

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

November 21, 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 6:04 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Evans, Gracey, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. ABSENT: Malone.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by JP Grace. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans asked if anyone had reports. No reports were given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Tournear, Chairman Cleburne County Election Commission, thanked the Court for the New Election Equipment and reported all is working well. Mr. Tournear reported that in 2019 five (5) additional polling sites will be closed (First Arkansas Bank and Trust, Hope Lutheran Church, Masonic Lodge in Quitman, Woodrow Baptist Church, Higden Community Building). JP Henegar did mention that the Prim Community Center access is not good. Judge Holmes mentioned another church facility in Prim. Mr. Tournear advised the Election Commission would take that into consideration and research further options.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-Amend County Coroner Budget

JP Grace stated that Proposed Ordinance 2019- Amend County Coroner Budget needs to be pulled from the agenda at the request of the Cleburne County Coroner.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-Cleburne County Fair Building Grant

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 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2018-026, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES",**

JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. Judge Holmes advised that this grant will be used to update the Horticulture Building with insulation and windows. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-014.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-Fire Department Sales Tax Fund

JP Caldwell 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 ESTABLISHING THE SALES TAX FUNDS FOR RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR 2020".**

JP Caldwell made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on a second reading by title only, seconded by JP Grace. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Caldwell read the Ordinance by title only. JP Caldwell made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on a third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Blackburn. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens,

Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Caldwell read the Ordinance by title only. JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by JP Blackburn. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-015

Proposed Ordinance 2019-Amend County Library Budget

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 2018-026, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, TO AMEND THE COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET",**

JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Evans. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-016.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-Establish Millage

JP Gracey 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 MILLAGE RATES FOR 2019".**

JP Gracey made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. Note was taken that Heber Springs City Council raised the City millage from 4.6 to 4.8. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-017.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-Number of Positions and Starting Salaries

JP Blackburn 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 Blackburn made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on a second reading by title only, seconded by JP Roberts. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Blackburn read the Ordinance by title only. JP Blackburn made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on a third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Owens. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Blackburn read the Ordinance by title only. JP Blackburn made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Evans. Discussion was held concerning the 911 Dispatch salaries. After further discussion, Judge Holmes noted that the County should work out a signed agreement concerning the portion of 911 funds to be received from cities located within the County. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None. JP Blackburn made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by JP Evans. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-018.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-2020 Employees 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 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 (11.7.19 version) by reference with a copy on file in the Cleburne County Clerk's Office, seconded by JP Caldwell. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None.

Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-019.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-2020 Budget Appropriations

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 2020, MAKING SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS SET IN THE BUDGET"**.

JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the Ordinance (11.15.19 version) by reference with a copy on file in the Cleburne County Clerk's Office, seconded by JP Grace. Brief discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Gracey, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nay's: None. **Passed and Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-020.**

Proposed Ordinance 2019-Ambulance Service

JP Pearson 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 FOR THE SOLICITATION OF STRUCTURED PROPOSALS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE, ASSESSMENT OF STRUCTURED AMBULANCE SERVICE PROPOSALS AND PUBLIC HEARING AND SELECTION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER A COUNTY WIDE FRANCHISE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE"**.

JP Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on a second reading by title only, seconded by JP Gracey. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Blackburn, Gracey, Henegar, Pearson. Nay's: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Owens, Roberts. Motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on second reading by title only failed, so second reading will be taken up at the next meeting. JP Pearson stated he would withdraw the Ordinance because by that time it would be irrelevant because of the time lapse.

JP Gracey inquired about the County employees' participation in the Survival Flight air service through the County. JP Henegar replied that this was referred to the Budget Committee and it was discussed and noted that nothing was submitted to the committee.

JP Grace will be bringing a proposal to the Court concerning the sound system. JP Evans mentioned the Law Library may be able to give some assistance with updating the sound system.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Judge Holmes allowed a short discussion concerning the County's ambulance service. Judge Holmes advised that as of this date, November 21, 2019 he has signed a Mutual Aid Agreement with Survival Flight to cover from County Line to County Line.

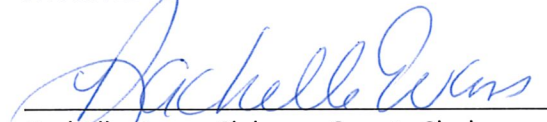
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The December regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, December 12, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Roberts. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTESTED:


Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 12th day of December, 2019

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RACHELLE EVANS
CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK