

# CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

April 11, 2024

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 6:01 p.m. County Judge Eric Crosby presided.

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

MACANT: JP 11

## READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by JP Owens. Voice vote, motion carried.

## REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Emergency Services Oversight Committee: JP Foust brought to the committee the ambulance contract passed by the Heber Springs City Council. Due to changes in the contract that were made by the City of Heber Springs there is a need for the Cleburne County Quorum Court to adopt the amended version. After discussion, JP Foust made a motion, seconded by JP Martin to strike "and" in Section 7 Participation in Ambulance Oversight Committee(s). After further discussion, JP Foust withdrew the first motion to amend, and made a motion, seconded by JP Malone, to amend the Ambulance Contract as follows:

### **7, Participation in Ambulance Oversight Committee(s).**

There is hereby created an Ambulance Oversight Committee (AOC) whose membership shall consist of the Hospital Administrator, two representatives from Contractor, Cleburne County Judge, Mayors of Heber Springs, Quitman, Greers Ferry, Higden and Concord and/or their designee. Also OEM/911 Director, 2 Heber Springs City Council members, 2 Quorum Court members and Fire Chiefs. The Cleburne County Judge will preside over the committee. The committee shall meet quarterly or as called by the County Judge. The purpose of the AOC is to recommend any improvements, adjustments or aid in communication between the contractor and interested parties.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. JP Foust made a motion to approve the Ambulance contract as amended. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: JP Evans reported the committee met April 2, 2024 for the March meeting. The committee approved the request for assistance from Pine Snag/Lobo for \$9,729.00 as budgeted in the 2024 County Budget. Topics to come before the Committee include jail, anticipated stipends/raises, and insurance. Next meeting is set for Monday, April 22, 2024.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### **Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Regulation of Dogs**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF DOGS; PRESCRIBING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS THEREOF AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".** JP Foust placed the proposed ordinance on the second reading. JP Foust read the

proposed ordinance in its entirety. JP Foust placed the proposed ordinance on the May 2024 agenda for the third and final reading.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election Commissioner Joe Tournear reported to the Court regarding the Cleburne County Election Commission’s audit of the 2024 Preferential Primary which took place on April 7, 2024. Five vote centers were randomly selected, and with 1,922 ballots counted there were no errors found.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend Ordinance 2023-36 Starting Salaries**

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 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-36 ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND STARTING SALARIES FOR NON-ELECTED COUNTY POSITIONS”.**

JP Henegar made a motion, seconded by JP Owens, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading by title only. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Henegar read the ordinance by title only. JP Henegar made a motion, seconded by JP Evans, to place the ordinance on the third and final reading by title only. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Henegar made a motion, seconded by JP Evans, to adopt the ordinance. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-15.**

JP Martin made a motion, seconded by JP Fletcher, to add Proposed Resolution 2024-Reaffirm Right to Life. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

JP Martin introduced a Resolution. **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED: “A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE STATUS OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS AS A PRO-LIFE COUNTY; AND TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED ARKANSAS ABORTION AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS”.**

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

**Passed and adopted as Resolution 2024-07.**

Judge Crosby reported disposal of County property by Order 2024-10.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mr. Keisler addressed the Court regarding the County’s support of Cleburne County Fair pageant contestants.

Mr. Sullivan addressed the Court regarding the audit of the Preferential Primary Election.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Regular Quorum Court Meeting is Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JP Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Owens. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

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