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BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop and Shannon Walker. Justice Eric Payne was not in attendance. 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 May meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Griffin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with a Treasurer's report.

Justice Davis reported on the May 14th and May 23rd Economic Development Committee meetings.

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

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

Presentation:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-25, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,395.72 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 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 Davis. Being no

discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-25 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-26, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,000.00 FROM THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FUND (3401) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION 2025 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 Nault. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-26 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-27, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN BAXTER COUNTY AND CREATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (4800)**, was sponsored by the Economic Development Committee & Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Waldrop moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Griffin. Community member, Hap Meyers, asked that the Quorum Court to wait to appropriate this money until the Economic Development and Budget Committees meet again. Being no further discussion, the roll was called on the motion to adopt. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis and Edge. Voting NAY: Justice Nault. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-27 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 1 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-28, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE IT DEPARTMENT, COUNTY SHERIFF, JUVENILE SERVICES 2025 BUDGETS AND \$1,000.00 FROM THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FUND (3401) INTO JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION 2025 BUDGET FOR OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS**, was sponsored by Justice House and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-28 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-29, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED TO PURSUANT TO ACT 1112 OF 2017 APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF WHISPERING WOODS CLUB, INC. FOR A PRIVATE CLUB TO BE LOCATED AT 4245 HIGHWAY 177 SOUTH, JORDAN, BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS** was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Clerk. Ted Sanders, local attorney, spoke of the need for the ordinance and introduced the owners of Whispering Woods Club. The purpose of the ordinance is to approve the location of the establishment seeking the permit.

This being the first reading of said ordinance, it was to be tabled for the second reading at the July meeting of the court. Justice Griffin moved to suspend rules and continue on to the second reading. Justice Nault seconded the motion. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and Griffin. With a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY the motion to continue on to the second reading passed.

The Clerk read, by title only, the second reading of the proposed ordinance. Justice Griffin moved to suspend rules again and continue on to the third reading. Justice Edge seconded the motion. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices McDonald, Nault, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin and House. With a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY the motion to continue on to the third reading passed.

Again, the Clerk read, by title only, the third reading of the proposed ordinance. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Nault, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald. With a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-29 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-13, A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ARKANSAS 250 COMMISSION AS IT BEGINS ITS WORK TO CELEBRATE ARKANSAS'S RICH TWO-HUNDRED-FIFTY-YEAR HISTORY FROM THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4, 1776 THROUGH JULY 4, 2026, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Griffin. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald and Nault. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-13 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-14, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT OF BAXTER COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH BAXTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, was sponsored by Justice Frank and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-14 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-15, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TINK ALBRIGHT BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER/GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justice House and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Nault moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Edge. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Steiner and Waldrop. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-15 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Justice Frank recognized local journalist, Chris Fulton, for recent awards for journalism.

Justice Nault asked about progress on the storm sirens. Judge Litty stated that bids have been received and will be presented to the Budget Committee in the near future.

Judge Litty presented information regarding a generator recently sold at auction. Information about said generator to be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Vincent Anderson was presented with a proclamation designating him as Baxter County Historian.

Public member, Russ Gillis, wants committee meeting minutes posted online separately.

Public member, Hap Meyers, asked that people be made aware of when sub committees meet.

Justice House announced a FOIA workshop is scheduled for June 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Baxter County Courtroom at the Courthouse.

Adjournment:

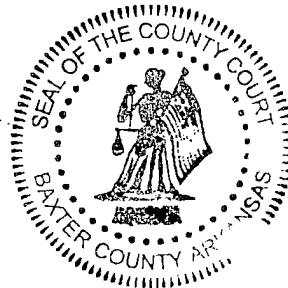
Justice Edge moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:15 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 1st, at 5:30 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom, which is located at the Baxter County Courthouse, #1 East 7th Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Justice Nault seconded, and the motion passed, with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 1st DAY OF July, 2025.

Canda J. Reese

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe



BAXTER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:30 am
3rd Floor Conference Room of the Baxter County Courthouse

Attendees:

Cameron Davis – Chairman
Dirk Waldrop
Dennis Frank
Maryanne Edge
Lisa House
Kevin Litty – County Judge

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Cameron Davis. A quorum was declared with all members present.

Elect Officer - Dirk Waldrop made a motion to elect Cameron Davis to remain as Chairman, with a second from Dennis Frank. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - Dirk Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2024 meeting as written, with a second from Cameron Davis. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development – Judge Litty presented information to the Economic Development Committee regarding growth in Baxter County and to propose creating a fund to put money aside for projects to help with economic growth. After lengthy discussion Dirk Waldrop made a motion to set aside \$50,000.00 for economic growth with parameters for use of the funds keeping the county in control and to send to the Budget Committee for approval, with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – May 23, 2025, at 8:00 am

Adjourn – Dirk Waldrop made a motion to adjourn with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Beck, County Administrator
Baxter County Judge's Office

BAXTER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, May 23, 2025, at 8:00 am
3rd Floor Conference Room of the Baxter County Courthouse

Attendees:

Cameron Davis – Chairman
Dirk Waldrop
Dennis Frank
Maryanne Edge
Lisa House
Kevin Litty – County Judge

The meeting was called to order by chairman Cameron Davis. A quorum was declared with all members present.

Approval of Minutes – Lisa House made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting as written, with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development – Dennis Frank presented the committee with a copy of A Bill regarding Amendment 97 of the Arkansas Constitution amending the law concerning the use of Economic Development taxes. After lengthy discussion regarding the parameters of the \$50,000.00 that was proposed for Economic Development, Dennis Frank made a motion to present an ordinance to the full Quorum Court for approval specifying the parameters for the use of funds for Economic Development and attach a copy of Amendment 97 to the ordinance, with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – June 24, 2025, at 8:00 am

Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 8:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Beck, County Administrator
Baxter County Judge's Office

BAXTER COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, May 23, 2025, at 9:00 am
3rd Floor Courtroom

Attendees:

Dennis Frank
Cameron Davis
Maryanne Edge
Eddie Griffin
Shannon Walker
Kevin Litty, Judge

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Dennis Frank and a quorum was declared with all members present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Maryanne Edge to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2025 meeting as written, with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Sheriff – Captain Jeff Lewis is requesting approval of funds from Jail revenues into the Jail budget to cover the cost of repairs and replacement of a water softener and plumbing fixtures in the amount of \$54,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for the replacement of hinges for jail doors. After discussion Maryanne Edge made a motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$64,000.00 and send to the full Quorum Court for approval, with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development – Dennis Frank explained there will be an ordinance presented to Quorum Court in August to define the parameters of funding Economic Development in Baxter County and regulated under the guidelines of Amendment 97 and requested a motion to approve the funding of \$50,000.00 for Economic Development. Maryanne Edge made a motion to approve \$50,000.00 for Economic Development with a second from Cameron Davis. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – TBD

Adjournment – Eddie Griffin made a motion to adjourn with a second from Shannon Walker. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Beck
Baxter County Judge's Office

May 20th, 2025

Baxter County Judge's Office
1 East 7th Street, Suite 303
Mountain Home, AR 72653

Re: Miller Metro 250D Welder/Generator

Notice:

The Baxter County Road and Bridge Department posted a Miller Metro 250D Welder/Generator – Serial# KF935612 on the Purple Wave Auction website since it was no longer needed or functioning piece of equipment.

It was posted on the Purple Wave Auction Website and sold on the April 29th Auction.

The Equipment has been paid for and picked up.

Posted In Laura's Office

Thank you,

Larry Carter
Superintendent
Baxter County Road and Bridge