

February 14, 2022 Quorum Court Minutes

12 Justices of the Peace were present. Jason Price was absent. Also present were Lesli Penny and Sheriff Marty Boyd.

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

Invocation by Susan Miles, Pastor of Nettleton Community Church.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from January 24, 2022. A motion to accept was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

Special Public Service Committee minutes from January 24, 2022, were read by Justice Rogers.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

Announcements: Judge Day announced there has been a lot of discussion about how the Covid pandemic has caused a back log in the Justice system. The Governor made an announcement that a stipend of \$5,000.00 would be given to every law enforcement officer in the state this year. There is a lot of discussion on jail reimbursement rates. Judge Day stated that he would probably bring a proposal to the court to add some additional courtroom space. Justice Longmire asked if the County was still looking into doing something in the Annex building. Justice Weinstock asked about the second floor and what had been done. Judge Day stated that approximately two years ago an architect was hired to review remodeling the second floor of the Annex for Courtroom space and considering the cost the remodel was not going to be adequate for what was needed. Justice Longmire asked if the County was still considering a remodel or looking into building a new facility. Judge Day stated the County would look into building a new facility in the general area. Justice Longmire asked if there were any estimates, Judge Day said he believed it would cost between \$8 and \$10 million dollars. Justice Weinstock asked if the County could use the money the County would be getting back from the government. Judge Day responded by saying yes, \$10 million of the ARP money could be set aside for general use and that building courtrooms would be a general use. Justice Longmire asked when the County would be considering budgeting for the build. Judge Day responded by saying that at best, the County would be getting bids at the end of summer or first of fall, but most likely would be the first part of next year.

No other comments. Motion to adjourn was made by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Longmire.

Adjourned at 5:40 PM.

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Road Committee Minutes 2/14/2022

Chairman Steve Cline called the meeting to order at 5:41 pm. Justices present were Terry Couch, David Tennison and Carolyn Lewis. Road Superintendent John James and guest Christian Reyes.

John James updated the committee on road work that is being done at the present and future projects that are planned for this year.

Chairman Cline presented three plats to the committee for approval. The plats reviews were Mr. Christian Reyes - CR 714, Mr. Nilson Lopez - CR 741, and Katrina Morris - HWY 351. Justice David Tennison made a motion to approve all three plats, the motion was seconded by Justice Carolyn Lewis. All were in favor.

With no other business to discuss, Justice Couch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Lewis. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

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Public Service Committee Minutes

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The Public Service meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chairman Rogers. Those in attendance were Justice Williams, Justice Noel and Judge Day.

Judge Day mentioned the county's policy on pay for military leave may need to be reviewed and changed. There is also another issue about employees being on call that may require review.

A Resolution to appoint Doyle Hudson to the Valley View Fire Board was presented to the committee. A motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and 2nd by Justice Williams. Motion passed to move to full court for approval.

A Resolution to reappoint Ronnie Jones to Cash Fire Board was presented. A motion to approve was made by Justice Williams, 2nd by Justice Noel. Motion passed to move to full court for approval.

A Resolution to reappoint Jerry Cook to Egypt Fire Board was presented. A motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and seconded by Justice Williams. The motion passed and will be heard by the full court.

The Resolution to support the Southridge Fire Protection District's application for Arkansas Rural Fire Community Grant funding was read. Justice Williams made the motion to approve, 2nd by Justice Noel. The motion passed and the Resolution will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

An Ordinance to enact a Code of Ordinances for Craighead County was the last item on the agenda. Justice Noel made the motion to approve, 2nd by Justice Williams. After a vote, the Ordinance will be moved to the full court for approval.

With no other business before the committee, the motion to adjourn was made by Justice Noel and 2nd by Justice Williams. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Finance Committee Minutes February 14, 2022

Chairman Josh Longmire called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:43 pm. Those present were Justices Pasmore, Cook, Percy and Weinstock. Also present were Sheriff Marty Boyd and Treasurer Terry McNatt.

Collector Eddington was unable to attend so Rachel Cook gave the Tax Collection report on his behalf. Total tax collected in January 2022 was \$459,537, which was up 0.7% over January 2021 collections.

Treasurer McNatt reported on January's financial reports. The General Fund ended with \$7.78 million. The Capital Fund had \$2.3 million, and the Road Fund ended with \$6.9 million. Sales tax collections increased 20.21% in January 2022, compared to January 2021. The ½ cent sales tax collected \$104,952.89 in January. Treasurer McNatt presented the 2021 YTD comparison through month 13. The overall review showed Craighead County \$8.5 million stronger than the prior year. The 2022 YTD comparison through January 2022 shows Craighead County \$202,237.02 weaker than the prior year financial position.

Chairman Longmire presented the Appropriation Ordinance for the Connect & Protect grant, Fund 3537. A motion was made by Justice Cook to approve, seconded by Justice Weinstock. The motion passed and will be heard by the full court at the next meeting.

The Appropriation Ordinance for Fund 3539, Hazard Mitigation Grant CR 7628-7629 was read. A motion to approve was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Percy. The motion passed to move to the full court.

The Appropriation Ordinance regarding 2021 transfers was presented. Justice Pasmore made the motion to approve, seconded by Justice Cook. The motion passed.

The Ordinance to establish Fund 1006, ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund was presented. Justice Pasmore made the motion to approve, seconded by Justice Weinstock. The motion passed.

The Appropriation Ordinance to increase the part-time allowable rate of pay to \$15/hour was discussed. Sheriff Boyd spoke to the problem of the County not being competitive in pay for part-time positions. Justice Pasmore made the motion to accept, seconded by Justice Percy. The motion passed and the Appropriation Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

With no other business, Justice Weinstock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Percy. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:03 pm.