

# CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

October 8, 2020

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the Cleburne County Courthouse, 301 W Main Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pearson, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Cupit, Foust, Roberts, Owens. ABSENT: Henegar.

## READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by JP Owens. Voice vote, motion carried.

## REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans reported the Jail Committee has not met again. The Committee is still waiting on information from the firm regarding the renovation of the jail and hopes to receive information in November 2020.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Cleburne County Courthouse Electrical Upgrades Grant

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 Malone. Brief discussion followed. Judge Holmes reported the main repairs needed are to the columns, dome, windows, and building (painting). Judge Holmes added that the bids are still being considered and along with that, which project needs to be addressed first. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-021.**

### Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Ambulance Service Selection Process

JP Blackburn introduced an Ordinance for a first reading: **"A BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF STRUCTURED PROPOSALS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE, ASSESSMENT OF STRUCTURED AMBULANCE SERVICE PROPOSALS AND PUBLIC HEARING AND SELECTINS OF AMBULANCE SERVICE PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER A COUNTY WIDE FRANCHISE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE."**

JP Blackburn read the Ordinance.

JP Malone made a motion to add Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Election Grant to the agenda, seconded by JP Roberts. Voice vote, motion carried.

### Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Election Grant

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. 2019-020, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO ADD ELECTION GRANT BUDGET."**

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-022.**

JP Evans made a motion to add Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Esablishing a Coronavirus Relief Fund, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Establishing a Coronavirus Relief Fund**

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 TO ESTABLISH A SUB-FUND OF COUNTY GENERAL TO BE CALLED THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."**

JP Evans made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the second reading by title only, seconded by JP Roberts. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn. JP Evans read the Ordinance by title only. JP Evans made a motion to place the Ordinance on the third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Malone. JP Evans read the Ordinance by title only. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-023.**

Judge Holmes announced an Ambulance Committee has been appointed. The Justices who will serve on the Ambulance Committee: JP Foust-Chairman, JP Malone, JP Pearson. Ambulance Committee met Thursday, October 6 Ambulance Committee will meet Thursday, October 22, 2020 at the County Judge's Office.

Judge Holmes announced the Budget Committee will meet Thursday, October 29, 2020 at the County Judge's Office.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

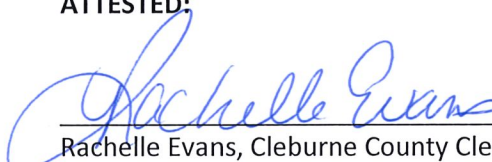
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, November 19, 2020.
- JP Pearson read a letter from Mr. DuBoise commending Sheriff Chris Brown on his professionalism at the Central Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (CALETA).
- Judge Holmes read a letter from Tony Delmaio commending the Cleburne County Veterans' Office on their service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Owens. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 Book B Page(s) 576-577

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RACHELLE EVANS  
CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK