

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

March 14, 2024

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the Cleburne Court Building, 922 South 9th Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. County Judge Eric Crosby presided.

PRESENT: Moorehead, Caldwell, Fletcher, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo.

ABSENT: Henegar, Owens

VACANT: JP 11

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RACHELLE EVANS
CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Malone to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Emergency Services Oversight Committee: JP Foust reported the repeater system is up, and many of the radios have been programmed. The ambulance contract will be discussed in conjunction with the Ordinance that is on the agenda.

Finance Committee: JP Evans reported there are Ordinances on tonight's Agenda proposed by the Finance Committee. Due to conflicts in schedules, the March meeting will be moved to the first part of April. Also, documents regarding funding for EMS equipment that will be on the Finance Committee's agenda were distributed to the Quorum Court members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

JP Caldwell announced the \$750.00 Bobby Mooney Matching Fund Fundraiser Challenge for Fire Departments and EMS will run from Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024, through Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2024.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-2023 Budget Clean-up-Prosecuting Attorney

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. 2022-040, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BUDGET".**

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

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-09.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend 2024 Budget-Senior Center Grant

JP Moorehead 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. 2023-38, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE CLEBURNE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER GRANT BUDGET".**

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

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-10.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend 2024 Budget-Treasurer, Assessor, Courthouse Maintenance, District Court

JP Martin 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. 2023-38, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE TREASURER, ASSESSOR, COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE, AND DISTRICT COURT BUDGETS".**

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

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-11.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend Ordinances 2023-37 and 2023-38/OEM and 911 Budgets and Salaries

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. 2023-38, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND OEM AND 911 BUDGETS AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-37 ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZED SALARY PER EMPLOYEE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CLEBURNE COUNTY GOVERNMENT".**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Discussion followed concerning the Stipend. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: Caldwell. Absent: Henegar, Owens. Motion failed. After further discussion and JP Caldwell requesting to change his previous vote, JP Evans made a motion to suspend all the formal readings and read by title only, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. JP Evans read Ordinance by title only. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Henegar, Owens

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-12.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend Ordinance 2023-36-OEM and 911 Starting Salaries

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 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-36 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE 2024 NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND STARTING SALARIES FOR NON-ELECTED COUNTY POSITIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING IN OEM AND 911".**

JP Evans made a motion to suspend all the formal readings and read by title only, seconded by JP Moorehead. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. JP Evans read Ordinance by title only. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Henegar, Owens

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-13.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Contract for Ambulance Service

JP Foust introduced an Ordinance. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH SURVIVAL FLIGHT EMS, LLC TO PROVIDE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE THROUGHOUT CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS".**

JP Foust made a motion to suspend all the formal readings and read by title only, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. JP Foust read the Ordinance by title only. JP Foust made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by JP Fletcher. After a very lengthy discussion and under advisement of County Attorney Daniel Haney, JP Malone made a motion, seconded by JP Martin to amend the Ordinance "Exhibit A" by stating the city of Heber Springs, the remedy to be changed that one termination by one party does not terminate the contract with all other parties (Mr. Haney to correct issues with words party/parties), under section 5 Deployment-"all parties" will be substituted by "only upon the approval of the Emergency Service Oversight Committee"

Mr. Haney will make the appropriate changes to "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit A" is to be included in the Ordinance as it is word for word. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Henegar, Owens. JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended, seconded by JP Fletcher. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Henegar, Owens
Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-14.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Regulation of Dogs

JP Foust made a motion to suspend the rules and put on first reading by title only, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously after recount. JP Foust read Ordinance by title only.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF DOGS; PRESCRIBING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS THEREOF AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

JP Foust made a motion, seconded by JP Martin, to place this Ordinance on second reading on the April 2024 Agenda. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Mr. Keisler thanked the Quorum Court for the passage of the ambulance ordinance and asked the Court to look at the Survival Flight Facebook page for updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Quorum Court Meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Foust. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

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