

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**March 10, 2020**

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in a regular session at 6:00 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom with County Judge Mickey Pendergrass presiding. Members present were: Rhonda “Tink” Albright, Ty Chapman, Cameron Davis, Maryanne Edge, Edna Fusco, Kevin Litty, Robert Lowery, Charles Osgood, Gary Smith, Lucille Soltysik (who arrived late and was not there for consideration of the first four ordinances), and Dirk Waldrop. The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Pendergrass asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February meeting. Justice Smith moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justice Lowery seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Smith reported on the Budget Committee meeting, which immediately preceded this meeting of the Court. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal.

The 2018 Fiscal Audit Report for Baxter County Government from Division of Legislative Audit was read into the record by Judge Pendergrass. County Attorney David Ethredge commended the Elected Officials and other individuals for their diligence which resulted in a clean audit.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2020-10, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-10 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2020-11, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 2019 BUDGET, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE #2018-47, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE-MANDATED BUDGET CLEAN-UP**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lowery moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion passed and Ordinance #2020-11 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2020-12, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,800.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES REVENUE FUND INTO THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES AND JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 2020 BUDGETS**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lowery moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed and Ordinance #2020-12 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2020-13, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 WITHIN THE COUNTY JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION FUND (#3401)**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Edge moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Lowery. After brief discussion and explanation by Sheriff Montgomery, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2020-13 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2020-14, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$264,000.00 FROM EXCESS CARRYOVER REVENUES IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lowery moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Fusco. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-14 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2020-3, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE BAXTER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Fusco. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, and Fusco. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-3 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2020-4, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COTTER-GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, and Litty. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-4 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2020-5, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE PETRAY AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF ANITA KNACK BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER-GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Litty, and read in its entirety by County Clerk

Canda Reese. A motion to adopt was made by Justice Albright and seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, and Lowery. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-5 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2020-6, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CURTIS MEINZER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORFORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, and Osgood. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-6 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2020-7, **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BAXTER COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO "GUARD AGAINST ANY ENCROACHMENT ON THE U.S. BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE ARKANSAS DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS,"** was sponsored by Justices Waldrop and Chapman. Justice Waldrop moved that the proposed resolution be read by title only. No objection was made, therefore it was read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Waldrop then moved for the adoption of the proposed resolution, seconded by Justice Chapman. Being no further discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, and Smith. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-7 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

In other business, Donald W. Reynolds/Baxter County Library Director Kim Crow-Sheaner provided the Court with the Annual Report for the Library, and an informative presentation regarding the services provided there.

Other Announcements:

Justice Edge informed the Court that the Mountain Home Cemetery has recently been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

After other brief announcements, and being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Canda J. Reese, Baxter County & Circuit Clerk  
Secretary to the Quorum Court