

**AGENDA**  
**Cleburne County Quorum Court**  
**Thursday, August 13, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Cleburne County Court Building  
922 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Heber Springs, AR 72543

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call:**
2. **Reading, Correction, and Disposition of Minutes:**
3. **Report of Treasurer:**
4. **Report of Committees:**
  - a. Jail Committee-**JP Evans**
5. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Letter in Reference to Ambulance Service-**Judge Holmes**
6. **New Business:**
  - a. Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Establishing Number of Members of Budget Committee-**JP Malone**
  - b. Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Establishing Jail Improvement Fund-**JP Evans**
7. **Comments from the Public:**
8. **Announcements:**
  - a. Next Regular Quorum Court Meeting Thursday, September 10, 2020.
9. **Adjournment:**

# CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

July 9, 2020

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the County 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 Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pearson, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. ABSENT: Henegar, Gracey.

## **READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by JP Grace. Voice vote, motion carried.

## **REPORT OF TREASURER:**

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

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

JP Evans advised that it may be a month or two before more information is available to bring before the Court. The next jail meeting has been moved up to Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 8:30 am in the County Judge's Office.

Judge Holmes asked if the Court would move New Business item (a) Proposed Resolution No. 2020-Declaring a Vacancy, District 7 to be the first item of business.

## **Proposed Resolution 2020-Declaring A Vacancy, District 7**

JP Foust introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT SEVEN (7), CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS"**

JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Malone. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Resolution 2020-006.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Third Reading: Proposed Ordinance 2020-Cove Creek/Pearson Fire Dues**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING COVE CREEK/PEARSON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PLACE FIRE DUES ON PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS."**

JP Roberts placed Ordinance on the third reading. JP Roberts read the Ordinance. JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Owens. Lengthy discussion followed. Main items of discussion were as to whether, if passed, this would be considered a tax, and if the Court "shall" adopt this Ordinance. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Owens, Roberts. Nays: Malone, Pearson. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-014.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Resolution 2020-Flood Mitigation Grant**

JP Malone introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE COUNTY'S PART IN THE FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT TO ELEVATE A HOUSE LOCATED AT 100 MOSSY SHOALS CIRCLE IN PANGBURN"**

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Grace. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Roberts. Nays: Pearson. **Passed and adopted as Resolution 2020-007.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Court Security Grant**

JP Caldwell introduced an Ordinance: "A 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. 2019-020, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING AND DISTRIBUTING COURT SECURITY GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED."

JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Grace. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-015.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Juvenile Drug Court Grant**

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance: "A 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. 2019-020, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO ADD JUVENILE DRUG COURT GRANT BUDGET."

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-016.**

Court recessed at 7:20 p.m.

Court reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

JP Blackburn gave detailed information regarding the "Cleburne County 18 & Under Fishing Championship/Scholarship Program".

JP Blackburn led a lengthy discussion concerning the Ambulance Services in Cleburne County.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, August 13, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-ESTABLISHING NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: “ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF QUORUM COURT MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.”**

**WHEREAS** the members of the Quorum Court comprise the legislative branch of the county government and are charged with the levy of taxes and the proper spending of tax dollars for the county as per ACA 14-14-904, and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget is reviewed by a committee of Quorum Court members assigned to the budget committee by the County Judge who is the Executive Branch of the county government, and

**WHEREAS**, the number of members of special committees can be determined by the members of the Quorum Court as per ACA 14-14-904, and

**WHEREAS**, the budget approval process is the single most important thing that the Quorum Court does.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

**Section 1.** The Budget Committee will be comprised of five members of the Quorum Court and shall be appointed by the County Judge.

**Section 2.** Meetings of the budget committee will be paid at a rate of \$400 per meeting as per County Ordinance 2014-005.

**Section 3.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent or hinder any member of the Quorum Court, or member of the public, from attending any budget meeting or budget presentation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

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Jerry Holmes, Cleburne County Judge

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-ESTABLISH JAIL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**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. 2019-020, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO ESTABLISH A JAIL IMPROVEMENT FUND."**

**WHEREAS** need exist for the improvement of the Cleburne County Jail, and

**WHEREAS**, need exist to establish a Jail Improvement Fund for the aforementioned purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, need exist to appropriate funds to establish the Jail Improvement Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

**Section 1.** The Quorum Court hereby approves the appropriations as follows:

**Fund: 1000 County General**

LINE ITEM	FROM	TO	CHANGE
1000-8888-9999 Transfer Out	\$345,000.00	\$359,725.00	+\$14,725.00
<b>Total Change in County General Budget:</b>			<b>+\$14,725.00</b>

**Fund: 3491 Jail Improvement Fund**

LINE ITEM	FROM	TO	CHANGE
3491-0418-3009 Other Professional Services	\$0.00	\$14,725.00	+\$14,725.00
<b>Total Change in Jail Improvement Fund Budget:</b>			<b>+\$14,725.00</b>

**Fund: 3491 Anticipated Revenue**

REVENUE CODE	FROM	TO	CHANGE
3491-8801 Transfer from County General	\$0.00	\$14,725.00	+\$14,725.00
<b>Total Change in Anticipated Revenue:</b>			<b>+\$14,725.00</b>

**Section 2.** In the event that any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications to this Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 3.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

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Jerry Holmes, Cleburne County Judge

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