

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

June 6, 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, Cameron Davis, Angela DeGroot, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop, and Shannon Walker. Justice Ty Chapman 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 May meeting. Being none, Justice Edge 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.

Old Business:

Second Reading, Ordinance #2023- , **AN ORDINANCE TO COMPEL THE TIMELY PAYING OF COUNTY INVOICES THROUGH THE COUNTY CLAIMS SYSTEMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was sponsored by Justice DeGroot and read by title only by the Clerk. The proposed ordinance was tabled for its third and final reading at the July meeting.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-31, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Edge, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice DeGroot made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, and Walker. The motion carried, and the Ordinance #2023-31 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-32, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FEDERAL GRANT FUND TO BE CALLED eCRASH/eCITE SYSTEM FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,160.00**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After brief explanation by the Sheriff, and no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, and Albright. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-32 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-33, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE 3411 K9 FUND AND COUNTY DETENTION CENTER FACILITY FUND #3018 INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND AND SHERIFF'S PROJECTS 2023 BUDGETS**, was sponsored by Justices Edge and Albright, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, and Davis. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-33 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-34, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00 FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND (#2000) INTO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Osgood and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Osgood. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, and DeGroote. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-34 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2023-35, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,297.00 FOR TOTAL COST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STIPENDS. REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT OF \$10,765.00 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FROM CLEST**, was sponsored by Justice Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Davis. Sheriff Montgomery again gave a brief explanation of the ordinance. Being no further discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, DeGroote, and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-35 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-36, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,500.00 RECEIVED FROM THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-36 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-37, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 2022 BUDGET, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE #2021-49, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE-MANDATED BUDGET CLEAN-UP**, was sponsored by Justice Steele and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele then moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, and Osgood. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-37 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-11, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BEN STRIDER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER/GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Albright, Walker, and Davis, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Walker made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-11 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-12, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF MARVIN HARDIN AND DAVID McQUEEN BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HAND COVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steiner moved to adopt. Justice Albright seconded that motion. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-12 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

Justice Dirk Waldrop made a point of order, reminding all attendees of section 61 of Robert’s Rules of Order, which requires that everyone be respectful, maintain appropriate decorum, and be on time if they are going to attend the meeting.

Kathryn Grace spoke to the Court regarding her concerns over the accuracy of voting equipment. She asked that they consider forming a committee to look into the matter.

Baxter County Election Commissioner Bob Bodenhamer informed the Court of the outcome of the recent audit of the annual school election.

Being no further business before the Court, Justice Frank made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Edge. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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