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# **QUORUM COURT MINUTES**

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

The Invocation was led by Justice Couch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Cook.

The roll was called, eleven Justices were present. Absent were Justice Longmire and Justice Pasmore.

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The first order of business was approval of Quorum Court minutes from March 25, 2024. A motion to accept the minutes as prepared was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Forrest. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

An Appropriation Ordinance amending the 2024 Annual Operating Budget to add Fund 3519, Department 0422, VTC Innovations Grant was read. A motion to accept was made by Justice Forrest and seconded by Justice Couch. With no questions or comments, Judge Day called for the roll, and it passed.

### **NO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Motion to adjourn to committees was made by Justice Forrest and seconded by Justice Tennison. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Road Committee Minutes  
4/8/2024

Justice Cline called the meeting together at 5:38 pm. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tennison, Justice Barnes, and Road Superintendent John James. John James updated us on road work being done. We reviewed a plat for Bo Huggins, and Justice Couch made a motion to approve it under the condition that the 50 drive be headed to the two back lots. Second, by Justice Tennison, all were in favor. With no other business, Justice Barnes motioned to adjourn 2nd by Justice Couch. All were in favor. The committee meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Public Service Committee  
4/8/2024 Minutes

Those in attendance for the meeting:

Committee Members: Chairman Justice Richard Rogers, Justice Linda Allison, Justice Brad Noel, and Justice Kevin Williams. Also attending: Judge Marvin Day and Sheriff Marty Boyd.

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chairman Justice Rogers.

Justice Rogers read a resolution recommending the reappointment of Joshsawa Lipsey to the board of the Southridge Fire Protection District for a five-year term. Justice Allison made a motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

Justice Rogers read a resolution recommending the reappointment of John Freeman to the board of the Northeast Arkansas Industrial Development Commission for an additional three-year term. 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, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Williams, and Justice Noel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Justice Allison.

Finance Committee Minutes  
April 8, 2024

Justice Forrest called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Committee members Justice Forrest, Justice Weinstock, and Justice Cook were present. Treasurer McNatt, Collector Eddington, and Circuit Clerk David Vaughn were also present.

Collector Eddington presented the tax collection report for March 2024, revealing a significant increase from 6.5 million in 2023 to 7.9 million in 2024. This positive trend, coupled with the upcoming tax payments from mortgage and utility companies, reassures us of Craighead County's financial stability. In response to Justice Weinstock's query about door-to-door collections, Collector Eddington confirmed that such efforts are already underway, with plans for further visits tomorrow.

Treasurer McNatt provided an overview of March's financial reports, highlighting the positive outcomes of his meetings with local Jonesboro banks. He secured favorable CD rates and decided to partner with First National Bank. As a result, the treasurer's office will transfer \$15 million to CDs, yielding approximately 5.65% interest. This move is expected to boost the Craighead County bank accounts by an additional \$ 150,000.00.

Justice Forrest led the discussion on the Appropriation Ordinance for the Annual Clean-Up, a crucial part of finalizing the 2023 Annual Operating Budget. After the Ordinance was read, Justice Cook proposed its acceptance, a motion that Justice Weinstock seconded. This unanimous decision signifies the committee's commitment to the county's financial management.

Justice Forrest announced that there was an early Finance Committee meeting at 5:15 pm to discuss an Appropriation Ordinance to add Fund 3519, VTC Innovations Grant, to the 2024 Budget. It was approved to be put in front of the full Quorum Court.

Justice Cook motioned to adjourn with no other business, seconded by Justice Forrest. All were in favor, and the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:00 pm.