

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

April 6, 2021

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in 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, Angela DeGroote, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Kevin Litty, Robert Lowery, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele and Dirk Waldrop. The meeting began with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Pendergrass introduced to the Court the new Road & Bridge Superintendent, Larry Carter, and the new Administrator of the Baxter County Health Unit, Stacey Ferretti. He then introduced Marlin Mowdy from the Arkansas Heritage Center Department of Parks and Tourism, who gave a presentation on the history of and plans for upcoming renovations to the Wolf House in Norfolk.

Judge Pendergrass asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March meeting. Justice Albright moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justice Davis seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Justice Waldrop reported on the March 16 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Justice Davis reported on the March 16 meeting of the Budget Committee. Justice Lowery reported on the April 1 meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee. Minutes of each of those meetings will be attached to this Journal.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-14, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-14 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-15, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,000.00 OF REVENUE FUNDS INTO THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 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 Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele,

Waldrop, and Albright. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-15 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-16, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE FUND (#1000) INTO THE COUNTY JUDGE'S DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Davis. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-16 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-17, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,545.53 IN THE SHERIFF'S COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500.00 WITHIN THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (#3017), AND APPROPRIATING REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (#3017) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND (#3401)**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Steele moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Justice Frank seconded that motion. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-17 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-18, **AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW POSITION-WARRANT/TRAINING OFFICER IN THE BAXTER COUNTY JAIL**, was sponsored by the Personnel and Budget Committees and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis and DeGroot. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-18 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021- , **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT**, was sponsored by the Personnel and Budget Committees and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis moved to table the proposed ordinance until next month so that corrections can be made to it. Justice Litty seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-19, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE FUND TO THE VETERAN'S SERVICES BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Lowery. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-19 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-14, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ROY NELSON, MARY FERRON, DANA HEWITT, SIDNEY EDELBROCK, AND MARY NORGAARD BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE CLARKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice DeGroot and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. This Resolution was tabled during last month's meeting for corrections. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-14 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Business:

Judge Pendergrass read into the record a list of non-inventoried items being disposed of by the Sheriff's Office, as well as a list from the Clerk's Office. Both lists will be attached to this Journal.

Baxter County Human Resources Director Sue Edwards informed the Court about the April 22 County Government Awareness Event: "I LOVE MY COUNTY BECAUSE . . ." which will be held at the County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day. Judge Pendergrass then acknowledged and thanked Ms. Edwards for her contribution to the County over the past two years when she announced that she has accepted a position elsewhere, and will be leaving the County's employ in the middle of April.

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