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Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was led by Justice Couch.

The Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Cook.

Roll was called, all Justices were present.

The first order of business was approval of Quorum Court minutes from November 12, 2024. A motion to approve minutes as prepared was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

The Road Committee report was read by Justice Cline. Finance Committee report was read by Justice Longmire. Justice Cook wanted to make corrections in the finance report that he voted no to send the generator ordinance to the court.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

First on the agenda, an **Appropriation Ordinance for Hazard Mitigation Grant**. The motion to approve the ordinance as read was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Couch. Judge Day asked for questions or comments. Judge asked for the roll to be called. Motion passed, with Justice Allison and Justice Cook voting against.

Justice Allison wanted to ask Judge Day more specifically from the committee meeting. Justice Allison stated that Judge Day said it was a turnkey price, she wanted to know if there was a possibility of breaking that down and getting a quote on the generator and a quote on the electrician. Judge Day responded that it must be bid out as a project to follow state bid practices, so you really can't. To follow state bidding law, anything over \$35,000.00, is bid as a project. Legislative audit likes it better and the contractor's licensing board likes it better. From a logistical side, it's also easier to bid it out as a project so you have one person responsible for taking care of it. Justice Barnes asks if Justice Allison was asking for an itemization of expenditures. Judge Day answered no that she specifically asked to bid it out in pieces. Justice Cook asks if the state will not allow you, and if the grant was not involved you would have been allowed to buy a generator or is it because it costs over \$30,000. Judge Day responds it's over \$30,000.00.

Next item on agenda, **2025 Craighead County Operating Budget**. A motion to put this item on the floor for discussion was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Barnes. Judge Day opened up the discussion by asking the court to go to the back of the budget package and look at the last 4 pages to a cheat sheet that lists and summarizes the changes in the 2025 budget. Judge Day gave a brief explanation of the adjustments listed and answered questions. Sheriff Boyd commented on the increase of the Sheriff's Department budget requests.

After questions and comments, a motion to table the Ordinance to the next meeting was made by Justice Allison and seconded by Justice Cook. Judge Day called for the roll to be taken, and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall reminded everyone that early vote for the Jonesboro Mayor runoff starts tomorrow, Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Hours are 8-5 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Monday. No voting on Thursday or Saturday. Election day is Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

Judge Day wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

Judge Day asks about the first meeting of the New Year and whether or not they want to have a meeting on the same day of their swearing in ceremony. County Clerk Marshall says she has not heard from Judge Honeycutt yet with details. Judge Day wants to set the first meeting on January 1, 2025, and will have details to share at a later time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Elwyn Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, Jonesboro, wanted to mention that there are 70 counties smaller than Craighead and they have a decent county fair. We need to work on that, and it is important. Next thing he states, we need to be preparing and putting a lot of thought into making a plan that will pass with a special election in May to take care of the jail facility.

Motion to adjourn was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Noel. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.