

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

July 9, 2020

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 6:01 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pearson, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. ABSENT: Henegar, Gracey.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by JP Grace. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Motion was made by JP Grace to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by JP Roberts. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans advised that it may be a month or two before more information is available to bring before the Court. The next jail meeting has been moved up to Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 8:30 am in the County Judge's Office.

Judge Holmes asked if the Court would move New Business item (a) Proposed Resolution No. 2020-Delaring a Vacancy, District 7 to be the first item of business.

Proposed Resolution 2020-Declaring A Vacancy, District 7

JP Foust introduced a Resolution: "A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT SEVEN (7), CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS"

JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Malone. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Resolution 2020-006.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Third Reading: Proposed Ordinance 2020-Cove Creek/Pearson Fire Dues

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING COVE CREEK/PEARSON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PLACE FIRE DUES ON PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS."

JP Roberts placed Ordinance on the third reading. JP Roberts read the Ordinance. JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Owens. Lengthy discussion followed. Main items of discussion were as to whether, if passed, this would be considered a tax, and if the Court "shall" adopt this Ordinance. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Owens, Roberts. Nays: Malone, Pearson. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-014.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Resolution 2020-Flood Mitigation Grant

JP Malone introduced a Resolution: "A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE COUNTY'S PART IN THE FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT TO ELEVATE A HOUSE LOCATED AT 100 MOSSY SHOALS CIRCLE IN PANGBURN"

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Grace. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Roberts. Nays: Pearson. **Passed and adopted as Resolution 2020-007.**

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Court Security Grant

JP Caldwell introduced an Ordinance: "A 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. 2019-020, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING AND DISTRIBUTING COURT SECURITY GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED."

JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Grace. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-015.**

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Juvenile Drug Court Grant

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance: "A 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. 2019-020, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO ADD JUVENILE DRUG COURT GRANT BUDGET."

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-016.**

Court recessed at 7:20 p.m.

Court reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

JP Blackburn gave detailed information regarding the "Cleburne County 18 & Under Fishing Championship/Scholarship Program".

JP Blackburn led a lengthy discussion concerning the Ambulance Services in Cleburne County.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, August 13, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

ATTESTED:


Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 13th day of August, 2020

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CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK

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