

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

May 6, 2025

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in regular session at 5:30 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom with County Judge Kevin Litty presiding. Members present were: Cameron Davis, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Eddie Griffin, Lisa House, Mike McDonald, Bob Nault, Eric Payne, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop and Shannon Walker. The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Litty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April meeting. Justice House moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Nault seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with a Treasurer's report, stating that sales tax has flattened out.

Taylor Carmichael provided the court with a report on the Airport, stating they are making strong, steady progress on all current projects. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Justice Waldrop reported on the April 23rd Personnel Committee meeting.

Justice Frank reported on the April 23rd Budget Committee meeting.

The minutes for the above meetings will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Presentation:

Justice Frank attended the Annual Quorum Court Association meeting in Little Rock on April 26th. He reported that out of the 75 counties in Arkansas, 51 were present. The purpose of the meeting was to review the recent legislative session of our State Representatives and Senators and to identify the newly passed bills that could affect the local government and Quorum Court.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance #2025-19, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND TO THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL POLICY**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Waldrop moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-19 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-20, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A FULL TIME DEPUTY TREASURER IN THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, AND TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE POSITION**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee & Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Waldrop moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-20 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-21, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,307.99 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Griffin. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-21 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-22, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000.00 FROM THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION (3401) FUND INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION 2025 BUDGET, AND; APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (3017) AND \$10,000.00 FROM THE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY FUND (3018) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. Sheriff Montgomery spoke briefly about the need for this ordinance. Being no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-22 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-23, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.00 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) FOR LEGAL SERVICES**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Griffin. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and Griffin. Voting NAY: Justice Steiner. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-23 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 1 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-24, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,757.24 FROM JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FUND (3401) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Frank, Edge, House, Nault, Griffin, Davis and Walker and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Sheriff Montgomery gave an explanation on the need for this ordinance. Justice Waldrop spoke against this ordinance and two public members spoke in favor of the ordinance. After much discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin and House. Voting NAY: Justice Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-24 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 1 NAY.

Resolution #2025-9, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF ETHAN RAYMOND AND DAVID LYBRAND BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MIDWAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Frank and House and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice House. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-9 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-10, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SAUNDERS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BUFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Payne and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Payne moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Griffin. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald and Nault. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-10 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-11, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF CHRIS JENSEN, STACY JENSEN AND LEVI WOODS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE LONE ROCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Payne and read in its

entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault and Payne. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-11 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-12, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT “TONY” CHAMBERLAIN TO THE BAXTER COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Nault and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-12 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Justice House recommended and requested a FOIA training be scheduled for all Baxter County Justices of the Peace.

Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:37 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of June 3rd, at 5:30 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom, which is located at the Baxter County Courthouse, #1 East 7th Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Justice Edge seconded, and the motion passed, with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe