

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

August 10, 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 (via ZOOM), Cameron Davis, Angela DeGroot, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Kevin Litty, Robert Lowery, and Roger Steele. Justice Dirk Waldrop was not in attendance. The meeting began with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Justice Albright reported on the July 29 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal.

Baxter County Veterans Services Officer Charles Leonard provided the Court with a report on the work being accomplished by the Veterans Services Office.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-29, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JUNE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Edge moved to adopt the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, and Steele. The motion passed and Ordinance #2021-29 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-30, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES REVENUE FUND AND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00 FROM THE DETENTION CENTER REVENUE FUND INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS 2021 BUDGETS**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, and Albright. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-30 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2021-31, **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BAXTER COUNTY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH DIKE RANEY PURSUANT TO ACT 353 (A.C.A. §14-14-1202)**, was sponsored by Justices Frank and Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Steele. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed and Ordinance #2021-31 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-32, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 INTO THE COUNTY JAIL 2021 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice DeGroot. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-32 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-33, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2020-53 (2021 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS) TO INCLUDE ALL APPROVED FULL AND PART-TIME POSITIONS**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Personnel Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-33 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-34, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING IN THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT THE HIRING ABOVE MID-POINT RANGE WITHIN THE BAXTER COUNTY PAY GRADE**, was sponsored by Baxter County Personnel Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. Justice Osgood seconded that motion. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-34 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2021- , **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE BAXTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING AND UPDATING CERTAIN SECTIONS**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Personnel Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. A motion was made by Justice Davis to table the proposed ordinance for corrections and consideration at next month's meeting. Justice Chapman seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Proposed Resolution #2021-22, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BROWNING BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HENDERSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Lowery and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Lowery made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lowery, Osgood,

Steele, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Litty. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-22 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-23, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ERIC FAULKNER, DAVID MILLER, AND LINDA BRADBURY BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORFORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steele moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, and Lowery. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-23 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-24, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH CHATMAN TO THE BAXTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**, was sponsored by Justices Frank and Edge and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Lowery. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, and Osgood. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-24 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-25, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ERIC WOLF AND TONY CHAMBERLAIN BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE 101-GAMALIEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Lowery and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Lowery made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-25 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

Judge Pendergrass read a letter to the Court from Equalization Board member Brandon Scallion, announcing his resignation from the Board. He was the Quorum Court's appointee to the Equalization Board, so Judge Pendergrass urged the Court to be thinking of who they could appoint to replace him, although it is too late to do so for this year's EQ session.

Sheriff Montgomery asked for prayers for the family of Deputy Jim Morgan who passed away last week due to complications of COVID.

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