

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

March 11, 2021

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 6:03 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Roberts, Owens.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Martin to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by JP Owens. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Jail Committee: JP Evans reported the committee is still waiting on information.

Ambulance Committee: JP Foust reported a meeting was held Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and all is still a work-in-progress. The committee is still researching options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021- Establishing Number of Members of Budget Committee

JP Malone place an Ordinance on a third reading: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF QUORUM COURT MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE"**.

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Blackburn. Discussion followed. JP Henegar expressed his opinion that this was a procedural change and needed to be taken up in January with the Procedural Ordinance. County Attorney Drew Smith advised, in his opinion, it is proper for the proposed ordinance to be taken at this time. Members further debated the need for additional members to the Budget Committee. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Malone, Martin, Tamburo. Nays: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Motion failed to meet the required majority vote.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Bill of Rights Sanctuary for Cleburne County

JP Blackburn placed Ordinance on the Second Reading: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "BILL OF RIGHTS SANCTUARY FOR CLEBURNE COUNTY"**.

JP Blackburn read the Ordinance. JP Foust made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the third reading by title only, seconded by JP Henegar. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Foust, Henegar, Owens. Nays: Blackburn, Evans, Malone, Martin, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Motion to suspend the rules failed to meet the two-thirds required vote so motion failed. Proposed Ordinance will be placed on the April Agenda for third reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-2020 Budget Clean-up

JP Evans 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. 2019-20, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES"**.

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance by reference, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-009.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Appropriating Additional Funds from County General for the Exterior Improvements to the Cleburne County Courthouse

JP Henegar 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 2020-032, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021, APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM COUNTY GENERAL FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLEBURNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE"**.

JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Owens. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-010.**

JP Evans made a motion to add the three (3) additional proposed Resolutions to the agenda, seconded by JP Caldwell. Voice vote, motion carried.

Proposed Resolution No. 2021-Authorizing the Judge to Enter an Agreement with WRPDD

JP Malone introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE RIVER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.**

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Pearson. Brief discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn, Martin, Tamburo. Abstain: Evans
Passed and adopted as Resolution 2021-002.

Proposed Resolution No. 2021-Authorizing the Judge to Submit an Application to the AEDC for a Coronavirus Related Project for the Senior Center

JP Pearson introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A CORONAVIRUS RELATED PROJECT"**.

JP Pearson made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Roberts. Brief discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.
Passed and adopted as Resolution 2021-003.

Proposed Resolution No. 2021-Authorizing the Judge to Submit an Application to the AEDC for a Coronavirus Related Project for Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs

JP Blackburn introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A CORONAVIRUS RELATED PROJECT"**.

JP Blackburn made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Martin. Brief discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: Blackburn, Martin. Abstain: Evans
Passed and adopted as Resolution 2021-004.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

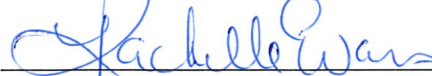
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Martin. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 8th day of April 2021

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RACHELLE EVANS
CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK