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**QUORUM COURT MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

## November 28, 2022, Quorum Court Minutes

12 Justices of the Peace were present. Also present were, Terry McNatt, Lesli Penny, Marty Boyd, David Vaughn (Circuit Clerk Elect) and Garrett Barnes (Justice of the Peace Elect) and Linda Allison (Justice of the Peace Elect). Justice Richard Rogers was absent.

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

Invocation by Don Blackmore, Central Baptist Church

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance.

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First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from November 14, 2022. A motion to accept was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously. Road committee minutes were read by Justice Cline. Public Service was read by Justice Price. Judge Day requested a correction to be made on the name of the incoming board member for the Craighead Nursing Center. Justice Longmire read Finance minutes.

There was no old business.

New business.

A Resolution was read recommending Mr. Derek Bowman to the Craighead County Nursing Center Board. A motion to accept was made by Justice Tennison and seconded by Justice Longmire. All were in favor and the resolution passed.

A Resolution was read to Advance Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety. A motion to adopt was made by Justice Couch and seconded by Justice Price. Judge Day made comment that there were no purchases pending at this time. Justice Cline asked if this was to be an ongoing and suggested that Judge Day's name be removed for future purposes. The adoption passed unanimously.

An Appropriation was read to establish Fund 3553, Craighead County Saferoom project. Justice Cline made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Percy. Justice Cook inquired about the change from the amount in the proposed 2023 budgeted amount and the amount that is on the appropriation. Judge Day explained that there would be a match amount. Justice Cook asked what the total cost was going to be, Judge Day responded that it was looking to be a cost of between \$6 to \$8 million. Justice Cook asked how many people the building would hold. Judge Day responded that the building would hold between 300-400 people. Justice Cook asked if Judge Day had any of the plans for the building. Judge Day stated that he had a footprint together for anyone that would like to come to his office to see. Justice Weinstock asked if the safe room was prioritized for certain people. Judge Day responded that the room would be open and handicap accessible. Justice Weinstock asked where the closest safe room was to the one being built. Judge Day said he believed it would be McArthur School. Roll was called and passed with a 11 to 1 approval with Justice Cook voting no.

An Appropriation Ordinance was read to establish Fund 3531, Rural Community Grant Program/ Philadelphia Fire. A motion was made to approve by Justice Williams, seconded by Justice Tennessee. Judge Day thanked Chief Jones for being there and for his service. Roll was called and passed unanimously.

The first reading of an Ordinance to adopt Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) County Federal Procurement and Purchasing Policy. No public comment was made. Judge Day pointed out that there was a supplement document in the packet to further explain.

The first reading of an Ordinance was read to set the salaries of Elected Officials to include the Circuit Clerk. There was no public comment.

An Appropriation Ordinance to approve the 2023 Annual Operating budget was read. A motion was made by Justice Cline to approve and seconded by Justice Noel. Judge Day explained that there was a sheet in the packet that highlighted the major changes from last year's budget. Judge Day explained the process that was used to project the budget amounts. Judge Day gave details on some of the changes to salaries to add positions to the Sheriff's office, Veteran's Office, and County Clerk's office. Also, positions were added for grants received for the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Projects have been added to use ARP money for new ventilation in county-owned buildings. Judge Day stated that there were also some road improvement projects included in this budget, such as Three Notch and Needham Road. The budget also includes the grant for the Crowley's Ridge Gravel Trail, and a grant from the Arkansas Historical Preservation Program to put a new roof on the old Courthouse. The Sheriff's office also has a grant to replace body worn cameras.

Public comment.

Patty Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, Jonesboro. Mrs. Lack asked if the County gave money to the Humane Society. Judge Day explained that the Humane Society was a private organization.

Justice Weinstock asked if the Road Department still sells equipment on the internet. Judge Day explained the process used to get the best value for the County when buying and selling road equipment.

Garrett Barnes said thank you for adding the Chief Deputy back to the Circuit Clerk's budget.

Judge Day asked the Court how they would like to proceed. Justice Cook made a motion to table the budget appropriation, stating that he just received it last night and had not had a chance to read it. A second was made by Justice Pasmore. Roll was called and the motion did not pass with a 10-2 vote against. A call to question was made. Roll was called and passed with a 10- 2 for passing the budget, with Justice Cook and Justice Pasmore voting against.

Judge Day let everyone know that the December meetings would be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>. Judge Day inquired if anyone had any update on the Apprentice Software issues and explained that the breach had not affected the County Clerk and Treasurer's office and that Apprentice had two computer stations open and functioning in all the affected County offices.

Justice Weinstock asked to discuss the health insurance for the County and if there were any changes. Judge Day explained there was a 2% increase in premiums and that benefits are the same. Judge Day

also stated he had requested some extra benefits be added, such as wellness or paid gym memberships. Judge Day stated we should be doing open enrollment in the next week or two.

A motion was made to adjourn by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Williams. The motion passed.

Meeting ended at 6:30 P.M.

Road Committee minutes  
November 28, 2022

Chairman Steve Cline called the meeting together at 6:31 pm. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tension and Justice Lewis. The committee reviewed plats for Byron Bigger, Hwy 63 and Matt Reid, CR 111. Justice Couch made a motion to approve, 2nd by Justice Lewis. All were in favor.

With no other business, Justice Tension made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Justice Lewis and the committee adjourned at 6:34 pm.