

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

March 8, 2018

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the County Court Building, 922 South 9th Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. ABSENT: Reynolds

A presentation from the Quorum Court was made to the late JP Willie Stone's family. JP Evans presented the family with a plaque and the late JP Stone's name plate.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 regular meeting, seconded by JP Roberts. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Motion was made by JP Pate to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by JP Caldwell. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans reported that the committee is continuing to review suggested changes. Also, the committee is reviewing the Model Policy provided by the AAC--particularly the Grievance section.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge Holmes reported to the Quorum Court on the Legislative Audit. Judge Holmes stated that there were no findings from the Audit, so no discussion of findings, and the corrective action taken on those findings was needed. JP Evans recommended that all Quorum Court members read the Audit Report.

Proposed Ordinance 2018-Amend County Road Budget

JP Malone introduced an Ordinance: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-023, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES, TO AMEND THE 2018 COUNTY ROAD BUDGET:

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. Discussion followed. Judge Holmes gave an explanation stating this amendment is requested for a possible purchase of property located basically at the corner of Sartain Road and Hwy 25 to be used to relocate the County Road Department. Several JP questioned Judge Holmes on details of the property and what is anticipated for the property of the current location of the County Road Department. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by JP Roberts. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. Nay's: None. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance 2018-005**

Motion was made by JP Malone to allow Judge Holmes to negotiate the sale of the existing County Road Department property, seconded by JP Roberts. Judge Holmes stated that before any final decision is made it will be brought before the Quorum Court. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. Nay's: None.

Proposed Ordinance 2018-Purchase of Real Property

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE APPROVING AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Caldwell. Discussion followed. JP Evans made a motion to amend the Ordinance to change "TOTAL INCREASE IN COUNTY GENERAL BUDGET" to read "TOTAL INCREASE IN COUNTY JUDGE BUDGET". Voice Vote, motion carried unanimously. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the amended Ordinance. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by JP Caldwell. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. Nay's: None. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance 2018-006.**

Proposed Ordinance 2018-Sheriff's Office Grant Appropriation

JP Lange introduced an Ordinance: **"BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS: AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-023 WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES.**

JP Lange made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Choate. Discussion followed. Sheriff Brown stated that the funds were going to be used to update radios. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Lange made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by JP Choate. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Holland, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate, Roberts. Nay's: None. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance 2018-007.**

JP Foust asked Sheriff Brown to give an update on the repairs of the jail and address the findings of the last Jail Compliance Report. Also, JP Foust asked Sheriff Brown to explain in detail the circumstances with the return of the dog to Kansas and the costs that were associated with that dog, and to explain the details of the purchase of the new dog from a kennel in North Little Rock. The aforementioned issues concerning the jail and the drug dog were discussed.

Judge Holmes brought to the attention of the Court the possibility of funds becoming available from the State for the purchase of voting equipment. Discussion followed. JP Foust made a motion that if the funds become available from the State of Arkansas for fifty percent of the cost of the new voting equipment, Cleburne County will commit to match the fifty percent funded by the State for the purchase of the new voting equipment according to the March 2018 quote received from the Secretary of State's Office, with the understanding that the Cleburne County Board of Election Commission will come before the Quorum Court with a full report of the intended purchase before any funds are appropriated, seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. (quote attached)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Annual "Feed A Senior" fundraiser will be held March 30, 2018 at the Heber Springs Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Evans. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This _____ day of _____, 2018

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