

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

December 9, 2021

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. County Judge Karl Martin presided.
PRESENT: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Roberts, Owens.
ABSENT: None

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Pearson made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ambulance Committee Report, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

JP Foust gave a report on the matters discussed during the Ambulance Committee meeting held Monday, December 6, 2021. JP Foust read four ideas/options for the court to instruct the Ambulance Committee in which direction to move forward.

1. Continue negotiations with Survival Flight in attempt to secure 1-2 ambulances for Cleburne County (outside City limits of Heber Springs)
2. Use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for County to go into Ambulance business.
3. Do nothing now (allow Survival Flight to continue providing ambulance when available) and invoke Home Rule and go County-wide in time with the Heber Springs Contract expiration.
4. Advertise new bid solicitation for exclusive ambulance services for Cleburne County North (A) and Cleburne County South (B) and use ARP funds to construct adequate housing for said services on County property at Sartain Road and procure a suitable location for Cleburne County North (A). Interested parties can bid on service area A or B, or A and B.

JP Henegar made a motion to accept Option 4, seconded by JP Evans. Lengthy discussion on the four options followed. JP Henegar called for the question. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None

Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

JP Roberts made a motion to confirm the appointment of Rebecca Prince to the Cleburne County Library Board, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried. Nays noted.

Rebekah Knew, County Judge Administrative Assistant, reported on the latest information regarding the HVAC system for the Cleburne County Courthouse. JP Caldwell made a motion to add a Resolution concerning a contract for the installation of the new HVAC system, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried.

Proposed Resolution No. 2021-Contract with BMD Builders

JP Malone introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BMD BUILDERS"**

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Pearson. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.
Passed and adopted as Resolution No. 2021-012.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Resolution No. 2021-Showing Support for Heber Springs City Ordinance 2019-08

JP Blackburn introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THE POSITION OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE REGARDING HEBER SPRINGS CITY ORDINANCE 2019-08, PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HEBER SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL."**

JP Blackburn made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Martin. Discussion followed. JP Pearson called for the question. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Martin, Tamburo. Nays: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts.

Resolution Failed.

JP Caldwell reported on the Fire Department Matching funds. Tumbling Shoals/Ida, Greens Ferry, Wilburn, and Prim participated in the 2021 program. Wilburn was present to accept check. JP Caldwell added that the matching program will begin in March 2022. He also asked the Court, at that time, to consider including ambulance services and increasing the matching funds from \$750 to \$1,000.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Amend Courthouse Maintenance Budget

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. 2020-032, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE BUDGET."**

JP Foust made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Discussion followed. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-040.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Premium Pay for Year 2020

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. 2020-032, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND 2021 BUDGET TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PREMIUM PAY FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS".**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the ordinance by reference with the Ordinance on file in the Cleburne County Clerk's office, seconded by JP Roberts. JP Evans did clarify that this had been discussed in the Budget Committee meeting and that the ARP funds may be used for this purpose. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: Blackburn.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-041.

Proposed Resolution No. 2021-Cleburne County Aging Program-Truck

JP Pearson introduced an Ordinance: **"A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE AND QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DELIVERY CONCEPTS, INC. OF BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MEAL DELIVERY TRUCK FOR THE CLEBURNE COUNTY AGING PROGRAM."**

JP Pearson made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Roberts. Discussion followed clarifying this truck is to be used for the "Meals on Wheels" program. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Resolution 2021-013.

JP Foust requested an Ambulance Committee meeting. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021, in the Judge's office.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, January 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Owens. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 9th day of December 2021

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RACHELLE EVANS
CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK