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

Invocation was led by Bishop Matthew Lloyd, Fisher Street COGIC.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

13 Justices of the Peace were present.

The first order of business was approval of Quorum Court meeting minutes from April 22, 2024. A motion to accept minutes as prepared was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

No OLD BUSINESS

No NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collector Eddington thanked the Quorum Court for the wind chimes gift he was given in memory of his mother's passing, as he much appreciated their kindness.

No PUBLIC COMMENT

Judge Day took a motion to adjourn to committees from Justice Williams, and Justice Couch seconded.

Quorum Court adjourned to committees at 5:34 p.m.

Road Committee Minutes
5/13/2024

Justice Cline called the meeting together at 5:34 pm. Those present were Justice Terry Couch, Justice David Tennison, Justice Garrett Barnes, and Road Superintendent John James. John updated us on road work and how the county and small towns work together to improve roads. We then reviewed a resolution to utilize Federal aid to replace Cockle Burr Bridge. Justice Couch motioned to approve 2nd by Justice Tennison, and all were in favor. We then reviewed a plat for Heath and Lisa Loggains 181 CR 700. Justice Barnes made a motion to have them replat so the drive to lot two is owned by that lot, 2nd by Justice Tennison. We then reviewed plats for Nilson Lopez CR 361, Lucas Miller CR 379, and Brian and Patricia Priddy. Justice Tennison made a motion to approve, 2nd by Justice Barnes. All were in favor. With no other business, Justice Couch motioned to adjourn 2nd by Justice Barnes. The Transportation Committee meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Public Service Committee
5/13/2024 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, Circuit Clerk David Vaughn, Director of Emergency Management Anthony Coy, CFO of Legacy Landfill Angela Sparks, Interim CEO of the Craighead County Solid Waste Authority Dennis Burks, and Teddy Stewart, Attorney for Davis Rubber.

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chairman Justice Rogers.

Justice Rogers read an ordinance providing for the establishment of a Flood Damage Prevention Program for Craighead County, with FEMA identifying special flood hazard areas. The ordinance would effectively coordinate with the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) date, which would be adopted within a six-month window. JP Williams made a motion to approve, and JP Noel seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

Justice Rogers read a resolution recommending the reappointment of Rob Ingram, John Burns, and Robert Cooper to the Board of the Brookland Fire Protection District for additional five-year terms. Justice Allison made a motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

Another resolution was read by Justice Rogers recommending the reappointment of two Board members to the Craighead County Equalization Board for a three-year term. The Craighead County Superintendents have agreed to reappoint Bill Burnett and the mayors of all cities have agreed to reappoint John Street. Justice Noel made a motion to approve, and Justice Allison seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court.

Lastly, Justice Rogers discussed an ordinance to administer and regulate tire collection and tire processing centers in Craighead County. With the assistance of the Craighead County attorney and other legal advisors, the ordinance was written to provide standards for operation within the county. Craighead County is a collection and processing site for approximately 27 counties in the northeast part of the state of AR. Attorney Stewart raised concern that the legal department of ADEQ had not reviewed the ordinance. Justice Allison asked if the committee should consider a delay in voting while ADEQ legal could review. Judge Day explained that the ordinance does not conflict with the policies of the ADEQ. The committee can make a recommendation to the full court and the ADEQ legal department will receive the ordinance to review for the two weeks before the next quorum court meeting. JP Williams made a motion to approve, and JP Noel 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 Noel, and Justice Allison seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Finance Committee Minutes
May 13th, 2024

Justice Longmire convened the Finance Committee meeting at 5:40 p.m. Those present included Committee members Justice Forrest, Justice Weinstock, Justice Pasmore, and Justice Cook, as well as Treasurer McNatt, Collector Eddington, and County Clerk MaryDawn Marshall.

Collector Eddington presented the tax collection report for collections that are up 7.5% from 2023, revealing a significant decrease from 26.3 million in 2023 to 25.3 million in April 2024. This positive trend, coupled with the upcoming tax payments from mortgage and utility companies, reassures us of Craighead County's financial stability. Collector Eddington will be unavailable for the next Finance Committee meeting. He asked if he needed to make notes for the meeting or have someone there in his absence. Justice Longmire stated that notes for the meeting would be sufficient, and the committee agreed.

Treasurer McNatt provided an overview of April's financial reports, highlighting the general ledger. Highlighted the investment fund created to invest 15 million dollars into a short-term CD that pays 5.65 % interest through First National Bank through a bid process. Treasurer McNatt discussed software updates, construction projects, and early voting, resulting in a \$2.7 million financial variance from 2023.

Justice Longmire led the discussion on the Appropriation Ordinance for the salary of the Election Clerk Position. After the Ordinance was read, Justice Weinstock motioned for its acceptance, followed by a second motion from Justice Forrest. The ordinance passed and will be brought to a full Quorum Court later in May.

Justice Longmire led the discussion on the Appropriation Ordinance to amend the Uniform Allowance in the 2024 Budget. After the ordinance was read, Justice Pasmore motioned for its acceptance, followed by a second motion from Justice Forrest. The ordinance passed and will now move to a full Quorum Court later in May.

Justice Longmire led the discussion to pass an Appropriation Ordinance for adding funds to the Adult Drug Court - Opioid Settlement. The ordinance aims to allocate \$28,899.70 for use in the Adult Drug Court. Justice Pasmore made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Justice Forrest. The ordinance has been approved and will now move to a full Quorum Court later in May.

Justice Longmire led the discussion to pass a resolution authorizing Judge Day the execution of contracts and documents required for the closing of 400 W. Jefferson (Century Park Replat of Lot 11 & PT Lot 12 of Cobb's Survey). Justice Pasmore and a second from Justice Forrest on the table to approve. Justice Cook had concerns about the verbiage of the resolution and a possible sewer line that needed removed for a considerable expense which led Justice Pasmore to withdraw his original motion to pass. Justice Cook made a motion to table until further information was gathered with no second and went into further discussion. Judge Day enters the meeting from the Public Services meeting and answers questions on the property regarding pricing, sewer lines, and verbiage of the draft. Justice Pasmore seconds Justice Cook's a motion which goes to a vote to table the resolution. The tabling resolution did not pass and the discussion went on. The finance committee discussed amending the ordinance to the proper verbiage. Justice Cook made a motion to accept but to cap the price of \$180,000.00, reword the draft using the legal description of the lot and a better description of the location. Seconded by Justice Pasmore and passed unanimously move to a full Quorum Court later in May.

Justice Cook motioned to adjourn with no other business, seconded by Justice Forrest. All were in favor, and the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:31 pm.