

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

April 5, 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, Angela DeGroote, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Kevin Litty, Charles Osgood, Wayne Roth, Roger Steele, and Dirk Waldrop. Justice Davis was not in attendance. 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 March meeting. Justice Albright moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice DeGroote seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

There were no committee reports.

County Treasurer Jenay Mize was not able to be in attendance but had sent out the monthly financial reports prior to the meeting. Additionally, members of the Court were provided with copies of the Audited Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the Year Ended December 31, 2020. A copy of that federal audit report will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Ms. Kim Crow-Sheaner, Director of the Baxter County Donald W. Reynolds Library, presented the annual report for the Library and discussed the activities and services they provide.

Justice Litty made a motion to suspend the rules and add an additional item to the agenda, a resolution regarding the Mountain Home Saddle Club. Justice Chapman seconded that motion. The roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, and Steele. Voting NAY: Justice Waldrop. Motion passed.

New Business:

1st 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. The proposed ordinance was then tabled for second reading at next month’s meeting.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-16, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Steele moved to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroote. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2022-16 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-17, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING COVID RELIEF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,089.50 INTO FIRE DEPARTMENTS 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Litty. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-17 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-18, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00 INTO THE COVID RELIEF FUND #1005 FOR THE COST OF 2020 AND 2021 FEDERAL AUDITS**, was sponsored by Justice Litty, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief explanation by Judge Pendergrass, and no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and DeGroote. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-18 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-19, **AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS INTO THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND #1006 FROM FUND #3046 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, FOR A ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, DeGroote and Edge. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-19 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2022-20, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 2021 BUDGET, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2020-53 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE-MANDATED BUDGET CLEAN-UP**, was sponsored by Justice Osgood 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 Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, DeGroote, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-20 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2022-21, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 WITHIN THE BAXTER COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice

Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Osgood. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, DeGroote, Edge, Chapman, Frank and Litty. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-21 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022- , **A RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CARES ACT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME SADDLE CLUB IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by Justice Litty, and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. Justice Albright expressed concern regarding getting this resolution at the last minute, and said she needed time to read it thoroughly and research the matter before making a decision. Judge Pendergrass responded that it is a resolution, and no money is being appropriated. It is only an expression of support, but the Saddle Club's request will have to be presented to the budget committee before any consideration is given for appropriating funds. Justice Waldrop spoke against the resolution and said that if people want to support the Saddle Club, they should write a check personally, but he didn't feel this was an appropriate use of public money. After much discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Chapman, DeGroote, Frank, and Litty. Voting NAY: Justices Roth, Waldrop, Albright, and Osgood. Justice Edge abstained. The motion failed.

Other Announcements:

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

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