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# **QUORUM COURT MINUTES**

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

The invocation was led by Judge Day.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

Roll was called and Justice Cook was absent. All other Justices were present.

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The first order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from March 27, 2023. A motion to accept the minutes as prepared was made by Justice Forrest and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

The early Finance Committee minutes from March 27, 2023, were read by Justice Longmire.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A Resolution to authorize Judge Day to execute all contracts and documents for the purchase and closing on behalf of the County for 300 and 302 W Jefferson Ave, Jonesboro, and 603 S Madison, Jonesboro, Arkansas.** A motion to approve was made by Justice Barnes and seconded by Justice Rogers. Judge Day asked if there were any questions or comments.

Justice Barnes asked if anything changed during the transactions would the court be informed, and Judge Day replied yes, he would keep them informed.

Justice Allison wanted to comment that they were not required to have this resolution, but it was recommended by the title company and our attorney to bring this resolution to the full court. Judge Day added that Resolutions are non-binding, but it usually makes everyone happy.

Justice Couch questioned whether 300 and 302 Jefferson were the same lot. Judge Day answered it was one building and the gravel parking lot behind it. The second building is located on Madison. With no other questions, Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

### **NO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Justice Couch made motion to adjourn to committees and Justice Tennison seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm.

Public Service Committee  
4/10/2023 Minutes

Those in attendance for the meeting:

Committee Members: JP Linda Allison, JP Brad Noel, Chairman JP Rogers, and JP Kevin Williams. Also attending: JP Passmore, JP Tennison, & Judge Day.

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order at 4:59 p.m. by Chairman Richard Rogers.

The first item on the agenda, JP Rogers read a resolution for the reappointment of Mr. Kevin Bailey to an additional three (3) year term on the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC), effective April 29, 2023, and expiring April 28, 2026. JP Allison made a motion to approve, and JP Noel seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

JP Rogers read a resolution to authorize Judge Day to execute all documents at closing on behalf of the County for 300 & 302 W. Jefferson Ave, Jonesboro and 603 S. Madison, Jonesboro, AR. Judge Day stated that the local title company has requested documentation for the business transaction. The county's attorney also agreed that this is advisable, but not mandated. JP Williams stated that the judge has authority to make a purchase without quorum court approval. JP Williams made a motion to approve, and JP Noel seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by JP Williams, and JP Noel seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by JP Allison.

## Finance Committee Minutes April 10, 2023

Chairman Longmire called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:44 pm. Present were committee members Justice Pasmore, Justice Weinstock, and Justice Forrest. Justice Cook was absent. Also present were Treasurer McNatt, Collector Eddington, and Justice Linda Allison.

Collector Eddington presented the tax collection report for March 2023. Current taxes collected to date are down 5.9% from the previous year. Total tax collected was \$6.545 million, where the total tax collected March 2022 was \$6.597 million, a difference of \$52,352.

Treasurer McNatt reported on March's financial reports. The General Fund ended the month with \$19.33 million dollars. The Capital Fund had \$2.73 million at month end, and the Road Fund had \$8.8 million dollars. Sales tax collections were 15.31% higher in March 2023 than the previous year. Year to date comparison through March 2023 shows that the county is \$238,032.41 stronger than the prior year.

Chairman Longmire presented the Appropriation Ordinance to add Fund 1005 to the 2023 budget. A motion to pass was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Forrest. 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 read the Appropriation Ordinance for Fund 3528 for Accountability Court STAR Court Grant fund. Justice Pasmore made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Forrest. Justice Forrest asked what STAR Court was, which is the Sobriety Court held by District Court Judge Boling. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the Appropriation Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

The Appropriation Ordinance to add funds to line 4004 in Road Fund for the purchase of equipment was presented. Justice Forrest made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day explained the problems in lead time for motor graders and his ability to purchase an additional motor grader from another county at 2022 prices. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the appropriation ordinance will be heard by the full court at the next meeting.

The last item for business was the Appropriation Ordinance for 3 additional qualifying full-time Law Enforcement stipends. Justice Pasmore made the motion to approve, second by Justice Forrest. After a vote by the committee to pass, it will be heard at the next meeting by the full court.

With no other business, Justice Weinstock made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Forrest. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Road Committee minutes  
4/10/2023

Chairman Cline called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tennison, Justice Barnes, John James, and Judge Day.

John gave an update on road work being done.

The committee reviewed two plats for Brett Duncan on Pine Log Road. Justice Couch made a motion to approve both plats, Justice Tennison seconded. All were in favor.

With no other business, Justice Barnes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Tennison. All were in favor, and the committee adjourned at 5:58 PM.