

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**June 7, 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, Wayne Roth, 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 May meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Osgood seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

There were no committee meetings to report.

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a Treasurer’s report, and reiterated to the attendees the differences between CARES Act monies and ARPA funds.

Judge Pendergrass introduced the new Baxter County HR Director, Kesha Rhame. County Clerk Canda Reese recognized Payroll Administrator Vance Jones for his services to the County, as he has accepted a position with another entity.

Heather Powell, director of the Twin Lakes Literacy Council, gave a presentation regarding the services they provide to the citizens of Baxter County.

Justice Waldrop made a motion to suspend the rules and add an additional resolution to the agenda. Justice Frank seconded that motion and all voted in favor.

Old Business:

3<sup>rd</sup> 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. After three calls for a motion to consider, the proposed ordinance died for lack of a motion.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-30, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice DeGroot moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2022-30 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2022-31, **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BAXTER COUNTY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH BENNY MAGNESS, OWNER OF MAGNESS OIL COMPANY**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. Sheriff Montgomery gave a brief explanation as to the need for the ordinance. Being no further discussion, the roll was called for adoption. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-31 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-32, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$70,000.00 FROM E-WASTE GRANT FUND (#1900) INTO THE E-WASTE GRANT FUND 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Chapman moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion and explanation by the County Judge, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-32 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-33, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,296.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE FUND (#1000) INTO THE RECYCLING PROJECT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Litty motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-33 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2022-34, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,110.00 FROM CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (#1005) INTO COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) AND JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND (#3401)**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2022-34 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-35, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND AND K9 FUND; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS**, was

sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Chapman, and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2022-35 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-7, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BAXTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**, was sponsored by Justice Roth and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Litty. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-7 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY, thereby appointing Robert Chamberlain to the Board of Equalization.

Proposed Resolution #2022-8, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS QUORUM COURT, THROUGH ITS COUNTY JUDGE, TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR A PROJECT FOR “RUNWAY IMPROVEMENTS – ENGINEERING REPORT,” SAID PROJECT STYLED ‘AIP 3-05-0046-023-2022;’ AT THE BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT**, was sponsored by Justice Waldrop and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, and Osgood. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-8 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

After other brief comments, 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