

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

November 1, 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 October meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Albright seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Frank reported on the October 18 meeting of the Building Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal.

Justice Davis reported on the October 20 meeting of the Budget 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 2021 annual legislative audit report which covered fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Results of that report were read into the record. There were no reportable findings in the audit. A copy of the audit report is on file and available for public inspection in the Clerk’s Office. Ms. Mize also gave a presentation on the various county funds, briefly discussing where the revenues come from for the different types of funds, and which funds have restrictions on the way they can be spent.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-62, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Davis, and was read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, and Waldrop. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2022-62 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-63, **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING MILLAGE TAXES ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF BAXTER COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2022 AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC ELECTION**, was sponsored by Justices Steele and Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. After some 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 #2022-63 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-64, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE AIRPORT 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 Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-64 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2022-65, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-FUND TO BE CALLED THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATC); AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by Justice Litty and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. 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 #2022-65 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-66, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,157.00 FROM LATCF FUND (#1007)**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. 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 Appropriation Ordinance #2022-66 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-67, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY**, was sponsored by the Building and Budget Committees, and was read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2022-67 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2022-68, **AN ORDINANCE TO RE-APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 2022 BUDGET TO FUND A FULL-TIME SECRETARY POSITION**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Chapman made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele,

Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2022-68 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-69, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FUNDING OF TWO PATROL DEPUTY POSITIONS AND MOVING ONE PART-TIME CID INVESTIGATOR TO FULL-TIME STATUS IN THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, was sponsored by the Budget and Personnel Committees, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele made a motion to adopt. Justice Edge seconded that motion. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Litty. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2022-69 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-20, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CLARKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, was sponsored by Justice DeGroot, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice DeGroot made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Davis. After brief 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 #2022-20 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-21, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW JOHNSON BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MIDWAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Frank and Albright, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, and Roth. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-21 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-22, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH ERIC PAYNE BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Justice Albright and seconded by Justice Edge. After brief discussion and explanation by the County Judge, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-22 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-23, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF WILL GREGORY AND KEVIN BODENHAMER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MOUNTAIN HOME RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Roth and Albright, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steele moved to adopt the proposed resolution, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief comments by the County Judge, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-23 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF MIKE FUSION AND JOHN OLSON BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BUFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-24 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

The Personnel Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 3.

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