

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

June 8, 2017

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the County Court Building, 922 South 9th Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was call to order at 6:03 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. Roll call was taken. PRESENT: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Stone, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate. ABSENT: Roberts.

In his absence Drew Smith, Attorney for Cleburne County, was represented by Eric Hance, County Attorney for Independence County.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 regular meeting, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to accept the Treasurer's report as corrected (incorrect revenue code number was entered on report—revenue code number was corrected), seconded by JP Henegar. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans reported that the Handbook Committee is still working on the draft copy of the Cleburne County Employee Policy and Procedural Handbook, and as soon as the committee has finished, the draft copy will be sent to the Quorum Court members for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION No. 2017-005

JP Malone introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT ELEVEN (11), CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS"**

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Lange. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Cleburne County Election Commissioners, Joe Tournear and Lee Noble, were in attendance at the Quorum Court meeting to discuss the new voting equipment. Mr. Tournear answered many questions from the Quorum Court members concerning the need for the new voting equipment and the State's and County's portions of funding for the voting equipment. A notice from the Secretary of State's office explaining the possibility of additional funding for the purchase of election equipment along with a list of new equipment and a breakdown of the costs of the equipment for Cleburne County was provided. The notice stated that if Governor Asa Hutchinson did make the \$5,000,000 available along with the \$1,000,000 from the Secretary of State's Office the State would have a total of \$6,000,000 to be used for purchasing the new voting equipment. The State would be responsible for 50% of the order and the corresponding sales tax, with the County being responsible for the remaining 50% and the corresponding sales tax. Mr. Tournear added that future funds were not guaranteed. After the lengthy question and answer session, JP Malone made a motion to allow the Election Commission to send notification to the Secretary of State's Office of Cleburne County's commitment to pay the County's 50% portion, equaling to \$226,001.25, with the State to pay the remaining 50% of the cost of the new voting equipment if the Governor does in fact make available the \$5,000,000, seconded by JP Foust. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

JP Evans made a motion to accept the reappointment by Cleburne County Judge Jerry Holmes of Bill Manning to serve a three (3) year term on the Cleburne County Equalization Board, seconded by JP Caldwell. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance 2017-Distributing Court Security Grant Funds

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. 2016-030, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING AND DISTRIBUTING COURT SECURITY GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED."**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended to include Anticipated Revenue code 3500-7010 increase of \$7,937.86, seconded by JP Caldwell. Judge Lance Wright provided information stating that the grant will be used to update the security systems and equipment at the Court Building located in Heber Springs, Arkansas, with \$2,086.68 to be paid to Quitman to be used specifically for panic buttons and cameras at Quitman City Hall. Roll call was taken.

Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Stone, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate. Nay's: None. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by JP Caldwell. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Stone, Malone, Evans, Lange, Foust, Choate. Nay's: None. Adopted as Ordinance 2017-010

Proposed Ordinance 2017-Transfer to the Capital Projects Fund

JP Henegar introduced an Ordinance: **"BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS: AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM COUNTY GENERAL TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND."**

JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Caldwell. Lengthy discussion followed as to why and/or if the transfer of funds is needed. Roll call was taken. Aye's: Pate, Henegar, Caldwell, Stone, Malone, Evans, Choate. Nay's: Lange, Foust. Adopted as Ordinance 2017-011

JP Malone mentioned the "engine braking" noise issue in Tumbling Shoals that was discussed in a previous Quorum Court meeting. Discussion did follow. Mr. Hance offered information regarding the difficulty of regulating that type of issue. No action was taken.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Stone. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

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