

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

December 8, 2020

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in its last regular session of 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom with County Judge Mickey Pendergrass presiding. Members present were: Rhonda Tink Albright, Cameron Davis, Maryanne Edge, Edna Fusco, Dale Hershberger, Kevin Litty, Robert Lowery, Charles Osgood, Gary Smith, and Dirk Waldrop. Justice Chapman was not in attendance. The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Justice Smith reported on the November 30 Budget Committee meeting. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

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

Jeff Quick, from the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, Glenn Priebe, from the Baxter County Fair Board, and Mike Slice, from the Baxter County Fire Chiefs Association, all publicly thanked Judge Pendergrass and the Quorum Court for their assistance in granting to their respective organizations monies received by the County from the Federal CARES Act.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2020-46, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Hershberger, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-46 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2020-47, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,500.00 FROM REVENUE FUND (#1000) INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Fusco, Hershberger, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-47 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2020-48, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Smith. After much discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Fusco, Hershberger, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Albright, and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-48 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2020-49, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,740.00 INTO THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Hershberger, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Albright, Davis, and Edge. Voting NAY: Justice Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-49 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 1 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2020-50, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,000.00 FROM EXCESS REVENUE FUND #2003 INTO THE ROAD & BRIDGE 2020 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Davis, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Hershberger, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, Edge, and Fusco. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-50 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2020-51, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM MARION COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$944.50 WITHIN THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Davis and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Hershberger. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, Edge, Fusco, and Hershberger. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-51 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2020-52, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,900.00 WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lowery moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Hershberger, and Litty. The motion passed and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2020-52 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2020-53, **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Edge moved for the adoption of the budget ordinance, and Justice Fusco seconded that motion. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Smith, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, Edge, Fusco,

Hershberger, Litty, and Lowery. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-53 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

Richard Taffner, the Regional Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, addressed the Court regarding the services of the local health unit, as well as information about COVID-19.

Judge Pendergrass recognized the three outgoing Justices of the Peace, and thanked them for their service to Baxter County. These included Dale Hershberger, who was appointed earlier this year to fill the vacancy in District 2; Edna Fusco, District 8, who has served on the Court for 6 years, and Gary Smith, District 1, who has served for many years, this being his 161st meeting as a Justice of the Peace.

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