

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

July 14, 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 6:02 p.m. County Judge Karl Martin presided.

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

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Ambulance: JP Foust advise the Ambulance committee is awaiting the ruling from the hearing scheduled for July 18, 2022, regarding the Proposed Ambulance Ordinance of July 2021.

Jail: JP Evans reported the Jail committee met with Mr. Sterling concerning Jail standards and the Sheriff is working on maintenance issues that need to be addressed--mainly plumbing issues. Sheriff reported he is working on getting quotes on correcting plumbing and generator issues. The committee discussed an area that was changed to a multipurpose room to reopen for the use of holding inmates. Sheriff Brown informed the Court of a 15 (fifteen) member committee that has been established to review the Jail issues to possibly give an outside perspective on Jail and make recommendations to the Court.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Commissioner Joe Tournear updated the Court on the closing of three (3) Vote Centers: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Heber Springs City Hall, and Beth-El Chapel.

Judge Martin recognized Jane Chastain to address the Court regarding an EMS issue.

Kelly Beatty, Arkansas CAMA Technology (ACT), addressed the Court to review the reappraisal and the increases in the assessments for 2022. Mr. Beatty reported that of approximately 31,000 properties, approximately 22,372 properties showed an increase in value. The notices from the County Assessor's office will be mailed July 15, 2022.

Proposed Resolution No. 2022-Waste Connection Fee Schedule

JP Evans introduced a Resolution: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS TRANSFER STATION".

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Martin. After lengthy discussion concerning the pricing, JP Malone made a motion to amend the resolution to read:

Section 1, sentence 3:

"The Cleburne County Quorum Court wishes to change that to the customer paying the percentage of \$75 a ~~1,000~~ 2,000 lbs of trash."

Section 2, line 5:

"Percentage of a ton(s) at \$75 per ~~1,000~~ 2,000 lbs;

Motion was seconded by JP Martin. Voice Vote, motion carried. JP Henegar made a motion to adopt Resolution as amended, seconded by JP Malone. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.
Passed and adopted as Resolution 2022-06.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-Appropriation of Money to Offset Equipment Purchase for Volunteer EMS Service

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 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE EQUIPMENT FOR VOLUNTEER EMS SERVICE".**

JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. JP Henegar advised that the last meeting, the Finance Committee did discuss putting procedures/criteria in place for the volunteer EMS to request/receive funds to be consistent for all. Lengthy Discussion followed. For clarification, Ms. Siler stated the equipment will be placed on the Wilburn ambulance. JP Caldwell made a motion to amend the Ordinance to:

"1000-0306-~~3103~~ Grants-in-Aid 3196 Miscellaneous Reimbursement",

seconded by JP Foust. Voice vote, motion carried--nays noted. JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended, seconded by JP Caldwell. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn, Tamburo.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance No. 2022-022.

Court recessed at 7:38 p.m.

Court reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-Amend 2022 Budget-Court Security 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. 2021-035, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING AND DISTRIBUTING COURT SECURITY GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED".**

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

Passed and adopted as Ordinance No. 2022-023

Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-Amend 2022 Budget-Sheriff (Reimbursement USSS)

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 2021-035, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES, TO AMEND THE SHERIFF BUDGET". BUDGET".**

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

Passed and adopted as Ordinance No. 2022-024

Proposed Ordinance no. 2022-Election Commission and Poll Worker Vehicle Accident Reimbursement Policy

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 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLEBURNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS AND POLL WORKERS WHO SUSTAIN DAMAGES TO THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLE WHILE TRANSPORTING PHYSICAL VOTING DATA AND/OR VOTING EQUIPMENT".**

JP Henegar made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the second reading by title only, seconded by JP Malone. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Henegar read the Ordinance by title only. JP Henegar made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on a third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Malone. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Roberts,

Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Henegar read the Ordinance by title only. JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Discussion followed. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2022-025.

JP Blackburn made a motion to add Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-Amend Sheriff Budget-Law Enforcement Stipend, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried.

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JP Blackburn made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Discussion followed. JP Henegar made a motion to amend the Ordinance as follows:

Section 1. The Quorum Court hereby approves the following appropriations:

Fund: 1000-400 General Fund-Sheriff

LINE ITEM	FROM	TO	CHANGE
1000-400-1001 Salaries Full Time	\$1,074,715.00	\$1,204,715.00	+\$130,000.00
1000-400-1006 Social Security Matching	\$90,403.00	\$100,348.00	+\$9,945.00
1000-400-1008 Non-Contributory Retirement	\$182,485.00	\$202,401.00	+\$19,916.00
			+\$159,861.00
TOTAL INCREASE IN THE SHERIFF BUDGET			<u>\$139,945.00</u>

seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Foust made a motion to adopt Ordinance as amended, seconded by JP Henegar. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Hall, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2022-026.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Allison Hall addressed the Court and asked to keep public access open to the Midway Bluffs. Ms. Hall mentioned a grant from the Federal Eastern Lands Program to assist with this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, August 11, 2022.
- JP Evans asked the Court to review the Jail Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Martin. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ATTESTED:

 8-15-22
 Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk Date

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 CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK