

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday December 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Magistrates Mickey Garner, Ronald Johnson, Steve Richardson, Larry Holt, County Attorney Kevin Shearer and County Treasurer Kim Fenske. Magistrate Terry Waddell was absent.

WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER: Judge Robertson welcomed those present and led everyone in the pledge followed by a prayer by Brother Phillip Miller.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the November 8, 2021 regular meeting and the called meeting on November 12, 2021. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve all the minutes with Magistrate Garner 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 Garner made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$399.29; Nurse Visits \$104.95; HB 452 two checks \$894.59; HB 556 \$4,112.00; GED Reimbursement two checks \$300.00; State Inmate Housing \$58,511.78; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$9,617.42; Old Bills \$30.00; Booking Fees \$2,236.58; Vending Commission \$25.40; Phone Commission \$3,146.46; Reimbursement \$367.09; Per Diem \$2,479.20; Interest \$26.01 for a total income of \$82,250.77. The expenses were \$206,682.12 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$124,431.35). The average inmates for the month was 109. There was 173 hours overtime. As of today there are 64 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 39 from Russell County for a total of 106 inmates. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided the sheriff's report for the month of October. He stated there were 560 911 calls for service; 51 arrests; 26 mental health transports; 31 criminal summons; 74 court paper served; and 1,276 court security transport miles and 41 vehicle inspections. Sheriff Polston stated his office had collected \$2,015,241.98 in property taxes during the month of November. Sheriff Polston also mentioned his office did not get the COPS grant for the SRO at Jamestown Elementary so he wanted to make them aware his office would need the approved funding for that officer. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Sheriff Polston presented his amended 2021 budget for approval which incorporated the CARES money his office received. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the amended budget with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Sheriff Polston presented his amended 2021 maximum salaries for deputies. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the amended 2021 Maximum Salaries for Deputies with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Lastly Sheriff Polston stated while at the Sheriff's conference he was informed of some language that needed to be changed on the bonds for himself. He went on to state County Attorney Shearer had reviewed the language as well. He asked to court for their approval to incorporate said language in the bonds. Magistrate Garner approved the new bond language with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,978,329.87; Road \$59,856.97; Jail \$104,404.46; LGEA \$9,223.72; ASAP \$139,543.17; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$4,202.37; Tourism \$13,635.32; Dispatch \$142,269.59; Airport \$117,467.27; Airport Project \$11,081.71; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$51,846.55; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$95,439.50; ARPA \$1,750,508.73 for a total of \$4,489,910.44. 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 Richardson

made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

1st READING ORDINANCE 21-07 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 January 10, 2022 meeting.

PAY PULASKI COUNTY \$13,375.00 FOR REGIONAL SHELTER: Judge Robertson stated we contract with Pulaski County for our regional dog shelter. We pay them \$13,375.00 every six months and it's time to pay them again. He stated this is a budgeted item but needs fiscal court approval to pay the bill. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay Pulaski County with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Judge Robertson stated we follow the states holiday schedule but the actual days had not been updated on the state website yet so we didn't have the specific days as of right now. He went on to state we could go ahead and vote since we will be following whatever specific days they assign. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the state holiday schedule with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RC SHERIFF –2022 BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE & STATE ADVANCEMENT: Sheriff Polston presented his 2022 budget, advancement and maximum salaries for his deputies to the fiscal court. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the 2022 budget with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The maximum salaries for deputies was presented. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the \$650,000.00 maximum salaries for the deputies with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Sheriff Polston lastly presented the state advancement. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the \$375,000.00 state advancement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RC CLERK – 2022 BUDGET & SALARY SCHEDULE: County Clerk Brockman presented to the court the 2022 budget for the clerk's office. Judge Robertson stated the budget was \$5,000,000.00 and \$130,000.00 was projected in excess fees. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the 2022 budget for the clerk's office with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The 2022 maximum salaries was presented to the court for the clerk's deputies. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the 2022 maximum salaries of \$300,000.00 for the deputies with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the grants fund for the CBDG Utility Assistance grant. Treasurer Fenske added this type of grant was one that had to be paid up front and then we would receive the reimbursement. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated he had been contacted by a resident up in the Sano area that had agreed to allow a lease on his property to set up a Mesonet weather station on his property. He stated this was in the initial phases and would not impact our current budget but could in next year's budget. He went on to explain the county does not have one of these weather station so we could benefit from this. He also stated we would need to get approval from the fiscal court to budget for the maintenance of this weather station. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to move forward with budgeting funds in the 2023 budget for the maintenance of the Mesonet weather station with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated the fiscal court had previously agreed to move Harley Davidson over from seasonal to full time at the recycling department and this has created the need for a backup person for the dog warden. He stated we had another open slot at the recycle center and a former employee had submitted his application for rehire. Skylar Luttrell had worked for the county in litter abatement previously and had served as back up for the dog warden. Judge Robertson made the recommendation we hire Skylar Luttrell for the open position at the recycle center and dog warden back up. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated he had been made aware WJRS was hosting a "radio-a-thon" to help support the disaster efforts that had resulted from the tornados in Graves County and Mayfield. He said he knew the Hospital was donating and he

would like to bring it before the court for us to donate \$5,000.00 as well. Magistrate Richardson stated he thought it was a great thing and made the motion to donate the \$5,000.00 with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes. Treasurer Fenske stated they were both just name changes and both were in District 2. She said the first was Ollie Mann West Road was being changed to Ollie Mann Road. Magistrate Garner said he didn't know where the "West" came from and made the motion to make the change to Ollie Mann Road. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous. Fenske stated the second road to be changed was Bells Road to Bell Road. Again, Magistrate Garner stated he thought the road name all along was Bell Road. He made a motion to make the change from Bells Road to Bell Road. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated October was the sales month which was collected in the month of November. He stated sales were down considerably and we had collected \$9,777.85 for the month and of that amount we had paid \$1,395.42 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales.

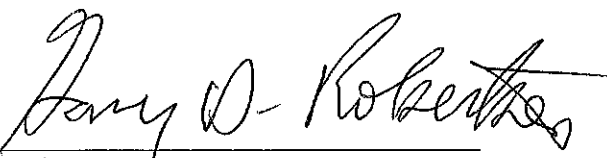
Judge Robertson stated Magistrate Waddell was absent from the meeting tonight because he was taking a load of supplies to the victims of the tornado in Graves County. He stated Magistrate Waddell had also taken a load yesterday to Taylor County. He also stated he had been contacted by KACo who is compiling a list of what personnel and equipment each county has in case the need arises in the future to help with the cleanup over in western Kentucky. Judge Robertson stated he felt the court should go ahead and vote to offer our assistance in case the need did arise. Magistrate Garner made the motion for the county to help with personnel and equipment if needed. Magistrate Richardson seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson gave an update on the status of the snow plow and salter equipment to the court. Magistrate Holt added the road committee had discussed the option of purchasing a broom for one of the trucks. Magistrate Garner also added Lewis Connor would get an estimate and bring it back to the court. Magistrate Holt made the motion for Lewis Connor to pursue the pricing of the broom with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

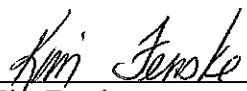
Magistrate Richardson stated he had heard from some of the employees asking about the premium pay from the ARPA money. Judge Robertson stated he had been in contact with Ross Sinclair on this and he was waiting to hear from them on whether we could do this or not. He also stated he was aware other counties were doing this but he wanted to wait for a response from RSA since that's why we hired them.

Judge Robertson stated Mr. Brack Flanagan had signed in to speak to the court about the water issue on Ramsey Creek Road. Mr. Flanagan asked what the status was on the applications that Jamestown Mayor Nick Shearer had submitted. Judge Robertson explained to him since the county wasn't in the water business the information he was seeking needed to come from Mayor Shearer's office.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk