

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

May 5, 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: Ty Chapman, Cameron Davis, Maryanne Edge, Kevin Litty, Robert Lowery, Charles Osgood, Gary Smith, and Dirk Waldrop. Justices Albright and Fusco were both absent. Justice Soltysik recently passed away, leaving a vacancy in District 2. 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 April meeting. Justice Smith moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justice Edge seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

There were no committee meetings to report, however, Judge Pendergrass did report on a recent meeting of the local Court Security Committee, and announced that the City of Gassville is applying for a Court Security Grant to install a metal detector in their District Court.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2020-17, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Osgood, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Osgood. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, Edge, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-17 was adopted with a vote of 8 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2020-18, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 IN THE #3401 BUDGET, FROM SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND #3017**, was sponsored by Justice Smith, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Lowery. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, and Chapman. The motion passed and Ordinance #2020-18 was adopted with a vote of 8 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2020-19, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 IN THE COUNTY GENERAL #1000 FUND INTO THE ASSESSOR'S BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Davis, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Lowery. Being no discussion the

roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2020-19 was adopted with a vote of 8 YEA, 0 NAY.

At this point in the meeting, in order to explain and discuss the next two agenda items, Jeremy Ragland from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, gave a presentation regarding the Community Development Block Grant program and the grants that are available at this time, specifically pertaining to COVID-19 response. These are 100% grants that require no matching funds. Baxter Regional Medical Center is to be the anticipated recipient of this particular \$500,000.00 grant. Additionally, Mr. Ron Peterson, CEO of BRMC, spoke to the need for the grant and the plans for its utilization.

Proposed Resolution #2020-8, **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NON-PROFIT AGENCY AS CDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATOR**, was sponsored by Justice Lowery and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lowery moved to adopt the proposed resolution, seconded by Justice Osgood. Being no additional discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Chapman, Davis, and Edge. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-8 was adopted with a vote of 8 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2020-9, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BAXTER COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN ACEDP (ARKANSAS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**, was sponsored by Justice Lowery and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Chapman, Davis, Edge, and Litty. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-9 was adopted with a vote of 8 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2020-10, **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN QUORUM COURT DISTRICT TWO**, was sponsored by Justice Smith and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Lowery. After comments by Judge Pendergrass, and no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Chapman, Davis, Edge, Litty, and Lowery. The motion passed and Resolution #2020-10 was adopted with a vote of 8 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

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