She stated she came up with a few alternatives which would require a higher deductible and out of pocket expense and those rates would be an increase of 12% for option 1, 11% for option 2 or 8.8% for option 3. She also submitted option 4 which would be for a base plan with the option for an employee paid buy up. After much discussion Magistrate Holt made a motion to go with Option 3 as the base plan. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was Magistrate Waddell – Yes; Magistrate Garner – Yes; Magistrate Johnson – Yes; Magistrate Richardson – No; Magistrate Holt - Yes. There was more discussion about adding on the employee sponsored buy up option but the employees would need to be polled to see which plan there was interest in for the buy up. She stated only one plan could be chosen as the buy up so everyone would have to agree. Magistrate Holt made a motion to poll the employees to see which option they would prefer to buy up to. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

**OPIOID LITIGATION FOR COUNTIES:** Judge Robertson stated he had received a couple of calls from law firms regarding this issue and he had referred them to the County Attorney. Attorney Shearer stated it was a lawsuit that counties could opt in for and it would be his recommendation the county to opt in on this lawsuit and then he would pursue a course of action. Magistrate Garner made a motion for County Attorney Shearer to pursue the lawsuit on behalf of the county with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

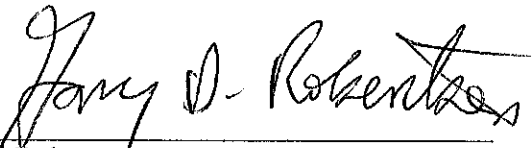
**PAY PULASKI COUNTY \$11,000.00 FOR REGIONAL SHELTER:** Judge Robertson stated we contract with Pulaski County for our regional dog shelter. We pay them \$11,000.00 every six months and it's time to pay them again. He stated this is a budgeted item but needs fiscal court approval to pay the bill. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to pay Pulaski County with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

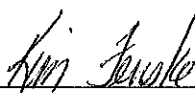
**ROAD CHANGES:** Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes that needed to be dealt with. Treasurer Fenske stated Hummingbird Drive CR-1177G in District 3, the name needed to be changed to Hummingbird Road to match the 911 map and all the addresses on the road. There was some discussion on which actual district this road was in because Magistrate Johnson didn't think this road was in his district. Magistrate Waddell thought it was in his district so he made the motion to make the name change. Magistrate Garner seconded. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated Honeysuckle Road CR-1445B in District 4, the name needed to be changed to Honeysuckle Lane to match the 911 map and all the addresses. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to make the name change with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated Magistrate Holt is asking for Olivia Lane in District 5 to be taken in to the county road system. Magistrate Holt made the motion to take the road in with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were down again from last month. He stated we collected \$15,398.53 in regulatory fees from the prior month. He stated out of that amount the county paid \$2,369.78 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales.

**ADJOURN:** Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6.48p.m.

  
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Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive

  
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Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer