

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

February 7, 2023

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in regular session at 6:00 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom with County Judge Kevin Litty presiding. Members present were: Rhonda “Tink” Albright, Ty Chapman, Angela DeGroot, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop, and Shannon Walker. Justice Cameron Davis was not in attendance. The meeting began with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Litty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January meeting. Being none, Justice Osgood moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Justice Albright seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a Treasurer’s report.

Justice Waldrop reported on the January 19 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Justice Frank reported on the February 1 meeting of the Budget Committee. Minutes of both meetings will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

New Business:

Judge Litty brought to the Court’s attention that the scheduled day for the July meeting falls on the July 4th holiday. A voice vote was taken regarding moving the July meeting to the second Tuesday (July 11). All voted in favor.

A proposal was brought to the Court for discussion regarding changing the time of the monthly Quorum Court meetings to earlier in the day (4:30 p.m.). After much discussion on the matter, a voice vote was held, but failed. The monthly meeting time will remain at 6:00 p.m.

Friends of the Norfolk and White Rivers President Steve Blumreich, addressed the Court again regarding the old NABORS landfill. He and several community members are asking that the Court adopt an ordinance to prevent the re-opening of the landfill, or an ordinance prohibiting any landfill from opening within Baxter County. After much discussion, and comments from other community members, Justices, and County Attorney David Ethredge, the matter was referred to the legislative committee for further investigation and consideration.

Justice Frank made a motion to suspend the rules and add three additional ordinances to the agenda for this meeting, all of which were sponsored by the Budget Committee. Justice Albright seconded that motion and all voted in favor of adding the three additional items.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-7, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, and Walker. The motion carried, and the Ordinance #2023-7 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-8, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,445.50 FOR TOTAL COST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STIPEND. REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT OF \$16,147.50 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FROM CLEST. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS**, was sponsored by Justice Steele and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, and Albright. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-8 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-9, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,160.00 FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE REVENUE FUND (#2000) INTO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice DeGroot and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Walker moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-9 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-10, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,700.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE BAXTER COUNTY JAIL**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, and DeGroot. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-10 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-11, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FUNDING OF A FULL-TIME SECRETARY POSITION IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 2023**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice DeGroot motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-11 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-12, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FUNDING OF A TEMPORARY FULL-TIME DEPUTY II ASSESSOR POSITION IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman,

DeGroot, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-12 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-13, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SHERIFF’S SALARY**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice DeGroot moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Osgood. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-13 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-4, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE PETRAY BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER/GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-4 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-5, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF PETER KAUTH, TERRY BUCHMAN, AND EDDIE DANHAUER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORTHEAST LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steiner made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-5 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

Local historian, Mr. Vincent Anderson, announced that plans are being made to celebrate Baxter County’s Sesquicentennial (150th birthday). This celebration will include a meet and greet with historical discussions in the Courthouse from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 24, as well as a community celebration around the square on April 28 and 29. All were encouraged to attend.

OEM Director David Stults recognized many county employees and community members for their response to the recent snow and ice events in Baxter County.

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