

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

APRIL 7, 2020

THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT WILL MEET FOR REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 AT 6:00 PM IN THE 2ND FLOOR COURTROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE, WITH JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS PRESIDING.

- » CALL TO ORDER
- » DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
- » COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- » NEW BUSINESS
 1. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET.
 2. AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS LEAVE POLICIES IN TIMES OF A PUBLIC-HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
- » ANNOUNCEMENT
- » ADJOURNMENT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has collected the following fees, reimbursements and donations in excess of the anticipated budgeted revenue amount in the month of February, 2020:

\$ 120.50 received from DWI Fines from District Court
\$ 119.44 received from Drug Enforcement Fines from District Court
\$ 2,300.00 received from Act 770 fees
\$ 45.00 received for Court Ordered Restitution (Drug Buy Fund)
\$ 2,923.24 received for Installment Fees
\$ 235.00 received for Donation
\$ 75.00 received for VIN Checks
\$ 20.00 received for Black Powder Prints
\$ 137.58 reimbursement Inmates' Medical
\$ 77.80 reimbursement for Inmates' Postcards
\$ 171.18 reimbursement for Inmates' Prescriptions
\$ 247.50 reimbursement Court Ordered Restitution (Extradition Prisoner Transport)
\$ 37,059.36 reimbursement (Check – Vehicle purchase)
\$ 90.00 reimbursement Court Ordered Restitution

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate said monies totaling \$43,621.60 to the appropriate line items in the Sheriff's Department 2020 budget.

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the 2020 County General Fund (#1000) \$3,133.00 for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 2,395.00 to GL# 1000-0400-2001 (Sheriff: General Supplies)
\$ 368.00 to GL# 1000-0400-2007 (Sheriff: Fuel, Oil, Lubricants)
\$ 45.00 to GL# 1000-0400-3093 (Sheriff: Misc. Law Enforcement)
\$ 90.00 to GL# 1000-0400-2023 (Sheriff: Parts & Repairs)
\$ 235.00 to GL# 1000-0400-2006 (Sheriff: Clothing & Uniforms)

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the 2020 County Jail Fund (#3401) \$37,445.92 for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 77.80 to GL# 3401-0418-2001 (Jail: General Supplies)
\$ 171.18 to GL# 3401-0418-2004 (Jail: Medicine & Drugs)
\$ 137.58 to GL# 3401-0418-3006 (Jail: Medical, Dental & Hospital)
\$37,059.36 to GL# 3401-0418-4005 (Jail: Vehicle Purchase)

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated from the 2020 Sheriff's Special Projects Fund (#3400) \$3,042.68 for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 119.44 to GL# 3400-0400-2065 (Drug Enforcement-Sheriff's Projects)

\$ 2,923.24 to GL# 3400-0400-3003 (Computer Services – Sheriff's Projects)

APPROVED:

MICKEY D. PENDERGRASS, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS LEAVE POLICIES IN TIMES OF A PUBLIC-HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Governor Asa Hutchinson has declared a public-health emergency due to the COVID19 virus entering Arkansas;

WHEREAS, quarantine is one of the recommended management tools by the CDC to prevent the spread of COVID19;

WHEREAS, the quarantine period recommended by the CDC is fourteen days from the date of exposure;

WHEREAS, House Resolution 6201 provides for an expansion of FMLA leave during this public health emergency and provides for up to 80 hours of sick leave available to qualifying employees for a COVID19 related reason;

WHEREAS, HR 6201 goes into effect "no later than April 1, 2020";

WHEREAS, that leaves a number of days between the date of this passage of this ordinance and the effective date of HR 6201 in which county employees may be affected by COVID19, or related closures;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County, it's employees, and the public, that persons who have been exposed to COVID19 or who have been diagnosed with COVID19 be able to remain in quarantine for the full fourteen-day period;

WHEREAS, the County is attempting to ensure employees are able to remain in quarantine for the full fourteen-day period, or are able to remain in quarantine after having a confirmed case of COVID19, without suffering undue hardship which may be created by limited availability of leave;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. During the state of public health emergency declared by the Governor due to COVID19, the following rules will be in place from the passage of this ordinance until the Families First Coronavirus Response Act goes into effect.

Section 2. Employees who fall under one of the following categories will be eligible to receive an amount, not to exceed two weeks of pay for their regularly scheduled hours or salary:

- a. There is a mandated quarantine by federal, state or local government where the employee lives or works;

- b. An employee has been placed on self-quarantine by a health care provider, or by the Arkansas Department of Health, or is under an Order of quarantine by the Arkansas Department of Health, and the quarantine is related to the employee's possible exposure to COVID19;
- c. An employee is experiencing symptoms of COVID19 and is seeking a medical diagnosis;
- d. An elected official sends an employee home due to fever, or other objective concerns about possible exposure;
 - i. The elected official may use their discretion to identify an employee subject to quarantine based on identified risk factors as explained by the CDC, or based on fact specific information related to travel locations, or high-risk transmission settings, or personal contact with a person infected with COVID19
- e. An employee has been diagnosed with COVID19.

Section 3. Employees who do not qualify for sections 2 subparts a) – e) of this Ordinance, but who have a school-aged child who is under 18 years of age and attends an elementary school or secondary school, and who has experienced a school closing or mandatory quarantine, may choose to stay home with their child without being subject to discipline for attendance.

- a. Employees who choose to stay home under this option are required to use any accrued paid time off, including sick leave, vacation leave, comp time, and personal time off.
- b. Once paid time off has been exhausted, the employee may accrue a deficit balance to the extent necessary to accommodate the school closing.

Section 4. During the state of public health emergency declared by the Governor due to COVID19, the rules set forth herein will be in place from the passage of this ordinance, until the public health emergency has passed, as determined by the Governor.

Section 5. An employee diagnosed with COVID19 shall not return to work for up to fourteen days from initial diagnosis. A medical release shall be required from the physician or physician's office who originally diagnosed the employee.

Section 6. Employees who choose to take time off during this declared public-health emergency for any reason other than those listed above, are still subject to the regular leave provisions as outlined in the County Personnel Policy.

Section 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. There is significant risk to public health and safety posed by the spread of COVID19. The Baxter County Quorum Court has determined that this Ordinance is necessary to help prevent the spread of the illness within the County and to members of the general public who may visit county offices. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare, shall be effective from and after its date of passage.

APPROVED:

MICKEY D. PENDERGRASS, COUNTY JUDGE
Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK
SPONSOR: _____
Date Adopted: _____
Votes: For: _____ Against: _____
Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____