

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday November 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Russell County Courthouse. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Magistrates Greg Popplewell, Brook Cochran, Ronald Johnson, Jimmy McQueary, Larry Holt, Assistant County Attorney Don Byrom, Deputy County Judge Executive Chris Ramsey and County Treasurer Kathy Tupman.

WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER: Judge Robertson welcomed all those present and led everyone in the pledge followed by a prayer by Dennis Price.

Judge Robertson recognized the Russell County Laker Band on their success at winning the state competition for their division. Judge Robertson proclaimed November 6, 2014 as "Russell County High School Mighty Laker Marching Band Day".

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the October 13, 2014 meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Popplewell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PAY BILLS: Judge Robertson submitted a list of bills to be approved. Magistrate McQueary made a motion to pay the bills. Magistrate Holt seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Local Corrections Assistance \$6885.87; Prescription & Medical co-pays & reimbursement \$377.56; HB 452 \$369.02; State Inmates \$54,406.24; Social Security \$400.00; HB413 \$2,202.30; Clinton County Housing \$4,925.43; Cumberland County Housing \$87.00; Booking Fees \$1,987.57; Fee Claim \$171.73; Phone Commission \$2,668.77; Per Diem \$649.76; Arrest Fees \$40.00; Interest \$59.29 for a total income of \$75,230.54. The expenses were \$108,396.77 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$33,166.23). The average inmates for the month were 104. There were 11 ½ hours overtime. As of today there are 58 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County, and 29 from Russell County for a total of 90. Magistrate Popplewell made a motion to accept the jail report with Magistrate McQueary seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT: Treasurer Tupman read the totals of each fund: General \$1,652,050.37; Road \$723,747.76; Jail \$507,806.38; LGEA \$3,105.06; ASAP \$45,843.46; Grants \$0.00; Tourism \$3,773.41; Dispatch \$128,201.21; Airport \$26,008.75; Airport Project \$33,830.7503; DFC \$12,101.21 for a total of \$3,146,468.36. The quarterly Financial Statement, Reconciliation, Encumbrances and Liabilities reports were presented and are in balance. Magistrate McQueary made a motion to approve with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

REED STREIGEL – DISCUSSION ON COURTESY RAMP AT PLEASANT HILL: Mr. Streigel came before the court asking for the courts support and assistance to approve & submit plans for a courtesy dock to be located at the Pleasant Hill Boat Ramp. This would entail the court to prepare a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers stating our approval of such dock and submitting that letter along with his preliminary plans. Magistrate Popplewell made a motion to move forward with the preparation of the letter with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

NICK BERTRAM –GRANT APPLICATION: Deputy Bertram explained that the Sheriff's Office had applied for a Technology Grant in the amount of \$25,000. If the grant is awarded this would be a pass thru with the Fiscal Court agreeing to be the fiscal agent. Magistrate McQueary made a motion to accept the grant application with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 14-06 – BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CDBG FOR DR. SCHNEIDER EXPANSION PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Treasurer Tupman read the budget amendment and explained that we are getting \$1,000,000.00 CDBG grant for the Dr. Schneider expansion project. She also explained we

received \$412,362.00 in discretionary road funds. No vote is required at this time. The second reading will be at the December meeting.

Judge Robertson explained that Kathy Tupman would be resigning as County Treasurer effective December 31, 2014. He recommended the court to hire Kim Fenske to train as an Administrative Assistant under the Treasurer until the new appointment would be made for her to assume the Treasurer position on January 1, 2015. Magistrate McQueary made a motion to make the hire with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

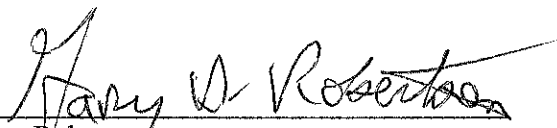
Magistrate Holt made a motion to take in Conner Road which is off of Hwy 619 and is two tenths of a mile in length. Magistrate Popplewell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Magistrate Popplewell explained he has a safety issue on Bowman Chrisman Road. Currently there is a blind curve which restricts visibility when entering the road. Resident Kuthbert Eastham owns a piece of property and has agreed to deed the property so the road can be straightened and the entrance to the road has visibility in both directions. Magistrate Popplewell made the motion to change the entrance with Magistrate McQueary seconding. The roll call was unanimous.


Judge Robertson announced that he had asked Neil Dalton to replace Charlie Blankenship on the Hospital Board for the remainder of Mr. Blankenship's term through December 31, 2014 and for a full 4 year term beginning on January 1, 2015. Mr. Dalton has agreed to do this and Judge Robertson recommended the court accept the recommendation for the appointment. Magistrate Holt made the motion to accept the recommendation and Magistrate Johnson seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

Resident David McGowan came before the court to discuss his loss of rental revenue due to the issue of the A & S Protein facility located in close proximity to his rental property. Judge Robertson explained that this issue did not fall under the Fiscal Court's responsibility.

ADJOURN: Magistrate McQueary made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Popplewell seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kathy Tupman
Fiscal Court Clerk