BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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October 6, 2026

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 and Dirk Waldrop. Justices Davis and Walker were 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 October meeting. Justice Nault 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 the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Mize stated that the Federal audit report is complete, the regular audit for 2025 is in full swing and the budget is in process.

There were no committee meetings to report.

Presentation:

Tim Maddox gave a presentation on what the new Coroner's building will look like.

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Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-49, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,802.19 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2026 BUDGET, was sponsored by the Justice Edge 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, Payne, Steiner and Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-49 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-50, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,435.88 INTO JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by Justice House and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Nault 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 and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-50 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-51, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $22,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE CIRCUIT COURT DIV 3 2026 BUDGET, was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice McDonald. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-51 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-52, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE SHOP 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by Justice House and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice McDonald. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Edge, Frank and Griffin. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-52 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

First Reading of Ordinance #2026-__, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION AND INSTALLATION OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS IN THE COUNTY OF BAXTER was sponsored by Justices Edge, Davis and Steiner and read by title only by the Clerk.

Justice Waldrop moved to table this ordinance until after the first of the year, seconded by Justice House.

Sheriff Montgomery stepped forward and asked the Court to refrain from tabling this matter at this time, so that there would be more opportunity for discussion and more information would get out to the public about the dangers in virtual currency.

Justice Griffin asked County Attorney David Ethredge to explain how Baxter County could possibly be sued over this matter. Ethredge expressed his concern that someone could say that the County has infringed on their rights to operate a legal business.

After this discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Payne, Waldrop, Frank, Griffin and House. Voting NAY: Justices McDonald, Nault, Steiner and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2026-__ will be tabled until after the first of the year with a vote of 5 YEA, 4 NAY.

Resolution #2026-21, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF DALE WHEELER AND SHERRY MILHON BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HENDERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justice Steiner, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steiner moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Nault. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald. The motion passed and Resolution #2026-21 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2026-22, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIE WOOD BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER/GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justice House and Walker, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Nault moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice McDonald. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald and Nault. The motion passed and Resolution #2026-22 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Judge Litty announced that the November Quorum Court meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2026 because of Election Day.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Court, Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 5:59 PM, until the next scheduled meeting of November 2nd, 2026 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 Griffin seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 2nd DAY OF November, 2026.

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CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT BAXTER COUNTY ARKANSAS

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe