

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

February 13, 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, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Gracey, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. ABSENT: None.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans asked Sheriff Brown to report on the Jail. Sheriff Brown reported, concerning the male population, we are presently over capacity by one at the jail (presently holding 13 ADC-waiting on beds). Sheriff Brown advised they will be watching to see what the trend will be before considering any changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance 2020-County Clerk/Amend Number of Positions & Starting Salaries

JP Pearson placed the Ordinance on the third reading. JP Pearson read the Ordinance. JP Pearson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Gracey. Lengthy questioning, answering, and discussion was held concerning Ordinance. Public was asked for comments. Some Elected Officials and members of the Public gave comments regarding the Ordinance. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Evans, Grace, Gracey, Malone, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Caldwell, Foust, Henegar, Owens. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-002.**

Proposed Ordinance 2020-County Clerk/Amend 2020 Budget and Salaries Per Employee

JP Pearson placed the Ordinance on the third reading. JP Pearson read the Ordinance. JP Pearson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Blackburn. No Discussion or comments. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Evans, Grace, Gracey, Malone, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Caldwell, Foust, Henegar, Owens. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-003.**

Proposed Ordinance 2020-District Court/Amend Number of Positions & Starting Salaries

JP Evans placed the Ordinance on the third reading. JP Evans read the Ordinance. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Brief discussion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Malone, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Caldwell, Henegar, Owens. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-004.**

Proposed Ordinance 2020-District Court/Amend 2020 Budget and Salaries Per Employee

JP Evans placed the Ordinance on the third reading. JP Evans read the Ordinance. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. No discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Malone, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Caldwell, Henegar, Owens. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-005.**

Proposed Ordinance 2020-Amend 2020 Budget and Salaries Per Employee-County Judge

JP Grace placed the Ordinance on the third reading. JP Grace read the Ordinance. JP Grace made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Clarification was made that this increase is a stipend to be appropriated from the County Judge Budget. Further clarification was made as to the fact that half the salary of the Administrative Assistant position is appropriated from County Judge Budget and half from the County Road Budget. Brief discussion and comments followed commending the amount of grants that have been awarded to

the County. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Caldwell, Henegar. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-006.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wetzel Stark addressed the Court regarding the installation of an elevator in the Cleburne County Historical Society Building. Drew Smith, County Attorney, did advise that the information given tonight was to make the Quorum Court aware of possible changes regarding a County building. Mr. Smith further advised he would look over any agreements and/or other documents, that may exist, between the Cleburne County Historical Society and Cleburne County to draft, if necessary, a proposed Resolution.

Court recessed 7:38 p.m.

Court reconvened 7:51 p.m.

Proposed Resolution 2020-Upgrade Audio Sound System Equipment Used for Quorum Court.

JP Malone introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING PHIL GRACE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO UPGRADE THE AUDIO SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT USED BY THE QUORUM COURT."**

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Roberts. Brief discussion was held. Judge Holmes advised he had spoken with Judge Harrod, and funding for this project could be paid out of Circuit Court Automation funds. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Gracey, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: Blackburn. Abstain: Grace. Passed and adopted as **Resolution 2020-001.**

Proposed Ordinance No.2020-Cleburne County Bill of Rights Sanctuary Ordinance.

JP Pearson placed the Ordinance on the first reading. JP Pearson read the Ordinance.

JP Henegar withdrew Items d, e, f, g, h, of which he was sponsor, from the agenda.

JP Malone made a motion to add Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Juvenile Officer Grant, seconded by JP Pearson. Voice vote, motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Juvenile Officer Grant.

Drew Smith advised of a transposition error regarding Anticipated Revenue Change column of \$6,109.74 to be corrected to read \$6,190.74.

JP Roberts 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. 2019-020, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES."**

JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Owens. Brief discussion was held. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-007.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Commendation was given for the County taking advantage of the grant money that is available.
- Commendation was given to the Quorum Court for the consideration of the reaffirmation of the People's Constitutional rights.
- Cleburne County Treasurer reported that the delinquent money from Southwestern was received this month-County General portion amounted to \$346,000.00 and, also, the 911 fund has dropped since the first of the year. The County will not be receiving funds from the ETS Board until around the first part of April, and to date, the County has not received any money from the cities. Funds of \$95,000.00 in County General have been appropriated and will be moved as needed.
- JP Pearson inquired about the reports from the Community Work Program. Judge Holmes advised that Mr. Carlton is working to get the reports completed.

- JP Pearson inquired about the procedures of the Fire Districts having the dues collected by the County. Drew Smith, County Attorney, advised a packet containing information on the process has been sent to the Fire Departments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The March regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Malone. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 12th day of March, 2020

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CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK