

# CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the Cleburne Court Building, 922 South 98 Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. County Judge Eric Crosby presided.

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

ABSENT: Wildmon

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RACHELLE EVANS  
CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK

## READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Martin to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023, regular meeting as corrected, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried.

## REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Emergency Services Oversight Committee: JP Foust reported that Survival Flight will be requesting a rate increase on the County contract, but the Committee will need to speak with the County Attorney. This increase will be discussed at the January 2024 meeting. The committee voted that Judge Crosby/Amanda reach out requesting that all volunteer Fire and EMS send an updated list of board members and contact information. The committee also discussed the early activation protocol and voted to leave the protocol unchanged. Future meetings for 2024 are planned for the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Judge's office. The ESOC would like to meet with the City of Heber officials to discuss ambulance placement possibly at the Road Department.

Budget Committee: JP Evans reported the next meeting is December 18, 2023. The main topic will be the Cleburne County Aging program and building. The jail will also be discussed. The 2023 Jail report was received and filed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

JP Caldwell distributed the checks for the Bobby Mooney Matching Fundraiser Challenge.

### Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-Amend 2023 Budget-Veterans 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 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-040, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND /OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE VETERANS SERVICE BUDGET."**

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

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2023-39.**

### Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-Amend 2024 Budget-Veterans Service

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 2023-038, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE VETERANS SERVICE BUDGET."**

JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Owens. After discussion, JP Malone made a motion to amend the Part-time from \$6,000.00 to \$3,000.00, seconded by JP Fletcher. Voice

vote, motion carried. JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended, seconded by JP Malone. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Wildmon.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2023-40.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-Amend 2023 Budget-Sheriff (ARPA), Jail, County Detention Facility**  
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 2022-040, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND /OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE SHERIFF (ARPA), JAIL, AND COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY BUDGETS."**

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

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2023-41.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-Establish Millages**

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 MILLAGE RATES FOR 2024."**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Caldwell. JP Evans stated the City of Fairfield Bay millage changed from 4.9 to 5.0 and Concord School District millage changed from 36.6 to 38.6. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Wildmon.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2023-42.**

Judge Crosby reported from the 2022 Legislative Audit that "No issues came to our attention that we considered necessary to report to management."

Judge Crosby reported that thanks to Rebekah Knew, County Judge Administrative Assistant, in the last couple of years through the Judge's office, nearly \$14 million has been applied for and was granted in broadband grants for the county. However, there are still several large areas that do not have broadband. In 2024 The State of Arkansas will receive close to \$1 billion to help fund this project. They will be looking at the FCC map as to where this funding needs to be placed. It is imperative that if you don't see work being done to please contact the Judge's office so this information can be forwarded to the State.

Judge Crosby announced the disposal of property.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Regular Quorum Court Meeting is Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JP Caldwell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Owens. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

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