

Topic: Quorum Court Meeting

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**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TRAINING ROOM, 511 UNION, BASEMENT, AND ZOOM**

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INVOCATION, led by:

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING’S MINUTES – February 10th, 2025

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES – Road, Public Service, and Finance

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Appropriation Ordinance to amend 2025 budget and add Fund 3520 DPS  
Public Safety Equipment Grant for Sheriff’s Department

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

## QUORUM COURT MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2025

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

The invocation was led by John Miles, First Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

The roll was taken, and all the Justices were present.

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First order of business was to approve Quorum Court minutes from January 1, 2025. Justice Barnes made the motion to approve minutes as prepared and Justice Williams seconded the motion. Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

The Road Committee report was read by Justice Cline.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2014-3 and 2020-13 for Policies and Procedures for Pay Period and Other Matters** was read. Judge Day asked for questions or comments. Roll was called and the Ordinance passed unanimously.

**Appropriation Ordinance to amend Uniform Allowance to Detention Center, Healthcare Reimbursement to Sheriff's Department, and Maintenance & Service Contracts to Homeland Security Grant Program for 2025 Budget** was read. Judge Day asked for questions or comments. Roll was called and it passed unanimously.

A **Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Barbara Weinstock** was read. Justice Cook made a motion to approve, and Justice Rogers seconded. Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously. Justice Cook thanked Justice Williams for gathering donations from the Quorum Court to be given to a charity in memory of Justice Weinstock.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

County Clerk Marshall reminded the Justices and other elected officials that their Statement of Financial Interest reports were due by January 31, 2025.

### **NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judge Day took a motion to adjourn by Justice Williams and was seconded by Justice Couch. Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

## **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.



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Director

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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**ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT AWARD  
APPROVED BUDGET**

**Award Number: 25PSEG023**

Craighead County Sheriff's Department  
511 Union, Room 119  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

CATEGORY 04: IN-CAR CAMERA	\$13,000.00
CATEGORY 14: OTHER NECESSARY EQUIPMENT (LE Vehicle)	\$52,000.00

**TOTAL AWARD: \$65,000.00**

- ❖ The following items will NOT be considered for funding and your awarded funds must not be used for these items:
  - Salaries, overtime, fringe benefits related to salaries
  - Any Specialty Court
  - Real Estate
  - Vessel or Aircraft *(except for UAS/Drones in accordance with Act 252 of 2023)*
  - Firearms
  - Construction Projects
  - Buy Money

Congratulations on your 2025 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program Award. We look forward to working with your agency to continue to improve community trust within the State of Arkansas. Please feel free to contact us by email at [dps.rpgrants@dps.arkansas.gov](mailto:dps.rpgrants@dps.arkansas.gov) or phone at (501) 618-8235 if you have any questions.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

An Ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to add Fund 3530, Department 0400, DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant - Sheriff Department for funds that have become available to Craighead County for purchasing one deputy pursuit vehicle and should be incorporated into the 2025 Craighead County Annual Operating Budget.

**SECTION 1.** That State Grant monies have become available through the Arkansas Department of Public Safety and Act 786 of 2021 and Craighead County was awarded \$65,000.00 to purchase deputy vehicle, front facing camera system, and necessary equipment to provide safety to the public and Craighead County Deputies.

**SECTION 2.** That this fund is considered to be special revenue and Fund 3530 will be created in the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to allow for accurate tracking, disbursing, and accounting of these funds and will include budget totals as described below.

<u>Fund 3530</u>		<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
Dept 0400	DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Sheriff Department (Special Revenue)	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>			
2002	Small Equipment (Less than capitalization)	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
3100	Other Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
3102	Computer Software/Support/Maintenance	\$0.00	\$990.00	\$990.00
4005	Vehicles	\$0.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00
	Total Amount Budgeted		<u>\$65,000.00</u>	\$65,000.00

There is hereby appropriated \$65,000.00 into Fund 3530, Dept 0400, DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant - Sheriff to be used to purchase new patrol vehicle for deputies. These funds shall be established in the chart of accounts by the County Treasurer and entered into the accounts payable appropriations journal by the County Clerk as described, upon passage of this appropriation ordinance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2025.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Day  
Craighead County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Dawn Marshall  
Craighead County Clerk

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