RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 13, 2017
6:00 P.M.

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Russell County Courthouse. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Pat Loy, Ronald Johnson, Steve Richardson, Larry Holt, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, Assistant County Attorney Don Byrom, Deputy County Judge Executive Chris Ramsey 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 Brother Craig Huddleston.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the February 13, 2017 meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Also presented were the minutes from the special called meeting on February 21, 2017. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Loy 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 Holt made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-Pays $168.97; Nurse Visits $50.44; HB 452 $605.55; Housing State Inmates $61,802.48; Clinton County Inmate Housing $7,408.72; Booking Fees $2,783.85; Old Bills $321.41; Fee Claim $149.33; Phone Commission $4,052.69; Per Diem $2,931.17; Co Attny Traffic School $117.39; Interest $83.22 for a total income of $80,475.22. The expenses were $144,788.51 which makes a difference of income and expenses ($64,313.29). The average inmates for the month were 152. There was 12 hours overtime. As of today there are 67 state inmates, 9 from Clinton County, and 71 from Russell County for a total of 147 inmates. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Jailer Dunbar stated he had researched the bids more in detail for home incarceration which was presented at the February 13, 2017 meeting. He recommended we try this for a one year period with the option to opt out of the contract with a 30 day notice in writing to either party. He also recommended we go with the bid from Premier Integrity Solutions. Magistrate Johnson made the motion to accept Jailer Dunbar's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Jailer Dunbar presented the 2017-2018 detention center budget to the fiscal court. No vote was required.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General $1,344,730.19; Road $1,227,439.29; Jail $811,774.59; LGEA $7,618.60; ASAP $95,049.05; Grants $0.00; Tourism $4,666.61; Dispatch $114,666.80; Airport $51,724.07; Airport Project $60,019.56; DFC $12,101.21; Airport Board $34,057.61; ABC $31,840.69 for a total of $3,795,688.27. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

AE TRANSFERS: Judge Robertson stated we needed to do the AE transfers. Treasurer Fenske stated a copy of the needed transfers were in the packets prepared for the fiscal court and this was just an accounting necessity that needed to be done. Magistrate Holt made a motion to approve the transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PRE-APPROVAL FOR QUARTER END AE TRANSFERS: Judge Robertson stated there may be more transfers needing to be done at the end of the month since this was the end of a quarter. He asked for the courts pre-approval to do any AE transfer needed at month end. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to approve any quarter end needed AE transfers with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2nd READING ORDINANCE 17-02 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS: Judge Robertson stated we had the 2nd reading of the ordinance 17-02 concerning the refunding of the Detention Center bonds. Bryan Skinner & Wendell Emerson from Ross Sinclair addressed the court again to explain the savings that could be gained by moving forward with the refunding which in their estimate could amount to $161,463.00 which would come back directly to the county. Judge Robertson read the ordinance. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to adopt the ordinance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

KEVIN WILLIAMS – RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTER: Judge Robertson stated Mr. Kevin Williams, a Russell County native was here to speak before the court. Mr. Williams came before the court to share with them a charity that was very near and dear to his heart. He stated it was known as "Kevin's Kids" which is a collaboration between himself and the Russell County School Resource Center. He stated this would be the 4th year for the benefit concert/fundraising event and all proceeds would benefit the children of Russell County. He urged the court and everyone in attendance to make a pledge or perhaps be a sponsor. He stated the concert would take place on April 29, 2017 at 6:00pm at the First Baptist Church in Russell Springs.

TRACY TAYLOR & KAYLA FRYE – KY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION RURAL & SECONDARY ROADS: Kayla Frye from the KY Dept. of Transportation presented the court with Rural Secondary Road Allocation Report for Russell County. Ms. Frye stated the recommended road improvements that would be done by the state are KY379 – Old Olga-Olga Rd for 1.88 miles of asphalt resurfacing, KY 619 – Hayes Chapel Road for 1.014 miles of asphalt resurfacing, KY 3278 Rexroat Butcher Road for .516 miles of asphalt resurfacing and KY 1058 Creelsboro-Bryan Road for 1.623 miles of asphalt resurfacing for a total of 5.033 of asphalt resurfacing. Ms. Frye stated the Flex Funds allocated for the county have been set at $250,578.00. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DR. MILES – NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM: Dr. Miles came before the court and presented a multitude of facts and statistics on the need to implement the needle exchange program. He stated it was not about promoting drug addiction but about stopping the spread of diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C that is running rampant because needles are being shared. He stated he understood the hesitation or the "push back" from folks when the subject was discussed but he stated from a financial prospective and for the health of the community it made sense because tax payers are the ones ultimately paying for the healthcare of all the folks being infected with either HIV or Hep C. The magistrates asked many questions regarding the program and explained their reluctance for support which was coming from their constituents. After a thorough discussion Judge Robertson stated there was no need for an ordinance or resolution on this issue, it just needed the blessing or approval from the fiscal court to pursue with the program. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to approve the program with Magistrate Holt seconding. Roll call was Magistrate Waddell – Yes; Magistrate Loy – Yes; Magistrate Johnson – No; Magistrate Richardson – No; Magistrate Holt – Yes. The motion passed 3-2.

TRANSFER $32,027.17 FROM 911 DISPATCH TO GENERAL: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer $32,027.17 from the 911 account to the general to correct an error where the Commonwealth of KY made an automatic deposit into the wrong account. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER $17,903.00 FROM GENERAL TO GRANTS FOR 911 CONSOLE GRANT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer $17,903.00 from the general to the grants account for the console grant. HM Bottom stated we had this grant for the consoles for 911 dispatch and we needed to order the equipment and pay the initial deposit on the equipment and get it ordered. Once installed we would pay the balance and then we would be reimbursed for all the funds when we closed out the grant. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to transfer the money and pay the bill with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER $28,649.00 FROM AIRPORT GENERAL TO AIRPORT PROJECT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer $28,649.00 from the airport general account to the airport project account to cover their local share for all the grant projects that are being completed. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESCUE SQUAD AFFILIATION AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson stated we have the affiliation agreement to renew with the rescue squad which is Executive Order 17-01. He stated this is something we do each year and nothing had been

changed. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the agreement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

LANDFILL AGREEMENT EXTENSION: Judge Robertson stated he had a letter from Mr. Mitchell Morgan of Morgan Sanitation stating he would like to extend the landfill agreement as per the agreement for an additional 5 year period. The initial agreement was valid for a 10 year period and was due to expire in April 2017. The agreement terms state the agreement can be renewed for an additional 5 year period upon written notification and agreement between the parties. Judge Robertson recommended we agree to the extension. Magistrate Holt made a motion to extend the agreement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Judge Robertson stated we would have a budget committee meeting later this month and he wanted to appoint Magistrate Holt and Magistrate Johnson for the committee. He stated last year Magistrate Waddell and Magistrate Richardson were on the committee and the year prior to that was Magistrate Loy & Magistrate Johnson. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the budget committee appointments with Magistrate Loy seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

ETHICS BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson stated our county administrative code has an ethics committee/board and the current board members term will be expiring on April 13, 2017. He stated that each appointment could only be appointed for 2 terms and then would have to step down. He stated he needed to appoint new members to the committee and these recommended appointments did not come from himself but from the County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Jailer and the Chamber of Commerce. The recommended appointments that were provided to him were Todd Whittle, Adam Stille, Eric West, Jeff Padilla (who is currently serving his first term) and Michael B. Foley of W. Wilson Road. He stated the terms for these appointments would be a 4 year term beginning 4/13/17 – 4/13/22. He thanked board members Regina Hinton (Chairperson), Mike Bradshaw, Daniel Wilson & Larry Snow for their service to the board. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the recommended names for the ethic board with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

CLOSURE OF COUNTY ROAD HOPPER LANE: Judge Robertson stated he believed Magistrate Loy had a closure of a road. Magistrate Loy stated he needed to close Hopper Lane CR-1483 which was off of Hurricane Branch Road. He stated he had received a letter from resident Clint Voils requesting the closure because Mr. Voils owned all the surrounding property and no one else would be affected by the closure. Magistrate Loy stated all required notices had been published and 2 objective viewers along with the County Road Foreman had reviewed the closure. Magistrate Loy made the motion to close Hopper Lane and take it off the county road list with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson asked HM Bottom to come forward to speak about the free dump day. HM came before the court and stated we'd done the free dump day for several years now and he'd like to do it again this year. He stated last year the turnout was the largest he'd ever seen and we had about 200 tons of trash taken out of the county. He also stated we had about $13,000 set aside for the free dump day and we went over that just because of the volume of trash taken in. He stated it's hard to figure out exactly how much it's going to cost us but we have money set aside in the budget to do it. He stated if the court would agree to do it again this year he'd like to have it the first part of April. Magistrate Johnson made the motion to have the free dump day again this year with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

HM Bottom also reminded the court the Weather Spotter's class would be held again in the courthouse tomorrow night, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Judge Robertson presented the figures for the regulatory fees collected from the sale of alcohol. He stated in the month of February the county had collected $5,147.76 in regulatory fees and paid out $1,432.17 of those fees to the City of Jamestown as per the terms of the inter-local agreement.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Loy made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Gary D. Robertson

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County Judge Executive

Kim Fenske

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County Treasurer