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QUORUM COURT MINUTES
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Quorum Court Minutes February 13, 2023

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

Invocation was led by Justice Terry Couch.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Barnes.

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

First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from January 23, 2023. A motion to accept minutes was made by Justice Longmire and seconded by Justice Pasmore. With no questions or comments, Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

There was no OLD BUSINESS.

There was no NEW BUSINESS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justice Cline wanted to bring to the court's attention that the Association of Counties had sent an email and there is legislation being presented, about a paper ballot bill and a publication's bill. Judge Day stated that the publication's bill was filed on Friday, lead sponsors, Representative Cavanaugh and Senator Sullivan, as well as Jon Milligan, and Johnny Rye. The bill is requesting that we would not be required to advertise all our Ordinances and the Annual Budget in the local newspaper, you could if you wanted to, but the Association of Counties is going to manage a statewide website we could all use for publishing. Judge Day believes the total cost last year for Craighead County was around \$60,000. County Clerk's office spent around \$15,000 publishing Ordinances and Collector Eddington stated he believed the bill would include him as well with publication of delinquencies, as his cost for publishing those was roughly \$25,000. Judge Day made comment that it was basically how we could save money, but more importantly how to best communicate with the general public and what would be most efficient. Justice Pasmore mentioned that the County Ordinances were also currently being published on the county website anyway. Judge Day encouraged us to reach out to our legislators and give them your thoughts on it.

Without any further announcements or comments, motion to move to committees was made by Justice Forrest and seconded by Justice Rogers. Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.

Road Committee minutes

2/13/2023

Chairman Cline called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tennison, Justice Barnes, John James, Brian Crews and Judge Marvin Day.

John and Brian gave an update on road work and how the sand spreader worked with the snow.

The committee reviewed a plat for Darell Settles, CR 761. Justice Tennison made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Barnes. All were in favor.

With no other business, Justice Couch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Barnes. All were in favor, and the committee adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Public Service Committee

2/13/2023

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm by Chairman Richard Rogers. Those in attendance were Justice Noel and Justice Allison. Justice Williams was absent. Also present were Sheriff Boyd, and County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall.

The first item on the agenda was a Resolution to appoint Mr. Dorman Hufstedler to the Egypt Fire Protection District Board. Motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and 2nd by Justice Allison. The motion passed 3-0 to move to full court for approval.

Next was a Resolution to support the Brookland Fire Protection District's application to Arkansas Rural Community Grant program. A motion to approve was made by Justice Allison and a 2nd was made by Justice Noel. The Motion passed 3-0 to move to full court for approval.

An Ordinance to adopt District Court Record Retention policy was presented. A motion to approve was made by Justice Allison and a second was made by Justice Noel. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 3-0.

The last item on the agenda was the review of positions for Narcotics Agent and Peer Recovery Specialist for the Arkansas Opioid Overdose Response team. Justice Noel made the motion to approve, seconded by Justice Allison. Sheriff Boyd discussed the funding and need for this 2-year State funded program. The motion passed 3-0 to move to the full court for approval.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Allison and 2nd by Justice Noel. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Finance Committee Minutes February 13, 2023

Chairman Longmire called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:37 pm. Present were committee members Justice Cook, Justice Pasmore, Justice Weinstock, and Justice Forrest. Also present were Treasurer McNatt, Collector Eddington, Circuit Clerk David Vaughn, Sheriff Marty Boyd, and Chad Henson.

Collector Eddington presented the tax collection report for January 2023. Total tax collected in January 2023 was \$512,350, where the total tax collected January 2022 was \$459,537, 2023 collections were up \$52,814, or 11.5%.

Treasurer McNatt reported on January's financial reports. The General Fund ended the month with \$19.7 million dollars. The Capital Fund had \$2.7 million at month end, and the Road Fund had \$8.4 million dollars. Sales tax collections were 4.02% higher in January 2023 than the previous year. Treasurer McNatt asked the committee if they would like to continue to see the ½ cent sales tax report, and Chairman Longmire said yes. There is 31.724% of the 2022 budget remaining.

Chairman Longmire presented the Appropriation Ordinance for Fund 3529, AR Opioid Overdose Response Team funding. A motion to pass was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Cook. There was discussion with the Sheriff and Chad Henson regarding the funding. Chairman Longmire took a vote and the motion passed. The Appropriation Ordinance will be heard by the full court at the next meeting.

Chairman Longmire presented the Appropriation Ordinance regarding 2022 Fund Transfers. Justice Weinstock made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Pasmore. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the Appropriation Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

With no other business, Justice Forrest made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Weinstock. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 5:58 pm.