

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**March 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 February meeting. Being none, Justice Albright moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Justice Edge seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a brief Treasurer’s report.

Justice Steiner reported on the February 28 meeting of the Legislative Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Ms. Heather Powell from the Twin Lakes Literacy Council introduced Ms. Tonja Jones, an AmeriCorps Service member currently working with TLLC. Ms. Jones provided the Court with information regarding the work of the AmeriCorps program and its benefit to Baxter County.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-14, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2023 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 Frank. 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 #2023-14 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-15, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (#3017) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Osgood. 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 #2023-15 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-16, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Walker and Steele, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-16 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-17, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT FO \$1,200.00 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICE 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. 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 #2023-17 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2023-18, **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BAXTER COUNTY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH MIKE WATTS**, was sponsored by Justices Edge and Frank, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-18 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2023-19, **AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW OR REOPENING OF ANY CLOSED SOLID WASTE LANDFILL IN BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS**, was sponsored by the Legislative Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion suspend the rules and place the proposed ordinance on second reading. Justice Edge seconded that motion. The roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed. The ordinance was read a second time by title only, after which, Justice Frank made a motion to suspend the rules again and advance the proposed ordinance to third and final reading. Justice Walker seconded that motion. The roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Osgood. The ordinance was read the third time by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright then moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no further discussion, the roll was called on the motion to adopt. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, and Steele. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-19 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-6, **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AND PERFORMANCE OF THE AMERICORPS ORGANIZATION**, was sponsored by Justice Steele and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. Baxter County Juvenile Services Director Cheryl Green spoke in favor of the resolution. Being no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood,

Steele, and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-6 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

Justice Edge reminded the Court and visitors of the upcoming celebration of Baxter County's Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> birthday).

Judge Litty read into the record a list of items from the Sheriff's Office that will be removed from inventory. A copy of that list will be attached to this Journal.

Baxter County Juvenile Services Director Cheryl Green invited everyone to participate in the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Campaign. Juvenile Services will be hosting a community cleanup event on March 20, 21, and 22, and everyone's participation is encouraged.

After other brief comments, and being no further business before the Court, Justice Edge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Frank.

Respectfully submitted,

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Canda J. Reese, Baxter County & Circuit Clerk  
Secretary to the Quorum Court