

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

May 4, 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.

David Benedict from the Baxter County Historical Society gave a presentation to the Court regarding the activities of the Society, which receives some support from the County.

Judge Pendergrass introduced Courtney Horn, the new Human Resources Manager.

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

There were no committee reports.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-20, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Davis. 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 #2021-20 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2021-21, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIXED ASSET ITEM TO BE PLACED IN INVENTORY AND TO AMEND BAXTER COUNTY CODE §250.00**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Waldrop made a motion to suspend the rules and place the proposed ordinance on second reading. Justice Albright seconded that motion. The roll was called, and all voted in favor. The proposed ordinance was read a second time by title only. Justice Waldrop moved to suspend the rules again and read the ordinance for the

third time. Justice Albright again seconded that motion. The roll was called, and all voted in favor. The ordinance was read the third time by title only. Justice Edge then moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2021-21 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2021- , **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL DATED APRIL 2007**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. The proposed ordinance was then tabled for second reading at next month's meeting.

Proposed Ordinance #2021-22, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE CALLED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by Justices Edge, Frank, and Steele, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Steele moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Justice Albright seconded that motion. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. Voting NAY: Justice Waldrop. The motion passed and Ordinance #2021-22 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 1 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-15, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY SMITH BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GROVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Frank and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Lowery. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot and Edge. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-15 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-16, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP RICE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Davis. 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 #2021-16 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

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