

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

October 4, 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 DeGroot, 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 September meeting. Justice Osgood moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Edge seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Waldrop reported on the September 29 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal.

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a Treasurer’s report. She discussed the outcome of the ACEE federal audit report which covered fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. There were no reportable findings in the audit. A copy of the audit report will be attached to this Journal, and is available for public inspection in the Clerk’s Office.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-58, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Edge, and was read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, and Waldrop. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2022-58 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-59, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,283.24 FROM COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE FUND (#1000) INTO JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop,

and Albright. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-59 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2022-60, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FROM (#3046) ARPA FUND TO (#1006) ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE 2021 YEAR FEDERAL AUDIT (ACEE)**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Steele. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-60 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-61, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00 TO PURCHASE PROPERTY**, was sponsored by Justice Steele and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-61 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-18, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARI RUEGSEGGER AND THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF JIM SCAMAN AND BILLY HALE BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE RODNEY-JORDAN VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Chapman made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-18 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

At the close of regular business, Justice Frank asked for the floor. He proceeded to introduce a new resolution to the Court, and asked for the Justices to support its passage. Proposed Resolution #2022-19, **A RESOLUTION STATING THAT BAXTER COUNTY'S QUORUM COURT OPPOSES THE PASSAGE OF BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION #14 CREATING THE "ARKANSAS FREEDOM OF RELIGION AMENDMENT," AS THE TITLE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO MISLEAD THE ELECTORS**, was sponsored by Justice Frank, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution, seconded by Justice Albright. Justice Frank spoke in favor of the resolution. After brief other comments and discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-19 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

Judge Pendergrass reiterated information to the Court about the federal audit report. He also asked the Court to consider moving the start time for the November 2022 Quorum Court meeting, as early voting will be going on in the courtroom until 6 p.m. Justice Edge made a

motion to start the November meeting at 6:30 p.m. for that reason. Justice Roth seconded that motion and all voted in favor.

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