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

Invocation was led by Andy Neal, Temple Baptist Church.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

Roll was called. 12 Justices of the Peace were present, Justice Cook was absent.

The first order of business was approval of Quorum Court meeting minutes from May 28, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item on the agenda was the second reading of the **Ordinance to Establish Flood Damage Prevention Program**. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Barnes. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

No NEW BUSINESS

No ANNOUNCEMENTS

No PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion to adjourn to committees was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Couch. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024

Justice Cline called the meeting together at 5:35 pm. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tennison, Justice Barnes, and Brian Crews. Brian gave us an update on the roadwork being done at the road department. The Transportation Committee then reviewed plats for Andrea Andrews, CR 773, and Ashley Lavender, 4598 CR 780. Justice Barnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Tennison, all were in favor. We then reviewed a plat for Judy Murphy, 4483 Hwy 351: The committee took no action on the replat, and more information was needed. We need to know if Judy Murphy or someone else owns the 100' X 100' shown on the plat. With no other business, Justice Couch made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Justice Barnes. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Public Service Committee
6/10/2024 Minutes

In attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Chairman Rogers.

The first item on the agenda, Chairman Rogers read a resolution recommending the appointment of Mr. Kenny Jowers to the Board of the Valley View Fire Protection District to replace the vacancy left by Mr. Tony Bittle. Chairman Rogers asked Judge Day for clarification if Mr. Jowers lived in the district and Judge Day confirmed his residence is in the district. Justice Allison made a motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 to move to full court.

Sheriff Marty Boyd asked to speak to the committee regarding the current condition of the Craighead County jail. Two main areas of concern include the increasing number of repairs needed for the existing structure and the detention center outgrowing the capacity to detain all criminals as Craighead County population continues to grow. The lack of jail capacity is quickly becoming a public safety issue. The county population has doubled since the jail was built (165 inmate capacity about 35 years ago). And, the building does not have a high enough elevation to withstand flooding conditions, and continues to have water seepage problems.

After approximately 5 to 6 expansions, the jail currently houses 400+ inmates. Another expansion would be possible, but this would lead to having an increased staff of 10-15% above average. The infrastructure will not be sustainable long term for plumbing, HVAC, electrical, roofing, and security. Sheriff Boyd recommended that Craighead County voters can decide at the November '24 election to add a 1/2 cent sales tax to pay for a new jail center. After the construction costs are paid, the tax would have a sunset clause estimated to be about 8 years. A preliminary jail blueprint would be drawn and would include an estimated cost.

If the 1/2 cent sales tax doesn't pass, the alternative is to have another expansion, hire more than average staff due to limitation of visibility for all of the added additions, continue paying for high maintenance of dilapidated systems and water seepage/damage, and still have to look at building a new jail in the next few years.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Williams, and Justice Noel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Justice Allison.

Finance Committee Minutes
June 10th, 2024

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

Collector Eddington was not present, but everyone received a copy of the May Collections report in their packet.

Treasurer McNatt provided an overview of May's financial reports, highlighting the general ledger where we finished the month with over \$48 million in total funds. The county currently holds \$6 million of General revenues and short-term investments, drawing 5.64% interest. Treasurer McNatt also mentioned that sales tax sales are up by 4.53%, bringing in over \$2 million for May. There was also a discussion about the drawdown process for negative grants and getting those grants reimbursed.

Justice Longmire led the discussion on the Appropriation Ordinance for the local law enforcement Block Grant for \$7,400. This grant will be used to purchase tactical SWAT uniforms for the Sheriff's Department. After the Ordinance was read, Justice Pasmore motioned for its acceptance, followed by a second motion from Justice Forrest. With everyone in favor, the ordinance passed and will be brought to a full Quorum Court later in June.

Justice Forrest motioned to adjourn, with no other business. The motion was seconded by Justice Pasmore. All were in favor, and the Finance Committee adjourned at 5:48 pm.