

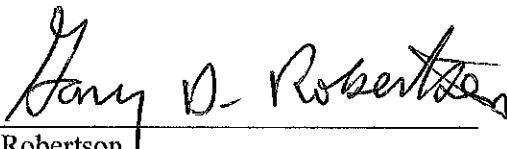
**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2020
10:00 A.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held a called meeting on Monday August 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.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.


EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810 IF NEEDED OR OPEN

DISCUSSION: Judge Robertson stated we had listed on the agenda the possibility of going into executive session but after talking with the county attorney we would just go into the open discussion. He stated there were gentlemen here to speak to the court, RCIDA Board Member Rodney Johnson, RCIDA Executive Director Benny Garland and RCIDA attorney HK Cooper. Mr. Garland came before the court and explained the dire need to purchase some more property that adjoins the current industrial complex and the RCIDA had proceeded to purchase this property. He also explained to the court on how the property would become a valuable asset to the county not only because it could be used for a food and beverage company but also, it would provide a much needed road thoroughfare to ease traffic congestion on Highway 127. Attorney HK Cooper then came before the court to explain the situation up to now. He stated unfortunately, the individual that owned the property was killed in an accident and the property became part of his estate. He stated the RCIDA Board had contracted with the estate to purchase the property and a purchase price had been agreed upon between the attorney of the estate and the RCIDA board and the board was directed by the estate to draw up a contract with the agreed purchase price and submit the contract along with a \$10,000.00 deposit. Mr. Cooper stated the paperwork was done and submitted along with the deposit to the attorney. However, due to controversy within the family members of the estate a deed was never presented. He went on to state legal action was taken by the RCIDA but this is being denied within the court system. He also stated these actions have been appealed but this could take quite some time. He went on to state the RCIDA is asking the fiscal court to file the action of KRS Chapter 416, which allows the fiscal court to take for public purposes and benefit property through the process of condemnation in the form of Resolution 20-08. County Attorney Shearer read the Resolution 20-08. There was discussion within the fiscal court members on the procedures on how this would be handled to which Mr. Cooper along with County Attorney Shearer explained. After more discussion within the court, everyone agreed the economic benefit as well as the proposed road creating the much needed thoroughfare would be in the best interest for the county and its citizens. Magistrate Richardson made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-08 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Garner seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
Fiscal Court Clerk