

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 11, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday October 11, 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 Brother Eric Antle.

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the September 13, 2021 regular meeting, the called meeting on September 27, 2021 and October 4, 2021. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve all 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 Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$379.53; Nurse Visits \$107.39; State Inmate Housing \$55,001.70; Social Security \$200.00; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$4,917.33; Old Bills \$140.44; Booking Fees \$3,199.01; Fee Claim \$161.99; Vending Commission \$23.13; Phone Commission \$3,795.43; Reimbursement \$414.46; Per Diem \$3,869.78; Interest \$74.97 for a total income of \$72,285.16. The expenses were \$162,478.29 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$90,193.13). The average inmates for the month was 108. There was 42 ½ hours overtime. As of today there are 55 state inmates, 10 from Clinton County and 40 from Russell County for a total of 105 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 the sheriff's report for the month of September. He stated there were 684 911 calls for service; 49 arrests; 20 mental health transports; 8 Criminal Summons; 54 court paper served; and 2,609 court security transport miles. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY & QUARTERLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,261,448.32; Road \$500,377.56; Jail \$601,733.60; LGEA \$10,896.35; ASAP \$141,061.05; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$4,202.01; Tourism \$24,184.01; Dispatch \$123,736.21; Airport \$124,483.40; Airport Project \$16,573.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$47,739.45; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$74,691.17; ARPA \$1,746,857.57 for a total of \$4,690,085.12. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance and all reports had been uploaded to DLG. She also stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly & quarterly settlement reports and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$1,276.21 FROM DISPATCH TO AMBULANCE SERVICE – ENHANCED MEDICAID PAYMENT:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$1,276.21 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**JANETTE MARSON – 2020 TOURISM ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Ms. Marson came before the court and provided the latest tourism numbers for the county. She stated Russell County had done better than expected with the pandemic but our numbers were down a bit. She went on to state tourism continues to grow in activity and spending, thus being a boost to the counties economic growth.

**RESOLUTION KY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DISTRICT 8:** Judge Robertson asked Mr. Dick to come before the court. Mr. Dick came before the court and stated he had gotten the list of roads that the state still had ownership of the right of ways and asked the court to pass a resolution taking back that ownership into the county. Judge Robertson

recommended we adopt the resolution since the county had been maintaining the right of ways for many years. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**LAKE CUMBERLAND AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT/DUO COUNTY – BROADBAND GRANT:** Judge Robertson stated Waylon Wright was in attendance and would explain the grant to the court. Mr. Wright came before the court and stated the ADD office and Duo County Telephone were applying for a state grant to provide the underserved community of Jabez with broadband internet. He stated the grant would pay for 50% of the cost and Duo Count was willing to put in 3.1 million of their funds. He went on to state they were asking the fiscal court to commit \$250,000.00 of the ARPA money for this project. He also stated if the grant was not rewarded there would be no commitment of the funds. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**HALLOWEEN HOURS:** Judge Robertson stated we always set the hours for the kids for Halloween. He stated both cities had set their Halloween hours to Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>. He recommended the county do the same and set the hours from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Robertson stated County Clerk Sue Brockman had presented the court an amendment to her 2021 budget. Treasurer Fenske stated the County Clerk had realized more revenue than budgeted and had amended her budget to provide for more excess fees. Treasurer Fenske stated the excess fees line had been increased from \$44,000 to \$51,000. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the amended budget with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated Mayor Shearer had signed up to speak to the court and asked him to come forward. Mayor Shearer stated he had continued to work on the grant for providing new water lines to some underserved residents in the county. He stated the ballpark for the cost of the 10 projects was approximately 1.9 million dollars. He also stated he would keep the court apprised of the grant status but expected to hear something in mid to late November

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were down quite a bit from last month. He stated we collected about \$18,867.87 for the month of August sales which were collected in September. He stated out of that amount the county paid \$1,737.46 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 Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk