

RC Fiscal Court | Monthly meeting

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The monthly meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court was held on Monday, June 10th. The financial report was read by Kim Fenske, County Treasurer and approved by the Court. The ending balances for May 31, 2019 were: Payroll \$0, General \$1,620,125.64, Road \$450,746.07, Jail \$636,418.65, LGEA \$8,158.63, ASAP \$97,853.52, Grants \$29,241.00, Tourism \$8,567.44, Dispatch \$144,295.50, Airport Project \$70,575.98, DFC \$12,101.21, Airport Board \$48,441.04, ABC \$43,263.17. The total of all funds was \$3,209,450.65.

A motion was made to pay current and past bills.

Jailer Bobby Dunbar presented the court with the May RC Detention Center report. The average inmate population was 145. They received a refund check from Southern Health Partners for \$1,315.77. The receipts totaled were \$80,333.07; the expenses were 155,664.30. Dunbar reported two staff members were sent at no cost to the county for MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) training, which is to be implemented after completion. Dunbar also commended Deputy Jailer Melissa McGowan who was awarded the Medal of Honor, Deputy of the Year at the Kentucky Jailers' Association Conference last week.



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County Attorney Kevin Shearer elaborates on the ABC fund policies.

Sheriff Derek Polston addressed the Court on grants that Susan Melton will be trying to get approved from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. The grant's purpose will be used for the Rowena ramp on the Clinton County side, which would shorten the travel time for officers. Polston requested approval to apply for this grant; and, a motion was made and passed. Polston then requested approval to apply for a grant to get three 4-wheel drive Dodge trucks, with hopes to have them before winter. Freedom Dodge offered the lowest bid at \$25,674 on average for each vehicle. Plus, equipping fees, the totals would be \$96,825 each based on a fixed rate of 4.25% interest over a six-year term. A motion was made and approved to apply for said grant. For the month of May the Sheriff's Department answered 652 9-1-1 calls. The department also received an overtime grant of \$10,000 to be used to pay overtime

costs. He also re-questioned the Court on the possibility of the Sheriff's Department receiving an allotted percentage of the ABC funds to use at their discretion. After much deliberation, no official decision was reached.

A motion was made and passed for approval of AE Transfers and pre-approval of fiscal end AE Transfers.

The first reading of Ordinance 19-05 and amendment to the fiscal year 18-19 annual budget was heard and approved by the Court.

The Court reviewed the Administrative Code for 2019-2020 and voted to adopt the changes presented.

For the role of County Treasurer. Judge-Executive Gary Robertson recommended that court re-appoint Kim Fenske to a four-year term. A motion was made and passed.

For the role of Emergen-

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Family, faith and favorite things

Linda P Stephens

Favorite thing Wonderful memories of my Daddy. My father loved my mother, my brother and sisters and me. He was a good provider and was never too busy to spend time with us. Daddy knew that love is spelled T-I-M-E. I thank God for my Daddy, Larry Pendley.

Every Son needs a Good Father. The influence of a good father can hardly be overemphasized. Fathers are important to daughters, but today, I'm sharing the role of fathers with their sons. Plain and simple, a boy needs a father to show him how to become a man. Boys without fathers are twice as likely to drop out of school, twice as likely to go to jail, and nearly four times as likely to need treatment for emotional and behavioral problems as boys with fathers.

I spent some time on the website of Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk and here's some of what I found.

"Boys are in trouble today primarily because their parents, and especially their dads, are distracted, overworked, harassed, exhausted, disinterested, chemically dependent, divorced, or simply unable to cope. All other problems plaguing young males flow from (or are related to) these facts of life in the twenty-first century. Chief among our concerns is the absence of masculine role modeling and mentoring that dads should be providing."

"Mothers, who also tend to be living on the ragged edge, are left to do a job for which they have had little training or experi-

ence. Having never been boys, women often have only a vague notion of how to go about rearing one. Boys are the big losers when families split apart."

"Divorce is difficult for children of both sexes but it is devastating for males. The basic problem is the lack of discipline and supervision in the father's absence and his unavailability to teach what it means to be a man. Fathers are crucial in helping boys to manage their emotions. Without the guidance and direction of a father, a boy's frustration often leads to varieties of violence and other antisocial behavior."

"Numerous researchers agree that losing a dad (or never having had one) is catastrophic for males. Thirty years ago it was believed that poverty and discrimination were primary reasons for juvenile crime and other behavioral problems. Now we know that family disruption is the real culprit. Despite all the red flags that warn us of the dangers with regard to premarital pregnancy, divorce, infidelity, and cohabitation, our culture continues to promote the liberal, "no big deal" attitudes. The results are devastating for families and children, especially boys.

Because boys spend up to 80 percent of their time with women, they don't know how to act as men when they grow up. When that happens, the relationship between the sexes is directly affected. Men become helpless and more and more like big kids.

One more thing He Never Missed A Game.

The story is told of a boy who always had to settle for second-string position. Yet his father never missed a game. After his father's death, the son, with tears in his eyes, said, "Coach, please let me start tonight. I want to play for Dad."

The coach knowing that the boy's dad never missed a game, agreed. The young man's performance on the field astounded the coach. When asked to explain his phenomenal level of achievement, he said, "Coach, I played that one for Dad. My father never missed a game, but he never saw me play --- until tonight! You see, Coach, my father was blind."

In closing, Barney Cat says, "When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart, instead of the head."

Happy Father's Day! We wish all our readers who are fathers a very happy Father's Day this Sunday. David and I had a cute little tradition between us, he always gave me a Mother's Day card and small gift and I always followed suit with a card and gift to him for Father's Day. How come you ask? "You two had no children!" Explanation: we didn't have any two-legged children but over the years, we had several four-legged children, like Deedee, Christy, Petey, Punkin, Miss Emily, Gomer, Tigger, Opie, Little Bit and of course Barney Cat. And their names were always on our cards. Even though there's no Father's Day card or gift at our house this week, we're remembering "The Dad" as he was called. Till next week.

NOTICE TO RUSSELL COUNTY TAX PAYERS

Sue Popplewell Brockman, Russell County Clerk and the Russell County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 424.330, announce that the 2018 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Times Journal on June 20, 2019.

The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the County Clerk's office located at 410 Monument Square, Room 103, Jamestown, Kentucky. This list may also be inspected on the Russell County Clerk's website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is

<http://www.russell.clerkinfo.net> . The Tax sale will be held on July 23, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m. CST. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on July 15, 2019. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration or the deposit amounts that will be needed.

Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office any time prior to the tax sale. Beginning July 9th all payments must be paid by cash. Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception. Some delinquencies, although advertised, will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at 270-343-2125.