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# **QUORUM COURT MINUTES**

## **OCTOBER 10, 2022**

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## October 10, 2022, Quorum Court Minutes

12 Justices of the Peace were present. Also present was Marty Boyd, Lesli Penny, Terry McNatt, and Wes Eddington. Justice Couch was absent.

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

Invocation by Jim Markley, Fisher Street United Methodist Church

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance.

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First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from September 26, 2022. A motion to accept was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously. Road minutes were read by Justice Cline.

There was no old business.

No new business.

Announcements: Judge Day reported that a contract to hire the architect for the safe room/court room expansion was prepared with an estimated cost of nine million. Justice Weinstock asked if this was a local company. Judge Day respond that it was a local company named Brackett Krennerich. Unofficial motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and seconded by Justice Weinstock. Justice Pasmore asked how many courtrooms there would be in the new building. Judge Day said what was being proposed at this time was the one-story saferoom that could be used for a courtroom, if needed, and the three-story building would be used for the courtrooms. Judge Day reminded the court that Craighead County received two additional Circuit Court Judges in the last cycle. Justice Cook asked what was going to be done with the existing court rooms. Judge Day responded that some of those rooms would still be utilized and that the two new courtrooms would offer the ability to have two jury trials going at once. Justice Weinstock asked how many inmates we had in the jail for marijuana violation. Judge Day said he believed it was zero, that there may be someone there for firearm and drug possession. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

Judge Day reported that Craighead County received a grant in the amount of \$750,000.00 for Mental Health Court to extend for four more years.

Judge Day reported that the third round of Federal relief of \$50,000.00, Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund was being released.

Judge Day turned the meeting over to Sheriff Marty Boyd to give the Annual Jail Inspection report. The report key points were listed as below.

- Lack of space
- 376 is the max capacity of inmates
- Staffing concerns. Sheriff Boyd states this number is better as of today. Only down by approximately 4 employees.

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- Repair/ update / replace of old equipment. Sheriff Boyd states that the report shows that the Sheriff's office is striving to make these updates and repairs.
- One area out of compliance on the report was inadequate space for office and administration. There is no standard for administration /office space.

Justice Longmire asked how many State inmates Craighead County is housing. Sheriff Boyd stated there were 60 state inmates on this day and that the State has started to pick them up. 20 were picked up last week.

Justice Cook requested to look into changing the County Health Insurance. Justice Cook presented letters from some employees regarding the issues that they are having with the current health insurance policies. Justice Cook stated that he has spoken to some employees who are not going to the doctor because of the issues others have had with insurance. Justice Cook asked if it was too late in the year to look into changing for next year. Judge Day stated that he felt it could be done. Judge Day said he would like to look into the letters and that this was the first he was hearing of these issues. Justice Cook stated that the letters were unsigned because the employees were afraid of retaliation or losing their jobs. Justice Cook asked Sheriff Boyd if he had any employees complaining about the insurance. Sheriff Boyd stated he was aware of some, but it was due to the third party not filing the claims correctly. Judge Day stated that yes anything for next year could still be worked out. Justice Williams stated that we should not have any employees afraid to speak up about any issues they have in the County. Judge Day asked that Justice Cook ask these employees to please come and speak with them about their issues. Justice Weinstock asked if there would be an advertisement that the County was looking to change insurance. Judge Day stated no it would not be advertised.

A motion was made to adjourn by Justice Noel and seconded by Justice Williams. The motion passed.

Meeting ended at 5:57 P.M.

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Road Committee minutes  
10/10/2022

Chairman Cline called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm. Those present were Justice Tennison, Justice Lewis, and Judge Day. Judge Day updated the committee on road work being done.

With no other business, Justice Lewis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Justice Tennison. Motion passed and the committee adjourned at 6:04 pm.

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**Public Service Committee**

**10/10/2022**

The Public Service meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman Richard Rogers. Those in attendance were Justice Williams, Justice Noel, Justice Price, and Mary Dawn Marshall.

The first item on the agenda was the appointment of Eric Watson to the Brookland Fire Protection Board. A motion to approve was made by Justice Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justice Noel. Motion passed to move to full court for approval. Next was the appointment of Clift Baxter to the Brookland Fire Protection Board. Motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justice Williams. Motion passed to move to the full court for approval. The last item on the agenda was an Ordinance to establish a new purchasing policy. Motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justice Price. Motion passed to move to the full court for approval.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justice Noel. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

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Finance Committee Minutes  
October 10, 2022

Chairman Longmire called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Justices Pasmore, Cook, and Weinstock, Collector Eddington, and Treasurer McNatt. Justice Percy had to leave after the court adjourned to committees.

Collector Eddington gave the report on September's tax collections. Total current taxes collected was 6.3% higher than the previous September. Total tax collections are \$813,878 higher than the previous year.

Treasurer McNatt reported on September's financial reports. The General Fund ended the month with \$16.3 million, after the \$10 million reimbursement with ARP revenue replacement funds, the Capital Fund had \$2.7 million at month end, and the Road Fund had \$7.1 million. Sales tax collections were 5.86% higher in September than the previous year.

Chairman Longmire read the Appropriation Ordinance to add Fund 3532, BYA FY22 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program. A motion was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Cook. The motion passed and will move to the full court for approval.

Chairman Longmire read the Ordinance to establish Fund 1007, Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATC). Justice Cook made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Pasmore. The motion passed and the Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

Justice Cook asked about the Crisis Stabilization Unit and how it is doing. Judge Day said that things are going well, and the state is still providing the funds to operate the CSU.

With no other business, Justice Cook made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Weinstock. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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