

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday December 14, 2020 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, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, 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 Rick Neff.

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the November 9, 2020 regular meeting and the November 24, 2020 called meeting. Magistrate Holt made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Johnson 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.

**INSURANCE RENEWAL DISCUSSION:** Judge Robertson stated at the special called meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>, both KACo and our local agent had submitted proposals for health insurance. Both organizations then presented their options for the dental insurance. KACo made the recommendation to stay with the local provider because what he could provide would be more expensive. Sharon Hill, the local agent stated her rates for the dental were locked in for a 2 year period. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to leave the dental insurance with the local agent. The motion was seconded by Magistrate Waddell. The roll call was unanimous. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to go with KACo for the health and vision insurance. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$300.82; Nurse Visits \$63.33; State Inmate Housing \$49,673.90; Other County Inmate Housing \$3,801.47; Old Bills \$48.81; Booking Fees \$1,317.52; Phone Commission \$2,978.81; Per Diem \$2,579.52; Interest \$48.11; for a total income of \$60,812.29. The expenses were \$196,325.20 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$135,512.91). The average inmates for the month was 91. There was 92 hours overtime. As of today there are 57 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 52 from Russell County for a total of 112 inmates. Magistrate Garner 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 598 calls for service; 19 arrests; 9 mental health transports; 49 Criminal Summons; 131 court paper served; 3,291 court security transport miles; and 78 vehicle inspections. He stated his office collected \$951,457.89 tax bills from November 1 through November 30. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,656,274.05; Road \$406,641.83; Jail \$383,134.97; LGEA \$8,032.90; ASAP \$119,912.34; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$0; Tourism \$12,614.40; Dispatch \$105,226.72; Airport \$79,379.62; Airport Project \$5,925.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$56,666.63; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$74,925.29 for a total of \$2,920,835.17. 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 AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE 20-06 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the budget amendment with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Judge Robertson stated we had the Holiday schedule for 2021. 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 18; ½ day on April 2; May 31 July 5; September 6; November 11; November 25 & 26; December 23 & 24; December 30 & 31. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the 2021 holiday schedule with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RC SHERIFF – 2021 BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE & STATE ADVANCEMENT:** Sheriff Polston presented his 2021 budget, advancement and maximum salaries for his deputies to the fiscal court. He stated the budget was a mirror of his 2020 budget. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the 2021 budget with Magistrate Johnson 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 Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The maximum salaries for deputies was presented. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the \$585,000.00 maximum salaries for the deputies with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RC CLERK – 2021 BUDGET & SALARY SCHEDULE:** Deputy Clerk Ruth Hill presented to the court the 2021 budget for the clerk's office. Judge Robertson stated the budget was \$4,079,000.00 and \$44,000.00 was projected in excess fees. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the 2021 budget for the clerk's office with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The 2021 maximum salaries was presented to the court for the clerk's deputies. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the 2021 maximum salaries of \$285,000.00 for the deputies with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 20-12:** Judge Robertson stated we had been asked by KMA and KCJEA to pass this resolution which is asking legislatures to pass a much needed increase to the gas tax to help address the decline in monies the state allocated to us for County Road Aid. Magistrate Holt made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-10 with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

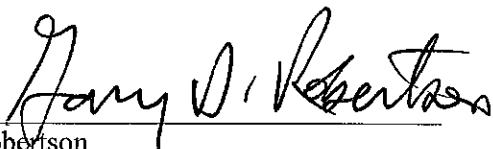
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were down and we had collected \$12,204.14 for the month of October sales and of that amount we had paid \$2,953.15 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales.

Judge Robertson stated Russell Springs City Clerk Chris Ramsey and Attorney David Smith had signed in to address the court. Mr. Ramsey asked the court to agree to give the City of Russell Springs a 30 foot right of way on West Drive. He asked the county to allow the portion of West Drive that was considered in the county to be taken in as a city street so they could handle the necessary work to be done to the water lines. This would affect the .711 mile of the street now shown as a county road. Mr. Ramsey stated no residents would be affected and they were only taking in the street itself and that once the ordinance was voted on, the city would be responsible for maintaining the entire street of West Drive. Magistrate Richardson made a motion give the city the right of way with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson announced to everyone that today, December 14, 2020 was Russell County's 195<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ADJOURN:** Magistrate Johnson made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

  
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Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive

  
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Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk