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QUORUM COURT MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2023

Quorum Court Minutes January 23, 2023

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

Invocation was led by Bishop Matthew Lloyd from Fisher St. COGIC

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Darrell Cook.

Roll was called and twelve Justices of the Peace were present. Justice Forrest was absent.

First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from January 9, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Noel. There were no questions or comments. Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

There was no OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution to declare an exemption from competitive bidding for the Sheriff's Department to purchase 4 Chevy Tahoe's was read. Motion to adopt was made by Justice Couch and seconded by Justice Tennison. Judge Day asked if there were any questions or comments. Justice Allison stated she agreed with the Resolution, that there is a need for these vehicles, and they are difficult to get, but for future needs were we able to order in advance or were we preparing for a year in advance if we continue to have a short supply? Sheriff Boyd replied that it is very possible that we'd be in the same situation next year. We knew last year of the difficulties and were aware that a state bid was not going to be possible. A dealership we've worked with allowed us to reserve these 4 vehicles last year and we are hoping for delivery this March. Judge Day commented that even at the Road Department they took delivery of a vehicle two weeks ago that was ordered in spring of 2021. Judge Day stated that Legislative Audit was aware of the extraordinary measures we were going through since there were no guarantees of locating vehicles or how much we would have to pay. Justice Williams added that even as a dealer of manufactured brand equipment the dealerships were no longer offering discounts to anyone. Sheriff Boyd commented that these 4 vehicles were bid on through a fleet management site not the state site like we've usually done. Justice Weinstock asked if we had sold any vehicles through auctions and Sheriff Boyd stated not yet this year. Without any further questions or comments, Judge Day called for a vote. The Resolution passed unanimously.

An Appropriation Ordinance to pay additional qualifying full-time Law Enforcement stipends was read. Motion to pass was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Longmire. Judge Day commented that he understood this was for officers that were not previously qualified for the stipend and Sheriff Boyd stated that was correct. Justice Barnes appreciated the clarification. Justice Allison asked if it was typical that the county pay benefits for retirement since this was a

stipend and not regular compensation. Judge Day stated that all guidelines followed were stipulated in the law and that it was predetermined for us and worked out with APERS to determine how it was classified. Without any further questions or comments, Judge Day called for the vote to be taken and the Ordinance passed unanimously.

An Appropriation Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Budget to add Fund 3530, Department 0400, FY2023 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant for funds that have become available to Craighead County for purchasing 2 drones and pole cameras to aid in the Sheriff's office investigating was read. Justice Rogers made the motion to vote, and Justice Pasmore seconded. Judge Day asked for comments or questions. Justice Barnes asked if this was in replacement of pole cameras or for new locations? Sheriff Boyd stated that the Sheriff's office currently has no pole cameras, but they were replacing drones. Justice Barnes asked if they had determined the locations for the pole cameras and Sheriff Boyd stated no. Without further questions or comments, Judge Day called for the vote to be taken and the Ordinance passed unanimously.

An Appropriation Ordinance amending the 2023 Operating Budget to add funds to Fund 1000, Department 0416, Prosecuting Attorney, to appropriate for Craighead County's pro-rata share of the District Prosecuting Attorney's executive administrative expense was read. Judge Day asked for a motion to adopt. Justice Barnes made the motion and Justice Williams seconded that motion. Judge Day commented that we've always paid 31 percent for our caseload to the 2nd Judicial District, but the location of each administration determines where we pay. Judge Day called for the vote to be taken. The Ordinance passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day updated the Court that the architects for the courtroom expansion are about 60 percent complete with plans and getting the preliminary budgets together so that hopefully we'll have something to report by our next meeting. We are anticipating being ready to take bids in March.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justice Barnes wanted to thank his fellow JPs, as they have all been hospitable and welcomed him.

With nothing else on agenda, Justice Williams made a motion to adjourn, and Justice Noel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.