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QUORUM COURT MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2022

April 25, 2022 Quorum Court Minutes

12 Justices of the Peace were present. Absent was Justice Longmire. Also present were Lesli Penny, Wes Eddington, Terry McNatt, and Sheriff Boyd.

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

Invocation by Ferrel Duffel, Family Fellowship Baptist Church

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was Called

Judge Day announced he would be going a little out of order. He wanted to wish Candace Edwards a Happy 50th Birthday. Candice Edwards took the podium to make an announcement. Mrs. Edwards wanted to thank the court and apologized for interrupting, but she did not have this planned last week. She stated that it was with a heavy heart that she would like to present her letter of resignation of being the Craighead County Circuit Clerk. She stated that her last day will be May 6, 2022. She wanted to thank the people of Craighead County for giving her this opportunity to serve them and she wants to stay and train and help in any way to hopefully make the transition as smoothly as possible.

First order of business was approval of Quorum Court minutes from April 11, 2022. A motion to accept was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Road Committee minutes read by Justice Cline. Public Service Committee minutes read by Justice Rogers. Finance Committee minutes read by Justice Pearcy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Not Any.

NEW BUSINESS:

First reading of an Ordinance to set forth a policy on acceptance of any nonmunicipal domestic sewage treatment system within the County of Craighead, State of Arkansas, and declaring an emergency, for other purposes.

An Appropriation Ordinance for SRT Body Worn Camera grant, Fund 3536 was read. Motion made by Justice Couch, seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day asked if there were any question or concerns. A question was asked of how many cameras will this buy? Sheriff Boyd stated that it would cover roughly 40 cameras. The rest of the money would be used for storage and recovery of the material saved. Judge Day asked if there were any more questions? Roll was called and the Ordinance passed.

An Appropriation Ordinance to amend Fund 3537, FY21 Connect and Protect LE Behavioral Health Grant was read. Motion to approve by Justice Cline, seconded by Justice Rogers. Judge Day asked for questions or concerns? Justice Lewis asked if Judge could elaborate on the wellness incentive. Judge Day explained

that every County employee that is on the health insurance, if they get a wellness check up every year, they receive \$50. He said it is just an incentive to see your doctor and get a checkup. Roll was called and the Ordinance passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Judge Day stated he would like to take a few minutes and talk about Candace Edwards resignation and what the next step will have to be. He said that with Candace resigning, the Quorum Court is responsible for the replacement of that position. Judge Day asked how the Court would like to handle it since there is such a limited time span? The Justices spoke of different ideas. They decided to give the first opportunity to the employees that are already in the Circuit Clerk's office and see if anyone is interested. They are already experienced and would make the transition smoother. Judge Day said he would get the word out. Judge Day stated he would like to move quickly so that the new person would have time to make the transition with passwords and other things that may overlap during the time before Candace leaves.

Judge Day stated that tomorrow the County will receive proposals, our RFPs, for the consultant to help with how to spend the money from the American Rescue Plan. He has received a couple of emails and we have options. He is looking for ways to spend the money responsibly. Justice Cook asked what happened to the person from AAC that was supposed to help? Judge Day stated that there is someone there, but they do not work specifically for Craighead County. They are there for checks and balances. Judge Day stated that this position would be paid through the grant and not by County General Fund.

Justice Weinstock asked if there is a final # for Craighead County population from the Census? Judge Day stated that he is not sure of that number but will check.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roger Kidd wanted to thank Judge Day for a great job and for all that he does. Garrett Barnes had a few questions about the Ordinance on the sewage treatment system. Judge Day stated that questions must be addressed during a Quorum Court meeting. If Mr. Barnes has any questions, he should submit them to be put it on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Garret Barnes stood back up and said the two questions he had on the Sewage Ordinance is just food for thought. Mr. Barnes wanted to make sure that acceptance wasn't the same thing as dedication. Judge Day stated that he would have to check and make sure but believes it to be correct. The county would not have ownership of it.

A motion was made to adjourn by Justice Price and seconded by Justice Cook. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 6:19 pm.

Special Road Committee met after the full court to review a plat for Jerry/Kristy Gulley, CR 909.

Road Committee

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Chairman Steve Cline called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm. Present were Justices Terry Couch, David Tennison and Carolyn Lewis. The committee reviewed a plat for Jerry Gulley, CR 909. Justice Couch made the motion to approve, 2nd by Justice Lewis. All were in favor.

With no other business, Justice Tennison made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Justice Lewis. The committee adjourned at 6:19 pm.

May 3, 2022, Public Service Committee Minutes

Chairman Rogers, Justice Noel, and Justice Williams were present. Attending by Zoom were Justice Price and Justice Weinstock. Also in attendance were Judge Day and Lesli Penny.

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

First order of business was the discussion of applicants that applied for the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Craighead County, Arkansas, due to the resignation of Candace Edwards. Judge Day stated that there were only two applicants. One, which was a relative to a Quorum Court member making them ineligible, and the second was Kasey Travis, a deputy clerk from the office.

A Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, County of Craighead, State of Arkansas was read. A motion was made to approve by Justice Williams, seconded by Justice Noel. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution Declaring the Appointment of a Successor to fill a Vacancy in the Office of Circuit Clerk was read. A motion to approve Kasey Travis as Circuit Clerk was made by Justice Williams, seconded by Justice Noel. A vote was taken, and the Resolution passed with a vote of 3-0 to move to the full court for approval.

The next Quorum Court meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Noel. The motion passed and the Public Service Committee was adjourned at 5:35 pm.