

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday February 8, 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, Attorney Don Byrom 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 Sheriff Derek Polston.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the January 11, 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 Richardson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Treasurer Fenske read the jail report as follows: Local Corrections Assist \$7,785.55; Prescription Co-pay \$346.23; Nurse Visits \$175.99; HB 452 \$246.18; DUI Fees \$274.76; State Inmate Housing \$56,192.62; Social Security \$400.00; HB413 \$1,226.57; Traffic School \$40.95; Other County Inmate Housing \$3,198.91; Old Bills \$100.00; Booking Fees \$1,661.04; Vending Commission \$15.22; Phone Commission \$2,070.36; Reimbursement for Computer Software \$1,246.56; Per Diem \$2,190.15; Interest \$66.67; Transfer from General \$374,242.00; Transfer from Grants \$163,168.36 for a total income of \$614,648.12. The expenses were \$154,796.62 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$459,851.50. The average inmates for the month was 116. There was 37½ hours overtime. As of today there are 60 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 44 from Russell County for a total of 106 inmates. Treasurer Fenske also presented a copy of the detention center policies and procedures to the court members. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of January. He stated there were 505 calls for service; 29 arrests; 22 mental health transports; 36 Criminal Summons; 121 court paper served; 2637 court security transport miles; and 86 vehicle inspections. He stated his office collected \$815,479.99 tax bills from January 1 through January 31. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RC SHERIFF – 2020 FINAL FEE SETTLEMENT REPORT: Sheriff Polston submitted his final fee settlement report for 2020. Along with the report he presented a check of excess fees in the amount of \$12,504.40 to the court. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report and excess fees with Magistrate Holt 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 \$1,445,995.80; Road \$750,997.33; Jail \$781,624.85; LGEA \$7,243.43; ASAP \$118,749.70; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$1,500.04; Tourism \$17,385.27; Dispatch \$95,309.49; Airport \$68,434.97; Airport Project \$5,925.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$59,226.14; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$49,466.91 for a total of \$3,413,960.35. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. She stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were also included in the packet. Magistrate Holt made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2nd READING ORDINANCE 21-01 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the budget amendment with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RC CLERK – 2020 FIANL FEE SETTLEMENT REPORT: Deputy Clerk Ruth Hill submitted a check to the fiscal court for \$45,000.00 in excess fees and stated another check had already been given to the treasurer for excess fees in the amount of \$100,000.00. She stated they still had some open items and the final fee settlement report was not complete yet. She indicated an additional check would be presented to the court for approximately \$14,000.00 once the final fee settlement report was complete. She stated the clerk's office had covered for other surrounding counties during the pandemic and that was the reason for the amount of excess fees. The court thanked them for their hard work. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the excess fees with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESCUE SQUAD AFFILIATION AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson asked HM Bottom to address the court regarding the affiliation agreement. HM explained what the agreement entailed and stated it was something we did every year. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to enter into the affiliation agreement with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

EMERGENCY SHELTER INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson stated this had been discussed at previous meetings and each city had agreed to participate along with the county to enter into the inter-local agreement in order to address the need for individuals that may need temporary housing. Magistrate Garner made a motion to sign the inter-local agreement with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson stated Mr. Darren Johnson's term ends March 1, 2021 and he has served 2 terms. He thanked Mr. Johnson for his service to the board. He went on to recommend Mr. Steven Fletcher to his first term to begin 3/1/21 through 3/1/25. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept Judge Robertson's recommendation with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

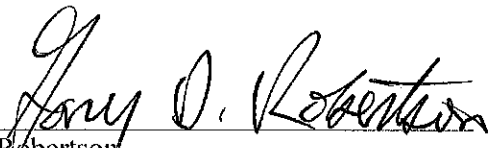
PVA BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson stated the term of Jeter Coffey expired on 1/31/21. He thanked Mr. Coffey for his service and made the recommendation of Josh McKinley to serve retroactive to 2/1/21 through 1/31/24. He went on to state the individuals on this board could only serve one term and then would have to sit out a term. They also have to be licensed to sell real estate. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the recommendation of the judge and appoint Josh McKinley to the board with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were down and we had collected \$7,750.32 for the month of December sales and of that amount we had paid \$1,147.59 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales.

Magistrate Garner expressed concern regarding trash on the roads. Judge Robertson and HM Bottom told him the litter abatement employees were seasonal but would be starting back up in March. They also indicated they would send them out before that time if there was a specific area or road that needed attention.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Johnson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk