

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday December 9, 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 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 November 11, 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 Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Treasurer Fenske read the jail report as follows: Nurse Visits \$71.70; Prescription Co-Pay \$363.98; State Inmate Housing \$74,276.50; Social Security Payment \$400.00; Work Release (3 checks) \$312.00; Old Bills \$980.67; Booking Fees \$1,769.98; Phone Commission \$3,633.45; Per Diem \$2,520.41; Bond Interest \$.43; Interest \$77.50; for a total income of \$84,406.62. The expenses were \$140,263.49 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$55,856.87). The average inmates for the month were 123. There was 130 ½ hours overtime. As of today there are 63 state inmates, 1 from Clinton County and 42 from Russell County for a total of 106 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 his report for the month of November. He stated there were 602 calls dispatched; 75 arrests; 17 mental health transports; 146 court papers served; 1374 court security transport miles; 359 out of state transport miles; 890 mental health transport miles; 3 drug warrants with arrests. He stated his office had collected a total of 80.96% of the taxes which is \$8,326,004.24. He reminded everyone his office would be doing check points to check for DUI and safety belt issues during the holiday season. Sheriff Polston also stated his next quarterly meeting would be on January 30, 2020 from 6:00-7:00pm at the High School ANC conference room and invited everyone to attend.

**RC SHERIFF – 2020 BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE & STATE ADVANCEMENT:** Sheriff Polston presented his 2020 budget, advancement and maximum salaries for his deputies to the fiscal court. He stated the budget was a mirror of his 2019 budget. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the 2020 budget with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The state advancement was presented and Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the \$300,000.00 state advancement with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The maximum salaries for deputies was presented. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the \$570,000.00 maximum salaries for the deputies with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RC CLERK – 2020 BUDGET & SALARY SCHEDULE:** Deputy Clerk Ruth Hill presented to the court the 2020 budget for the clerk's office. Judge Robertson stated the budget was \$4,056,600.00 and \$30,000.00 was projected in excess fees. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the 2020 budget for the clerk's office with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The 2020 maximum salaries was presented to the court for the clerk's deputies. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the 2020 maximum salaries of \$278,000.00 for the deputies with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,702,613.22; Road \$272,689.43; Jail \$724,582.21; LGEA \$9,723.79; ASAP \$119,577.54; Grants \$18,549.43; Tourism \$12,929.84; Dispatch \$165,438.70; Airport \$56,321.55; Airport Project \$6,534.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$41,434.81; ABC \$70,366.35 for a total of \$3,212,862.29. 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 Holt made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING BUDGET AMENDMENT 19-08:** 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.

**TRANSFER \$18,549.43 FROM GRANTS TO GENERAL FOR VOCA & SAFE ROOMS GRANTS:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$18,549.43 from the Grants fund to the General fund to pay the final reimbursement for the VOCA grant and the safe room grant. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Judge Robertson stated we had the Holiday schedule for 2020. Since the fiscal court follows the state holiday schedule we incorporate that schedule into the county's Administrative Code as stated in the Code. Treasurer Fenske read the holidays as follows: January 20; ½ day on April 10; May 25; July 3; September 7; November 3; November 11; November 26 & 27; December 24 & 25; December 31; January 1, 2021. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the 2020 holiday schedule with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**OPEN BIDS FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – JUCICAL CENTER:** Judge Robertson stated we had advertised in the paper for bids for the preventative maintenance contract for the HVAC systems at the judicial center. He stated we received 4 bids. He opened the bid from TP Mechanical which is the current vendor and their bid was \$10,424.00 annually. He opened a bid from Alpha Mechanical and their bid was \$9,990.00 annually. He opened the bid from Comfort Solutions and their bid was \$10,300.00. He then opened the bid from Perfection Group and their bid was \$9,780.00. Magistrate Johnson asked if the service provided by the current vendor was satisfactory or if there had been any issues to which Treasurer Fenske responded she wasn't aware of any issues and the maintenance person in charge did seem to be satisfied with the current service. Magistrate Johnson stated there was not a lot of difference in the bids and if everything seemed satisfactory with the current vendor it didn't make sense to him to change to another one that didn't have the past knowledge of the system there. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid of current vendor TP Mechanical and Magistrate Holt seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

**TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Judge Robertson stated there were 3 tourism board members with terms expiring at the end of December. He stated the first was his appointment which was Kim Byron. He made the recommendation to re-appoint her to another term beginning 1/1/20 – 12/31/22. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated the next appointment was from the motel/hotel association and they had recommended Ms. Heather Weaver. Judge Robertson recommended the appointment of Ms. Weaver for her first full term beginning 1/1/20 – 12/31/22. Magistrate Johnson made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation of Ms. Weaver with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated the last appointment was from the restaurant association and they had recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Randy Baird. Judge Robertson made the recommendation to re-appoint Mr. Baird to another term beginning 1/1/20 – 12/31/22. Magistrate Richardson made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation of Mr. Baird with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**EXTENSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Judge Robertson stated we had a couple of extension board appointments. He stated they had 2 appointments with the term expiring and the extension board had sent their recommendation on two names. However, on one of the names submitted, the individual had informed them they would not be able to serve so that appointment will have to be made at the next meeting. He stated the board had recommended the re-appointment of Dante Carpenter for a term beginning 1/1/20 – 12/31/23. Judge Robertson made the recommendation of this appointment. Magistrate Richardson made the motion to accept the recommendation of Mr. Carpenter and Magistrate Johnson seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

**AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Judge Robertson stated there were 2 airport board appointments that were expiring at the end of the month. He recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Scott Turner for another term beginning 1/1/20 – 12/31/23. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Tim Wilson to

another term beginning 1/1/20 – 12/31/23. Magistrate Holt made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**PVA BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Judge Robertson stated he had a PVA appointment that was expiring at the end of the month. He stated Mr. Josh McKinley's term was expiring. He thanked Mr. McKinley for his service on the board and then recommended the appointment of Mr. Sam Tarter to the PVA board for a term beginning 1/1/20 – 12/31/22. Magistrate Waddell made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810:** Judge Robertson stated he thought we would need to go into executive session, however, County Attorney Shearer stated he did not have the paperwork with him so we would need to address this at next month's meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Magistrate Garner stated he had been at the county garage and was wondering if we could look into purchasing another side arm mower. Judge Robertson stated that would be something we would need to wait on and try to build into next year's budget. He stated he had received some price quotes and they ranged from \$116,000 to \$150,000. He also stated he would like to get the other tractor we have fixed so we could possibly use it to trade in on a new one. Magistrate Garner also stated he wondered about the possibility of leasing the equipment. Judge Robertson stated he didn't know about that at this time.

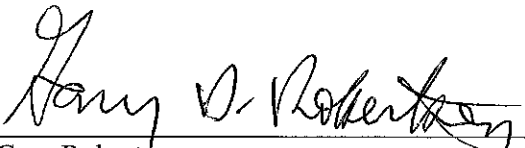
Magistrate Garner asked the status of the Logan Antle Bridge project. Judge Robertson stated he was waiting on the engineer to send the specs so we could get it advertised in the newspaper.


Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were down considerably from last month, about half as much. He stated we collected \$8,429.31 in regulatory fees from the prior month and out of that amount the county paid \$1,391.07 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales. Magistrate Garner asked if we had to vote every year on the amount we paid to the City of Jamestown to which Judge Robertson replied it was done by the ordinance.

Magistrate Garner stated it had been discussed in the road committee meeting about looking into a possible ordinance on logging and concrete trucks destroying the roads however, they were going to ask County Attorney Shearer to look into this for them and present it at the next meeting.

Judge Robertson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURN:** Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6.34p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer