

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**September 07, 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, Cameron Davis, Angela DeGroot, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Kevin Litty, Robert Lowery, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele, and Dirk Waldrop. Justice Chapman 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 August meeting. After one correction was addressed, Justice Lowery moved to approve the minutes. Justice Albright seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Justice Waldrop reported on the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal. He also made a motion to suspend the rules and add an ordinance to the agenda of this meeting which had been passed by the Personnel Committee but had been left off of the agenda. Justice DeGroot seconded that motion and all voted in favor.

Baxter County Extension Agent Brad Runsick provided the Court with a report on the services provided and work being accomplished by the County Extension Office.

Gassville Fire Chief Mike Glotzl informed the Court of plans for a Community Memorial Service for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 911 terrorist attacks, as well as a First Responders Appreciation Dinner to be held after the Ceremony.

Old Business:

First Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2021-35, **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL FOR THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading by title only. Justice Edge seconded that motion and all voted in favor. The ordinance was read a second time by the Clerk, at which time Justice Davis moved to suspend the rules and move the ordinance to a third reading. Justice Albright seconded that motion, and all voted in favor. The ordinance was read the third time by title only. Justice Edge then made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed and Ordinance #2021-35 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2021-36, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lowery moved to adopt the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroote, and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-36 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2021-37, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY**, was sponsored by Justice Litty and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Lowery made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. After much discussion and explanation by the County Judge, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-37 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2021-38, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ALIGNMENT TO THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE BAXTER COUNTY PAY GRADE TABULAR**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice DeGroote moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After much discussion regarding whether this should actually be an Appropriation Ordinance or a Policy Ordinance requiring three separate readings, Justice Litty made a motion to table the proposed ordinance until the issues could be clarified at the Budget Committee meeting later this week. Justice Frank seconded that motion. The roll was called on the motion to table. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, and Steele. Voting NAY: Justices Albright, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, and Waldrop. The motion failed.

Justice Waldrop then made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to delete section 2, which dealt with funding increases for two positions within the Juvenile Services Department, and to add an emergency clause. Justice Edge seconded that motion, and all voted in favor. The roll was then called on the motion to adopt the ordinance as amended. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, and Osgood. The motion passed and Ordinance #2021-38 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-26, **A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS 412 COALITION OF COUNTIES AND CITIES**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion to adopt was made by Justice Osgood and seconded by Justice Steele. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-26 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-27, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY IVENS 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 Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-27 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-28, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WENDY FLENTGE 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 moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-28 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2021-29, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NATHAN BYRD AND THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF LUKE GLASSCOCK BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE LONE ROCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Lowery moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, and Davis. The motion passed and Resolution #2021-29 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

Community member Meredith Novak addressed the Court to request assistance regarding issues with her water supply. Judge Pendergrass indicated that he thought it would be an ADEQ issue, but that he would look into it.

The Budget Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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