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**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

September 2, 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: Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Eddie Griffin, Lisa House, Mike McDonald, Bob Nault, Eric Payne, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop and Shannon Walker. Justice Cameron Davis 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 August meeting. Justice House moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Edge seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

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

Justice Frank reported on the August 19th Budget Committee meetings.

Justice Nault reported on the September 2nd Environmental Committee meeting.

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

Justice Frank reported on the Annual Association of Arkansas Counties Conference.

Presentation:

Taylor Carmichael, Director of the Baxter County Airport, reported on current focuses and updates. Also, Airport Support Network Volunteer, Gerald Gaige, spoke of his role with the airport.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-41, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,512.46 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice McDonald 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 and Walker. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-41 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-42, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,508.50 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO JUVENILE SERVICES 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-42 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-43, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11: "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND"; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO REPLENISH THE EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND AS NEEDED**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Walker. After a brief overview from Judge Litty and Justice Frank, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-43 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-44, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ESCHEATED ESTATE TRUST FUND ON THE BOOKS OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS; FOR OPERATION OF SAID FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by the Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. After a brief overview from Treasurer Mize, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank and Griffin. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-44 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-45, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CORONER'S BUILDING FUND AND AN ANNEX BUILDING FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin and House. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-45 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-appropriation Ordinance #2025-46, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL TO THE CORONER'S BUILDING FUND 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Davis and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll

was called. Voting YEA: Justices Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald. The motion passed and Re-appropriation Ordinance #2025-46 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-23, **A RESOLUTION TO GRANT A CONSERVATION EASMENT TO THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE CASEY HOUSE**, was sponsored by Justice Davis and read in its entirety by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice House. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald and Nault. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-23 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-24, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM HARDAKISS 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 Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Nault moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault and Payne. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-24 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:09 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 7th, 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 7th DAY OF October, 2025.

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK



Elizabeth Denton, Scribe

BAXTER COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 3:30 pm
3rd Floor Courtroom

Attendees:

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm 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 June 12, 2025 meeting as written, with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2026 Preliminary Budget Requests – Chairman Dennis Frank brought up discussion on the Employee Liability Fund needing to be funded regularly since the initial \$1,000,000.00 set up in 2022 currently has a balance of \$264,000.00. After lengthy discussion, Cameron Davis made a motion to amend ordinance 2022-11 establishing an Employee Liability Fund to give the Treasurer the authority to replenish the Employee Liability Fund as needed to maintain a \$500,000.00 balance, with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Judge Litty shared with the Budget Committee his intention to begin the process of building a county annex building. David Stults gave an update on the cost to upgrade the tornado sirens but is still waiting on more information to complete the cost estimate.

Next Meeting – October 23, 2025, at 3:30 pm

Adjournment - Maryanne Edge made a motion to adjourn with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Beck
Baxter County Judge's Office

BAXTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025
3rd Floor Conference Room Baxter County Courthouse

Attendees:

Kevin Litty, County Judge
Rick Steiner
Dirk Waldrop
Bob Nault
Shannon Walker
Eric Payne

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Judge Litty. All members were present, and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – Bob Nault made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2013, meeting with a second from Dirk Waldrop. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers – Dirk Waldrop made a motion to nominate Bob Nault as the Chairman with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Nault brought up discussion on Air Quality & Open Burning, Solid Waste Management & Landfills, Waste Handling & Load Logging, and Landfill Definition & Classes. After lengthy discussion, Dirk Waldrop made a motion to adjourn with a second from Shannon Walker.

Next Meeting - TBD

Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Beck, County Administrator
Baxter County Judge's Office