

QUORUM COURT MINUTES

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**KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK**

September 9, 2019 Quorum Court Minutes

All Justices of the Peace present.

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

To start the meeting, Judge Day introduced Mary Margaret Jackson, a partnership specialist with the US Census Bureau, to the Court. Ms. Jackson proceeded to discuss why the US Census is important, how the process works, and what the US Census Bureau and local government can do to improve the accuracy of the Census. Ms. Jackson stated the Census is what determines how much money goes where and that is all dependent upon the population of each community. Arkansas gave up five and a half million dollars in the 2010 Census due to under reporting of how many people occupy our state. The money that is given to each state is used for schools, roads, disaster assistance, etc. Ms. Jackson discussed new issues that will be faced going into the 2020 Census that were not present in the 2010 Census. Examples are: more mobile population (no landlines), information explosion, complicated living situations, and the most important issue being the lack of trust in the government. To assist the US Census Bureau, Judge Day is forming a complete count committee to help ensure that every resident of Craighead County is accounted for. Residents will start receiving post cards in March of 2020 that give the option of going online and taking the questionnaire or calling the phone number provided. If there is no response, the postcard is sent again and so on 3 additional times. If there is still no response, US Census Bureau team members begin to knock on residents doors. April 1st is Census day, by this date households will have received an invitation to take part in the 2020 Census. On December 31st the information is sent to the President and from that point it is divvied out to the states.

The next order of business was approval of the August 26th Quorum Court minutes. Justice Price made motion to approve the minutes and Justice Rogers followed with a second.

Old Business: None to discuss.

New Business: None to discuss.

Announcements: Judge Day reminded the Court of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the CSU on 9/10/19 at 10:30 a.m. Judge Day also informed the Court that budget requests have been sent to all the Elected Officials with hopes of those being returned by the end of the month for review. The last announcement was to inform that Erin Johnson, from the road department, will be assigning the 911 addresses for the county now. An email has been set up for Erin, address@craigheadcounty.org.

With no further business, Justice Cline made motion to adjourn to committee meeting and Justice Couch followed with a second. Judge Day adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.