

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 10, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday August 10, 2020 at 6:00 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 Curt Hill.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the July 13, 2020 regular meeting and the July 24, 2020 called meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Waddell 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 (2 checks) \$740.95; Nurse Visits (2 checks) \$165.84; State Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$110,724.22; Old Bills (2 checks) \$139.50; Booking Fees (2 checks) \$4,008.99; Vending Commission \$16.75; Per Diem (2 checks) \$4,712.46; Social Security \$600.00; Allotment FY21 \$42,242.93; Phone Commission \$2,699.89; Local Corrections Assist \$7,785.55; HB 413 \$909.77; HB 452 \$169.96; Reimbursement \$629.09; DUI Fees \$993.60; Transfer from ABC \$15,000.00; Transfer from General \$374,242.00; Other County Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$5,320.38; Interest \$54.57; Prior Year Carryover \$233,914.34 for a total income of \$815,070.79. The expenses were \$190,970.78 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$624,100.01. Difference from receipts to expenses without the prior year carryover and transfers from general and ABC was \$943.67. The average inmates for the month was 98. There was 25 hours overtime. As of today there are 54 state inmates, 5 from Clinton County and 30 from Russell County for a total of 89 inmates. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of July. He stated there were 924 calls for service; 21 arrests; 6 mental health transports; 56 Criminal Summons; 201 court paper served; 1,950 court security transport miles; 1 drug search warrant executed with arrests and 54 vehicle inspections. He stated he was pleased to announce his office was able to donate some LED grow lights to the Russell County High School Agriculture Department from confiscated property which was worth about \$400.00. His office was also able to donate a telescope, also from confiscated property to the Russell County High School Science Department worth approximately \$600.00. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$760,111.52; Road \$223,735.16; Jail \$634,100.01; LGEA \$9,483.49; ASAP \$124,841.36; Grants \$0.00; Tourism \$28,738.61; Dispatch \$94,517.92; Airport \$83,334.33; Airport Project \$5,291.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$43,509.92; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$43,228.04 for a total of \$2,052,992.78. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance and 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.

TRANSFER \$122,993.64 FROM ROAD TO GENERAL TO CORRECT DEPOSIT ERROR FROM STATE: Judge Robertson asked to transfer \$122,993.64 from the Road fund to the General fund to correct a deposit error. He stated this was a reimbursement from FEMA on the D Mann Road slide and we had paid that out of the general fund and not the road fund. Therefore, we need to put the money back into the fund it was paid from. Magistrate Johnson made the motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SET 2020 COUNTY TAX RATES: Judge Robertson stated the rates are: Real Estate 6.7 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value; Tangible, Aircraft and Documented Watercraft 9.2 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value. He stated we could take the compensating rate of 6.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value or if we had a public hearing it could be at 7.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value. He asked what the courts feeling on the issue was. He stated the tax rates had remained the same since 1994. Magistrate Johnson stated he felt the rates should remain the same and made that into a motion. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TAX RATES: Judge Robertson stated he needed to share the Russell County Health Department tax rates as these had been voted on earlier in the year and it was required by law for the rates to be presented and shared with the fiscal court. He stated the rates did not change and were still set at 4.5 for Real Estate, 4.5 for Tangible Property and 4.5 for Watercraft per \$100 of assessed value.

INTERLOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT – RC FISCAL COURT & CITY OF JAMESTOWN: Judge Robertson explained this was something we do every year with both the City of Jamestown and the City of Russell Springs. He stated we had already done the inter-local road agreement with the City of Russell Springs and he recommended we go ahead and enter into the agreement with Jamestown as well. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

E911 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson stated we had the E911 Inter-Local agreement between the Fiscal Court, the two cities and the Ambulance Board. He stated the Ambulance Board had settled up last year and were on board again with helping to provide their support along with both cities. He stated the court would vote on this and then the two cities as well as the ambulance board and each of those entities would be paying \$25,000 and the fiscal court pays the balance to fund the 911 Dispatch. He made the recommendation the court sign the agreement. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the agreement and Magistrate Johnson seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

ROCKET DOCKET – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RENEWAL: Mr. Leveridge gave an overview on how the program works and provided an update. He also stated the pandemic had definitely affected everything and the numbers in the report were fairly conservative. The report showed there were 51 participants, 11,307 days saved which amounts to \$287,807.00. He also presented a Memorandum of Understanding that agrees for his office to provide the service from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 for the amount of \$33,366.00. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the MOU with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were up a bit and we had collected \$17,633.49 for the month of June sales and of that amount we had paid \$2,258.79 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales.

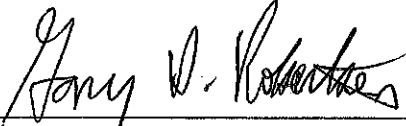
Judge Robertson announced to the court there would be a free covid 19 drive through testing on Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Lake Cumberland Medical Arts building. He stated it was being sponsored by Russell County Hospital, Russell County Emergency Management and Russell County Health Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810: Judge Robertson stated he needed a motion to go into Executive session per KRS 61.810. Motion was made by Magistrate Garner with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated he needed a motion to come out of Executive Session and go back to regular session. Motion was made by Magistrate Holt with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated no action was taken in executive session.

Judge Robertson asked if anyone had anything else to discuss. Magistrate Waddell stated he had several folks call him and try to thank him for the work done down at Greasy Creek and Rowena Ferry. He wanted to let everyone know that Magistrate Garner was responsible for those projects and he commended him on them.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Garner seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk