CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

November 17, 2022

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. by Quorum Court Secretary Rachelle Evans.

PRESENT: Hall, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Holmes, Jett.

ABSENT: None

The floor was opened for nominations for the Presiding Officer over the November meeting. JP Evans nominated JP Henegar. There being no other nominations, JP Henegar was chosen.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Due to computer complications, the October minutes will be approved at the December meeting.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Ambulance: JP Foust reported that all seems to be going well. JP Foust answered JP Tamburo, that to his knowledge, the dispatch problem has been solved.

Jail: JP Evans reported the Sheriff advised that the plumbing issue is being addressed and everything is moving along as planned

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Conrad Reynolds addressed the Court regarding using paper ballots instead of the voting machines. Mr. Joe Tournear, Cleburne County Election Commission Chairman, gave his view on keeping the voting machines. Daniel Haney did advise, after briefly looking at the issue, that the law doesn't seem to allow going to paper ballots, and if the Quorum Court were even able to vote, it would have to be by Resolution not Ordinance. Mr. Reynolds added he has received advice that the Quorum Court could in fact vote to go to paper ballots. There were brief comments from the public.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-2023 Number of Positions and Starting Salaries

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 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND STARTING SALARIES FOR NON-ELECTED COUNTY POSITIONS".

JP Martin made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the second reading by title only, seconded by JP Evans. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Holmes, Jett, Malone, Martin, Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Martin read the Ordinance by title only. JP Martin made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on a third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Evans. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Holmes, Jett, Malone, Martin, Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Martin read the Ordinance by title only. JP Martin made a motion to adopt the Ordinance by reference with a copy filed in the Cleburne County Clerk's Office, seconded by JP Evans. Discussion followed. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Holmes, Jett, Malone, Martin, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2022-038.

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Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-2023 Employees and Salaries Per Employee

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 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 by reference with a copy filed in the Cleburne County Clerk's Office, seconded by JP Martin. Discussion followed. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Holmes, Jett, Malone, Martin, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2022-039.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-2023 Budget

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 ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2022, MAKING SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS SET IN THE BUDGET".

JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the ordinance by reference with a copy filed in the Cleburne County Clerk's Office, seconded by JP Martin. Discussion followed. JP Evans clarified the budgeting of the ARPA funds and the LATC Funds. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Holmes, Jett, Malone, Martin, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2022-040.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, December 8, 2022.

JP Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Martin. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

Date

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