

QUORUM COURT MINUTES APRIL 22, 2024

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

Invocation was led by Clint Burns, Restore Church, Brookland, AR.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

11 Justices of the Peace were present. Absent were Justice Longmire and Justice Weinstock.

The first order of business was approval of Quorum Court meeting minutes from April 8, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Williams. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously. Justice Cline read the Road committee minutes, Justice Rogers read the Public Service committee minutes, and Justice Forrest read the Finance committee minutes.

No OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A **Resolution recommending reappointment of Joshawa Lipsey to the Southridge Fire Protection District** was read. A motion to accept was made by Justice Forrest and seconded by Justice Tennison. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

A **Resolution recommending the reappointment of John Freeman to the Northeast Arkansas Industrial Development Commission** was read. A motion to accept was made by Justice Forrest and seconded by Justice Allison. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

An **Appropriation Ordinance for the Annual Clean-Up Approving, Reconciling, and Finalizing the 2023 Annual Operating Budget for Craighead County** was read. A motion to approve was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day asked for any questions or comments regarding the Ordinance. Justice Allison asked if we needed to make a motion to approve by title only and Judge Day responded that it was not necessary as it was done by reference and that was all we needed to do. Roll was called and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day announced we had some bids for our asphalt patching and for our sealcoat work. The sealcoat work was through the highway department, and we got both bids and signed them. We are patching right at 20 miles worth of roads and then resealing them. We are also over-laying from the Silos to Trinity Cemetery.

Judge Day reminded everyone we made a moratorium on tire processing facilities and a copy of that went to the Public Service Committee this last meeting. He thinks we are going to start running that through committee, so if you'd like to see a copy of that ahead of time let him know. It will be on the agenda for our next meeting of committees.

Judge Day also shared the county received another grant. The highway department had a local bridge program, and we were selected. The criteria were for bridges that have a reduced rating and we had only one in our county to apply for on 837 going over Cockleburr ditch. That resolution will come to you at your next meeting.

Last announcement, you all were invited to Craighead Forrest for a new bike trail opening on April 23, 2024, at 2pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Elwin Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, Jonesboro, AR, stated he is a resident of both Jonesboro and Craighead County. He is here because there seems to be some people stirring up something that involves the library and how the number of board members is determined within the *current library* agreement. He feels it's trying to bully the people of the county and how many members the county appoints. Mr. Hinds has talked with both the County Treasurer and County Tax Collector, and he believes the most equitable arrangement would be for the county to appoint 6 members of the library board. Mr. Hinds stated he doesn't think we need to change the way we appoint, but if we change there should be more appointed for the county not the city.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Williams. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.