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Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Invocation was led by Don Blackmore from Central Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

Roll was called. Justice Forrest, Cline and Barnes were absent.

First order of business was the approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2025, meeting. Justice Forrest made the motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded the motion. Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Craighead County Juvenile Detention Center Department of Public Safety Review was presented by Sheriff Marty Boyd. He stated that the jail is in compliance with the review commission.

2024 Craighead County Detention Center Department of Public Safety Review was presented by Sheriff Marty Boyd. He speaks on the overcrowding issues and the adjustments they make to accommodate. He then states that the jail is in compliance with the review commission. He talks about the kitchen remodel at the jail that was presented to the Quorum Court a couple weeks ago and states it is taking longer than projected because of some extra issues/repairs they have run into in the process. He advises the Quorum Court that as of last week they have ended the 309 Program at the jail.

Judge Day asks Sheriff Marty Boyd to shed more light on the bottom section about the jail, talking about the releasing of certain inmates to help the overcrowding issue. Also stating that many inmates are booked and then immediately released.

Sheriff Marty Boyd states that basically any misdemeanor crime that comes into the jail is booked in and booked out almost immediately with exception of violent misdemeanor crime or DWI. The reasoning for this goes back again to the overcrowding issue.

Justice Myers asks if the violent people are being held longer, and higher bonds set so they will stay in jail.

Sheriff Marty Boyd states that his hopes for the additional beds opening are so that District Court will have more options for sentencing on the misdemeanor offenses. He states that

PUBLIC COMMENT

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James Owen Hines, 508 Ridgecrest Jonesboro 72401, stated he hates paying taxes especially to build a jail. He sees the need though with people still committing crimes. He suggested that if we try to pass the jail tax again that the Justices go out and speak with their constituents and in detail explain to them the need for a newer bigger jail for our growing county.

Spencer May 2012 Timber Trails, with the Active Citizens group from Jonesboro High School approached to speak about their program and why they were at the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn to committee's was made by Justice Tennison and seconded by Justice Longmire. Meeting Adjourned at 5:59pm