

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday September 14, 2020 at 6:00 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 Jailer Dunbar.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the August 10, 2020 regular meeting and the August 31, 2020 called meeting. Magistrate Holt made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Johnson 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 Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: HB 452 \$140.00; Prescription Co-pay \$356.27; Nurse Visits (2 checks) \$77.29; State Inmate Housing \$55,189.74; Social Security Payment \$200.00; Other County Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$5,844.35; Old Bills \$111.94; Booking Fees \$1,741.95; Vending Commission \$17.27; Phone Commission \$2,302.35; Wage Garnishment Admin Fee \$10.00; Reimbursement \$816.08; Per Diem \$3,656.14; Interest \$64.24; for a total income of \$70,527.62. The expenses were \$137,512.94 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$66,985.32). The average inmates for the month was 101. There was 11 hours overtime. As of today there are 53 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 38 from Russell County for a total of 94 inmates. Magistrate Waddell 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 August. He stated there were 468 calls for service; 46 arrests; 9 mental health transports; 82 Criminal Summons; 190 court paper served; 609 court security transport miles; 1 drug search warrant executed and 67 vehicle inspections. He stated the tax bills would be mailed on September 30, 2020 and explained the procedure for collecting the taxes from the public. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report 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 \$859,833.54; Road \$792,983.12; Jail \$557,114.69; LGEA \$8,958.14; ASAP \$124,163.17; Grants \$87,602.72; Tourism \$26,223.96; Dispatch \$137,906.07; Airport \$81,112.62; Airport Project \$6,199.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$46,327.88; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$61,876.21 for a total of \$2,802,402.54. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance and the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Johnson 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 20-04 – 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 October 12, 2020 meeting.

TRANSFER \$10,007.72 FROM GRANTS FUND TO GENERAL FUND – VOCA GRANT: Judge Robertson asked to transfer \$10,007.72 from the Grants fund to the General fund. Treasurer Fenske stated this was a quarterly reimbursement for VOCA grant and the funds were paid from the general fund but the state had deposited them into the grants fund. Magistrate Garner made the motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$77,595.00 FROM GRANTS FUND TO GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF WATERCRAFT GRANT: Judge Robertson asked to transfer \$77,595.00 from the Grants fund to the General fund for the Sheriff's watercraft grant. Magistrate Holt made the motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TAX RATES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS: Judge Robertson stated we are required by law and by the auditors to acknowledge the special districts tax rates even though we don't have a vote on them. He stated there were some representatives from the districts but he would read the rates. The rates shown are cents per \$100. No vote was required.

- Russell County Extension Service – Real Estate .03801; Personal .063173; Motor Vehicles 2.390
- Russell County Ambulance Board – Real Estate 6.7; Personal 9.2; Motor Vehicle & Watercraft 9.2
- Conservation District Tax Rates were – Real Estate .009 and 0 for Personal, Motor Vehicle & Watercraft
- Russell County School Board – Real Estate 52.2; Personal 52.2; Motor Vehicle & Watercraft 52.2;
- Russell County Library – Real Estate 6.3; Personal 7.61; Motor Vehicles & Watercraft 2.47
- Russell County Hospital – Real Estate .066; Personal .092; Motor Vehicles & Watercraft 9.2

Judge Robertson stated we set the rates for the county at last month's meeting and the rates remained the same at Real Estate 6.7; Tangible, Aircraft and Documented Watercraft 9.2. He also stated the Health District had presented their tax rates at last month's meeting.

RCIDA RESOLUTION 20-09: Judge Robertson stated the RCIDA had presented a resolution for a special project they were doing which needed to be passed by the fiscal court in order for them to qualify to receive the reimbursement from the TVA/RDAAP funds. Treasurer Fenske read the resolution. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:


Judge Robertson stated we had received our flood control money in and per statute we need to pay the library their share which is 18%. He stated we would need to cut a check in the amount of \$47,809.32 and turn it over to them. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to cut the check with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated we had received a letter from the former commercial building inspector and a copy of the letter was in the packet for the court. He stated the letter was from Mr. Carly Fudge who had been re-instated by the state and he was now asking to be re-instated to the county as another commercial building inspector. He stated the court had voted to utilize Mr. Kenneth Blevins as the commercial building inspector of the county when Mr. Fudge's license had been revoked by the state. He asked the court their feeling on allowing Mr. Fudge to be reinstated. After some discussion, it was the feeling of the court that Mr. Blevins was providing good service and no motion was made to reinstate Mr. Fudge.


Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were up and we had collected \$26,120.14 for the month of July sales and of that amount we had paid \$3,179.46 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales.

Judge Robertson stated Ms. Debbie Schuman had signed in to address the court. Ms. Schuman came before the court and brought a petition to the court asking for the widening of their road Harbor Springs Road which was in Magistrate Waddell's district 1. She brought up the issues of speed and large boats meeting oncoming traffic and the difficulties in navigating around each other. Magistrate Waddell explained how the road money was distributed and also how the state gets involved on whether or not roads get re-surfaced. After lengthy discussions, Judge Robertson stated that it was unlikely for the road to be widened due to all the many other roads in the county and with the budgetary constraints.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk