

# CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

March 9, 2023

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the Cleburne Court Building, 922 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. County Judge Eric Crosby presided.

PRESENT: Moorehead, Henegar, Caldwell, Fletcher, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Owens  
ABSENT: Wildmon

### READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell, seconded by JP Martin, to approve the February 2023 minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

### REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Election Committee: JP Martin reported the committee met twice since the last Quorum Court meeting. Discussions of the committee included: the voting process, and how to better educate voters, how the election process works, how the process of using paper ballots would work or not work, amending the paper ballot Resolution, and repealing the paper ballot Resolution. The Election Committee made the decision to bring a Resolution before the Court at the March 2023 regular Quorum Court meeting to repeal the paper ballot resolution passed in January (Resolution 2023-01).

Emergency Services Oversight Committee: JP Foust reported the committee is still discussing communication within the County, repeater sites, and UHF/VHF radios. JP Foust further reported that discussions continue concerning the property on the South side of the lake for the purpose of possibly housing an ambulance. JP Foust distributed information regarding February 2023 emergency calls for Cleburne County. JP Evans reported the committee has discussed possibly dividing the County into four (4) sections for repeaters. JP Evans stated that the costs for the repeater system are being studied and he will be bringing an appropriation ordinance to the Court.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### **Proposed Resolution No. 2023-Sheriff Interim Filling of Vacancies**

JP Martin introduced a Resolution: **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INTERIM FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR THE OFFICE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY.**

JP Martin made a motion, seconded by JP Malone, to adopt the Resolution. Lengthy discussion followed. There is still concern about the current individual in the Chief Deputy’s position being able to immediately take on the roll of Sheriff. County Attorney Haney advised, in his opinion with explanation, the person currently in the position of Chief Deputy would be able to immediately take the roll of Sheriff. Discussion continued. JP Malone called for the question. With no opposition to the call for the question, roll call was taken. Ayes: Fletcher, Foust, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: Caldwell, Evans, Henegar. Absent: Wildmon

**Passed and adopted as Resolution 2023-03.**

#### **Proposed Ordinance No. 2023- Amend County Handbook-Sheriff**

JP Martin placed an Ordinance on the second reading: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLEBURNE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK 7<sup>TH</sup> EDITION”.**

JP Foust made a motion to place the Ordinance on the third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Henegar. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: Malone, Martin. Absent: Wildmon.

JP Martin read the Ordinance by title only. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the effects if this Ordinance were to pass. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Malone, Martin. Nays: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Absent: Wildmon.

**Proposed Ordinance 2023-Amend County Handbook-Sheriff failed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

JP Caldwell announced the 2023 Bobby Mooney Fire Department/ Volunteer EMS Services Matching Funds Fundraiser Challenge will begin Memorial Day and run through Thanksgiving. The County will match up to \$750 of funds raised between the above stated dates.

**Proposed Resolution No. 2023-Repeal Resolution 2023-01**

JP Martin withdrew Proposed Resolution No. 2023- Repeal Resolution 2023-01 from the agenda, but after a very lengthy discussion JP Martin introduced the Resolution. **BE IT APPROVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED: "A RESOLUTION REPEALING CLEBURNE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01"**. JP Martin made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Henegar. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: Malone. Absent: Wildmon.

**Passed and adopted as Resolution 2023-04.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-Public Safety Grant-Sheriff**

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 THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO ADD A PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT BUDGET"**.

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

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2023-08.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-Amend 2022 Court Building Budget**

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. 2022-040 AND ORDINANCE 2022-039 TO CORRECT THE SALARIES, FULL TIME LINE ITEM IN THE COURT BUILDING BUDGET"**.

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

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2023-09.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**


- Mr. Lynn Hartman addressed the Court.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JP Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Martin. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk Date

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