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

Invocation was led by Pastor Terry Watson from The Rock Church.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Darrell Cook.

Roll was called and twelve Justices of the Peace were present. Justice Noel was absent.

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First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from December 19, 2022. There were no questions or comments. A motion to accept was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

There was no OLD BUSINESS.

### NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance Setting Rules of Procedure for Quorum Court was read. A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Justice Williams. Judge Day asked if there were any questions or comments. Justice Cline brought to the Court's attention that a correction needed to be made with adding a number 3 under Article 11 for Transportation Committee. The typo error was acknowledged. Justice Cline then made a motion to amend the Ordinance by fixing the typo and Justice Couch seconded the motion. Judge Day made sure there were no questions or comments to amend and fix the typo from the Justices or the public. The Judge called for a vote and the motion to amend passed unanimously. Judge Day then brought the full motion for adoption of Ordinance by Justice Williams back to table and Justice Pasmore seconded his motion for adoption. Judge Day called for the Roll to be taken and the Ordinance passed unanimously.

A Resolution confirming mutual aid agreements concerning the distribution of fire monies was read by title only as requested by Judge Day. Judge Day stated that every year we must renew how the money is distributed. Motion to adopt Resolution was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Tennison. Judge Day asked if there were any questions or comments. Judge Day called for a vote and the Resolution was adopted. The Resolution passed unanimously.

No other business.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day stated that he was not announcing that it was Justice Williams and Sheriff Boyd's birthday.

Judge Day wanted to thank Lesli Penny and Kasey Travis for a great job done while fulfilling their appointments.

Judge Day announced that Justice Forrest has brought something up to him today that when the County does business with an official that it must be disclosed. Judge Day stated that there is no intent to hide anything, but that the county does rent a few copy machines from Forrest Office Machines. They want

to bring this to everyone's attention and that they are aware of the conflict and are handling appropriately. Judge Day wants to acknowledge to those that are new that they will verify one more time with the AAC, but the County did this a few years back and he believes that they should not have to do it again.

Last, Judge Day mentioned that Sheriff Boyd's absence tonight was to attend CID officer Ron Richardson's wife, Jody's funeral, and visitation. That she passed away on Friday of cancer and we should keep the Richardson family in our thoughts and prayers.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

James Hinds of Jonesboro wanted to thank the two appointed County officials, Lesli Penny from the County Clerk's office and Kasey Travis from the Circuit Clerk's office, for doing a tremendous job and to express the public's appreciation.

With no other public comment, Judge Day moved the Court to adjourn to committees. The motion was made by Justice Couch and seconded by everyone. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

## Road Committee minutes

1/9/2023

Chairman Steve Cline called the meeting to order at 5:56 PM. Those present were Justices Couch, Tennison, and Barnes, Road Superintendent John James, and County Judge Marvin Day.

John James gave the committee an update on road work being done and plans for the future.

The committee reviewed two plats, one for Paula Spencer, CR 664 and one for Woodland Point Subdivision. Justice Tennison made a motion to approve both plats, seconded by Justice Barnes. All were in favor.

With no other business, Justice Couch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Tennison. All were in favor, and the committee adjourned at 6:24 PM.

## Finance Committee Minutes January 9, 2023

Chairman Longmire called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:57 pm. Present were Committee members Justice Cook, Justice Pasmore, Justice Weinstock, and Justice Forrest. Also present were Justice Allison, Treasurer McNatt and Collector Eddington.

Collector Eddington presented the final tax collection report for 2022. Current tax collected is up 6.2% over 2021 and the amount of total tax collected in 2022 was \$94,913,415, which is 6.4% higher than in 2021. Justice Weinstock praised Collector Eddington for his work.

Treasurer McNatt said thank you to the committee for their work on the 2023 budget and the raises. He then reported on December's financial reports. The General Fund ended the month with \$20.3 million. The Capital Fund had \$2.7 million at month end, and the Road Fund had \$8.5 million. Turnback in December was \$348,901.96 and Treasurer McNatt said that the Legislators this session are looking at a bill that could increase the turnback amount. Sales tax collections were 8.39% higher in December than the previous year. There is 32.656% remaining in the 2022 budget.

Chairman Longmire read the Resolution to declare an exemption from competitive bidding for the Sheriff's office to purchase 4 Chevy Tahoe's. A motion to pass was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Justice Cook asked if this was already in the budget and the answer is yes. The motion passed and it will be heard by the full court at the next meeting.

Chairman Longmire read the Appropriation Ordinance to pay additional qualifying full-time Law Enforcement stipends. Justice Weinstock made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Forrest. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

Chairman Longmire read the Appropriation Ordinance for Fund 3530, FY2023 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant. Justice Pasmore made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Cook. The vote was taken, the motion passed, and the Ordinance will be heard by the full court at the next meeting.

Chairman Longmire read the Appropriation Ordinance to include prorata share of District Prosecuting Attorney's executive administrator's expense. Justice Weinstock made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Cook. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

With no other business, Justice Weinstock made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Forrest. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:14 pm.