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

Invocation was led by Dean Warren with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was done and roll was called. All were present.

First order of business was the approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting. Justice Williams made the motion to approve and Justice Pasmore seconded the motion. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

Second order of business is a Special Committee Report from the Finance meeting. The minutes were read by Justice Longmire.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Annual report of Hot Check program read by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Charlene Davidson in accordance with ACA 16-21-120(c). Justice Myers asked if we would still be able to get a hot check taken care of. Ms. Davidson stated that yes if you receive a hot check, take it to local police department or sheriff's office and it will be prosecuted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day asked if there were any announcements.

Judge Day stated that the Sheriff notified him today that there will be significant renovations in the kitchen at the jail starting 2/17/2025 and that while this is going on the inmates will be served cold meals only for the 4-5 days. He stated that they as Quorum Court members may get calls about this and that is why he is making them aware ahead of time.

Judge Day then stated the court room expansion is set to be open for business the first week of March.

There were no other announcements and no public comment.

Motion to Adjourn to committees was made by Justice Couch and seconded by Justice Forrest. Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/10/2025

Time: 5:41 PM

Call to Order:

Justice Cline called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM.

Attendance:

Justices Couch, Tennison, Barnes, and Road Superintendent John James were present.

Road Work Update:

Road Superintendent John James provided an update on ongoing road work.

Plat Review:

The committee reviewed plats for Adam Wall, Rocky Griggs, and Vergie Dorton. Justice Couch made a motion to approve the plats, seconded by Justice Tennison. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Justice Tennison moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Justice Barnes. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Public Services Committee Minutes February 10, 2025

Justice Rodgers called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:41 PM. Committee members present were Richard Rogers (Chairman), Brad Noel, Linda Allison, and Kevin Williams. Elected Officials present at the meeting were Judge Marvin Day, Sheriff Marty Boyd, County Clerk MaryDawn Marshall, and Circuit Clerk David Vaughn.

1. Agenda Item: Ordinance for Private Club Permit – Social Improvement Inc. DBA The 18 of Jonesboro

Mr. Lyons presented the request for a private club permit for Social Improvement Inc., DBA The 18 of Jonesboro. He outlined the application process, confirming that this request aligns with prior applications made in the City of Jonesboro and that the establishment intends to operate as a restaurant and private club serving alcohol.

2. Discussion and Public Comments:

- Committee members inquired about the nature of the establishment, seeking clarification on whether it would function as a restaurant or an event venue.
- Concerns were raised regarding licensing, inspections, and heating within the building.
- The establishment currently has 182 members signed up, with potential for additional members.

3. Public Opposition:

- Mr. James Owen Haines (508 Bridge, Jonesboro, AR) expressed opposition, citing past public votes maintaining Craighead County as a dry county, health concerns from alcohol consumption, and potential safety risks.
- Mr. Josh Barnes, a local business owner, voiced concerns over increased traffic hazards, noise disturbances, and potential risks to neighboring businesses and the community.

4. Additional Comments & Clarifications:

- Justice Williams had questions regarding the operational status of the establishment, indicating that events may have already taken place.
- Discussion ensued about the Alcohol Beverage Control Board's role in approving or denying permits following county approval as heard from Mr. Lyons.
- Clarification was provided that the proposed restaurant would operate from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

5. Ordinance Consideration:

The ordinance, as presented, would allow Social Improvement Inc. DBA The 18 of Jonesboro to apply for a private club permit with the Arkansas Alcohol Beverage Control Division.

8. Motion and Decision:

No motion was made to approve the ordinance. As a result, the ordinance did not proceed and died on the table.

9. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Allison. Meeting adjourned.

Finance Committee Minutes 12-10-2025

Justice Josh Longmire called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM. Those present included Justice Dan Pasmore, Justice Darrel Cook, and Justice Rick Myers. Craighead County Collector Wes Eddington was also in attendance.

Collector Wes Eddington provided an update on tax collections. The total tax collected for 2024 increased by 6.3%. Due to the absence of a December report last month, the January 2025 collection included data from both months. The total receipts collected in January 2025 for the 2024 tax year amounted to \$619,000, reflecting an \$88,000 increase from the \$530,000 collected in January 2024.

Treasurer Terry McNatt was unable to attend the meeting. However, financial reports were distributed to all committee members. Members were encouraged to review the documents and direct any questions to Treasurer McNatt at their convenience.

The committee reviewed an appropriation ordinance to amend the 2025 budget and add Fund 3520 for the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant for the Sheriff's Department. A motion was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Cook to read the ordinance by title only. The motion carried unanimously.

The ordinance, titled "Amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to Add Fund 3530, Department 0400, DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant for the Sheriff's Department", allows for the incorporation of available funds for purchasing one density research vehicle into the 2025 Craighead County annual budget. A motion to move the ordinance to the full Quorum Court was made by Justice Darrel Cook and seconded by Justice Dan Pasmore. The motion was approved unanimously and will be presented at the next quorum court meeting.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Pasmore. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.