

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA
Monday, August 26, 2024
5:30 P.M.

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

INVOCATION, led by Spencer Furby, Valley View Church of Christ

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES – August 12, 2024

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES – Road, Public Service, and Finance

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution recommending the re-appointment of Jason Arender to the Philadelphia Fire Protection District Board
- B. Resolution recommending the re-appointment of Dr. Kevin Diamond to the Bono Fire Protection District Board
- C. Resolution recommending the re-appointment of Derek McCormick & Bob Blankenship to the Solid Waste Board
- D. Resolution recommending the re-appointment of Jim Gramling to Craighead County Nursing Center Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

QUORUM COURT MINUTES August 12, 2024

The invocation was led by Pastor Don Blackmore, Central Baptist Church.

Meal was served by the Craighead County Cooperative Extension Service.

Justice Cline called meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was called, Justice Pasmore and Justice Barnes were absent. All others present.

The meeting began with the Craighead County Cooperative Extension Service introducing the 4-H agent, Malia Cook for a presentation. Malia introduced Abigail Patron, first ever State officer from our local chapter. Abigail shared with the court of her project, Blessing Backpacks. She collects blankets, hygiene products, and assorted arts and crafts, and has donated over 1,000 backpacks the last couple of years. For her work and leadership, the Craighead County 4-H chapter awarded Abigail with a \$1,500.00 scholarship to attend ASU this fall. She has also garnered over \$5,000.00 of additional 4-H scholarships.

First order of business was approval of Quorum Court minutes from July 22, 2024. Justice Weinstock made the motion to approve minutes as prepared and Justice Allison seconded the motion. Justice Cline took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

The Public Service Committee report was read by Justice Rogers and the Finance report was read by Justice Longmire.

NEW BUSINESS

A resolution recommending the appointment of Sydney Ford to the Jonesboro Craighead County Public Library Board was read. Justice Rogers made a motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded. With no questions or comments, Justice Cline took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

An Appropriation Ordinance to add Fund 3535, CY24 Accountability Court Grant Adult Drug Court Funding was read. Motion to approve was made by Justice Couch and seconded by Justice Cook. With no questions or comments, Justice Cline asked for the roll to be called. All Justices approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justice Forrest shared that the Exchange Club of Jonesboro donated \$12,000.00 to the County Sheriff's office to buy the new dog that we had budgeted to buy.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn to committees was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Williams. Justice Cline took vote, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Transportation Committee Meeting
Minutes 8/12/2024

Justice Cline called the meeting together at 5:59 p.m. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tennison, and Road Superintendent John James. John James gave us an update on road work. The committee reviewed a plat for Nathan Hay. Justice Tennison made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Couch; all were in favor. With no other business, Justice Couch motioned to adjourn, seconded by Justice Tennison. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Public Service Committee
08/12/2024 Minutes

Those in attendance for the meeting:

Committee Members: Chairman Richard Rogers, Justice Linda Allison, Justice Brad Noel, and Justice Kevin Williams

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chairman Rogers.

Chairman Rogers opened the meeting with a resolution recommending that Jason Arender fill a five (5) year term as a board member to the Philadelphia Fire Protection District Board of Directors. His term will become effective August 27, 2024. Justice Noel made a motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

A resolution was read for the recommendation of the reappointment of Dr. Kevin Diamond to the five (5) year term as a board member to the Bono Fire Protection District Board of Directors. His term will become effective on August 27, 2024. Justice Williams made a motion to approve, and Justice Allison seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

The next resolution was a recommendation for the reappointment of two board members, Derek McCormick of Lake City and Bob Blankenship of Monette, to additional three (3) year terms to the Craighead County Solid Waste Board. Their new terms will also be effective on August 27, 2024. Justice Noel made a motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

The last resolution was a recommendation of Jim Gramling of Jonesboro to be appointed to the Craighead County Nursing Center Board of Directors for a five (5) year term, effective September 1, 2024. Justice Williams made a motion to approve, and Justice Allison seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

With no other business, Justice Williams made a motion to adjourn, and Justice Noel seconded the motion. All approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee Minutes
August 12th, 2024

Justice Longmire convened the Finance Committee meeting at 5:59 p.m. Those present included Committee members Justice Cook, Justice Weinstock, Justice Forrest, Treasurer McNatt, Collector Eddington, County Clerk MaryDawn Marshall, and Circuit Clerk David Vaughn.

Collector Eddington presented the tax collection report, stating that the total tax collected in July of 2024 was 2.1 million which was \$650,000 less than July of last year. However, the county was still up 13.2% on total tax for 2024. There were no questions from the committee to Collector Eddington as he finished his report.

During the overview of July's financial reports, Treasurer McNatt highlighted that we finished the month with a balance of \$46.4 million in the general ledger. Additionally, we have \$3.2 million in County Capital funds and \$7.4 million in Road funds. Treasurer McNatt stated that sales tax was down in July but still brought in \$2.4 million. As of July, the county has 59.8% of the budget left for the fiscal year of the original \$69.8 budget. Also, Treasurer McNatt addressed the committee that the county revenues are up but so are expenditures with the ongoing Courthouse Annex construction. Justice Cook inquired about the budget status for the Courthouse Annex project, and Treasurer McNatt confirmed that we were on track. He assured Justice Cook that he would send those details via email.

Justice Cook motioned to adjourn, with no other business. The motion was seconded by Justice Forrest. All were in favor, and the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BONO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS; Act 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas states that the County Judge of each county is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the Bono Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

WHEREAS; the said County Judge does hereby make the following re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Bono Fire Protection District for the following term detailed below:

Dr. Kevin Diamond residing at 2748 CR 308, Bono, Arkansas 72416 to be reappointed to serve a five-year term beginning August 27, 2024, and ending August 27, 2029.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; that the above-described appointments will become effective upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk's Office.

Dated: August _____, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge

ATTEST: _____

MaryDawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PHILADELPHIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS; Act 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, states that the County Judge of each county is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the Philadelphia Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

WHEREAS; the said County Judge does hereby make the following re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Fire District for the following term detailed below:

Mr. Jason Arender has been recommended to fill a five (5) year term as a member of the Administrative Board. Mr. Arender lives at 3479 Hwy 141 North, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. His term will become effective August 27, 2024, and expire on August 27th, 2029.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; that the above-described appointment will become effective upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk’s Office.

Dated: August _____, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge

ATTEST: _____

MaryDawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERMS;

WHEREAS; Current board members **Derek McCormick** and Eastern District board member, **Bob Blankenship** terms expired on July 22, 2024.

WHEREAS; The Craighead County Judge and the Quorum Court recommend that **Derek McCormick**, residing at 106 Dennis St, Lake City, Arkansas, and **Bob Blankenship**, who resides at 210 N. Reeves St, Monette, Arkansas, be re-appointed as board members of the Craighead County Solid Waste Board, for additional three-year terms, beginning August 27th, 2024, through August 27th, 2027.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; that the above-described re-appointments will become effective upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk’s Office.

Dated: August _____, 2024

APPROVED: _____
Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge

ATTEST: _____
MaryDawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**REAPPOINTMENT TO CRAIGHEAD COUNTY NURSING CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER TO THE
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY NURSING CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS;**

WHEREAS, That on June 26, 2000, Ordinance 2000-9 was passed by the Craighead County Quorum Court that created a five-member administrative board for the Craighead County Nursing Center.

WHEREAS, Current board member, **Jim Gramling** term will expire on September 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, The Craighead County Judge and the Quorum Court recommend that **Jim Gramling**, 2500 Alexander Drive, Suite B, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, be re-appointed to the Craighead County Nursing Center Board of Directors.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT;

That Jim Gramling, 2500 Alexander Drive, Suite B, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, be re-appointed to the Craighead County Nursing Center Board of Directors for a five (5) year term, said term to become effective September 2, 2024 and expiring September 2, 2029 upon passage of this resolution.

Dated: August _____, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge

ATTEST: _____

MaryDawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk

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