

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

April 11, 2019

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 6:02 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 March 14, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Resolution No. 2019-Endorsement of Business to Participate in the Tax Back Program

JP Evans introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003 AND AS AMENDED BY 2019 ARKANSAS LAWS ACT 327)."**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Roberts. No discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Gracey, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-003.

Proposed Resolution No. 2019-Cleburne County Detention Center Compliance Plan

JP Roberts introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSED DETENTION CENTER COMPLIANCE PLAN."**

JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Evans. A letter, expressing concerns with the Detention Center Compliance Plan, from the Chiefs of Police of the Cities of Heber Quitman, Greers Ferry, and Concord addressed to the Cleburne County Judge, Cleburne County Sheriff and the members of the Quorum Court was read by the Quitman Chief of Police. Lengthy discussion followed. JP Pearson made a motion to amend the first paragraph to change "has been" to "is" and strike "for several years", seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried. Mr. Sterling asked committee members, Matt House and Kent Hallen, to introduce themselves to the Court. Mr. Sterling further addressed the Court giving information concerning the Detention Center and thanked everyone for participating in the development of a plan to move forward. Roll call was taken on the motion to adopt the Resolution as amended. Aye's: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Gracey, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-004.

JP Evans asked the cities to provide a monthly report to the Court as to how this process affects each of the cities.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2019-Jail Budget

JP Evans introduced an Appropriation Ordinance: **"BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-026 WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES."**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Appropriation Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. JP Evans then made a motion to amend the Ordinance by striking "female" from the first paragraph, seconded by JP Malone. Brief discussion followed. Voice Vote, motion carried. Further discussion followed. Roll call was taken on the motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended. Aye's: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Gracey, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. Nay's: None

Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-009.

Phil Grace stated his resignation effective April 1, 2019 from the Equalization Board due to his serving as a Quorum Court member.

Judge Holmes reported on the ambulance service in Cleburne County. He advised Heber Springs does have a contract with North Star that goes out into the county, and Heber is going to extend the contract with North Star. Judge Holmes advised that state law allows the County Judge to appoint an "Emergency Services Oversight Board", and he will be looking at this to get some ideas as to a direction we can go to provide better ambulance services for the County. Anything discussed or any plans will be brought back before the Court.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Heber Springs Night Out scheduled tonight until 8:00 p.m.
- The May regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, May 9, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Roberts. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 13th day of May, 2019

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