

QUORUM COURT MINUTES

07/06/2020

July 6, 2020 Quorum Court Minutes

12 Justices of the Peace were present. Justice Weinstock was absent.

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

New Business: The first order of new business was the acceptance of the resignation dated June 29, 2020 by Kade Holliday resigning from the position of Craighead County Clerk effective immediately. A copy of this resignation is attached as Addendum A. Justice Pasmore made a motion to accept the resignation and Justice Tennison seconded. Judge Day took a verbal vote and the motion unanimously passed.

The second order of business for the special called meeting was the Resolution declaring a vacancy in the Office of the County Clerk. The Deputy Clerk read the Resolution, a copy of same is attached hereto as Addendum B. There was no discussion. Justice Cline made a motion to approve the Resolution and Justice Rogers seconded. Judge Day took a verbal vote and the motion to approve unanimously passed.

Announcements: Judge Day reminded the Court that the regularly scheduled Quorum Court meeting will still be held on July 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. There were no other announcements.

Public Comment: Judge Day clarified his comments that appeared in the media. Judge Day said he is supportive of the businesses that also lost money, along with Craighead County. Judge Day stated that he did not mean that the County would attempt to financially support those businesses, only that he supports local businesses and believes when a business is profitable, it supports the community as a whole.

Ms. Patty Lack, Craighead County Citizen, asked when would the Court be appointing a new County Clerk? Ms. Lack went on to state that she thinks it should be sooner than later since there are 2 elections coming up. Ms. Lack recommended Ms. Linda Denny to be considered for the position. She went on to state that she believes Ms. Denny would be a great appointee because she has previously worked for the County before. Ms. Denny stood to say that she was present for the same reasons as Ms. Lack. She stated that she believed she should be considered because she has previous experience with employee fraud and has been an employee of the County before. Ms. Lack stated she believed with Ms. Denny it would be an easy transition for the County.

Judge Day stated that anyone who is interested can submit their letters of interest or resume to Ms. Lacey Rush, Craighead County HR Manager. Judge Day went on to state that once Ms. Rush has filtered the resumes and chosen the top candidates, she will pass those on to the Public Service committee. From that point the Public Service committee will conduct interviews and then go to the full Court for the final decision. Justice Longmire asked what would be the timeframe for submitting resumes? The deadline was set for Monday July 13, 2020 at noon.

Justice Cook asked if the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC) has been assisting Craighead County during this time? Judge Day informed the Court that not only the AAC but every state office has been assisting in any way possible. Justice Price asked when is the County looking to replace the stolen funds? Judge Day stated that regarding APERS, the process each pay period is for the County to upload a report to APERS with the amount to credit to each employee's retirement account. The payment should then be sent to APERS according to the report detail. If the payment is late or unpaid, then the County as a whole is assessed penalties and interest, but the employee is made whole. Judge Day said regarding the delinquent payments to the IRS and Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), the County is working to pay the amounts owed. Craighead County has wonderful contacts at each agency that are working with us to correct the issue.

Justice Cook asked what were the duties of the County Clerk? Justice Longmire stated that you can go online to the Secretary of State website under the elections tab and there it will show the responsibilities and duties of each elected official. Judge Day stated that those interested can visit the County website or contact the Judge's office for a full description of the position.

There was no further discussion. Justice Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Justice Price seconded. Judge Day adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING