

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

February 8, 2022

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, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele, and Dirk Waldrop. 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 January meeting. Justice Albright moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Edge seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Davis reported on the January 27 meeting of the Budget Committee. Justice Waldrop reported on the February 7 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of both meetings will be attached to this Journal.

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a brief Treasurer’s report.

Ms. Robyn Snyder, Director of the Van Matre Senior Center, and Ms. Donna Wallace, Director of the Big Flat Senior Center, gave a report on the services provided by the Senior Centers and the Area Agency on Aging. After their presentation, Justice Davis suggested that the Court consider in the near future how to increase the funding provided by the county to the Area Agency on Aging.

New Business:

3rd Reading, Proposed Ordinance #2022- , **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL FOR BAXTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Waldrop then made a motion to table the proposed ordinance until the April Quorum Court meeting due to other pending matters which may affect this ordinance. Justice Edge seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-7, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2022-7 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-8, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 INTO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-8 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-9, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,949.00 FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE REVENUE FUND (#2000) INTO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-9 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-10, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice DeGroot motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-10 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2022-11, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2022-11 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-12, **AN ORDINANCE FUNDING A JAILER POSITION IN THE BAXTER COUNTY JAIL**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Chapman, and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2022-12 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-2, **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN QUORUM COURT DISTRICT THREE**, was sponsored by Justice Litty, and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Osgood. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Litty. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-2 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

In old business, Justice Waldrop made a motion to override Judge Pendergrass' veto of ordinance #2022-6, which was passed by the Court at the January meeting. Justice Edge seconded his motion. After much discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Litty, and Osgood. Voting NAY: Justice Frank. The motion passed, and the veto of Ordinance #2022-6 was overturned with a vote of 9 YEA, 1 NAY.

Other Announcements:

Judge Pendergrass presented a list of items to be disposed of by the OEM Department. That list will be attached to this Journal, and available for public inspection.

Judge Pendergrass also announced that on May 2, the Wreaths Across America van will be here on the square. They are traveling across the country to honor the Veterans of America, and have chosen Mountain Home as one of their stops.

Justice Davis commented that according to his research, Baxter County owns some 125 different parcels of property. He suggested that in light of the current real estate market, this might be a good time to consider selling a few of them. He also expressed commendation and gratitude to the County Road Department for doing a great job in the recent winter storm.

After other brief comments, 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