

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

August 13, 2020

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the County Court Building, 922 South 9th Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Foust, Grace, Roberts, Owens. ABSENT: None.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by JP Roberts. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans reported the Jail Committee met twice in July and did not meet in August. An Ordinance is being brought before the Court asking for an appropriation to move forward in the process of Jail improvements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Judge Holmes read a letter from Mr. John Ed Hendricks, President-Tumbling Shoals/Ida EMS, regarding ambulance service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Establishing Number of Members of Budget Committee

JP Malone 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 THE NUMBER OF QUORUM COURT MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE."**

JP Malone made a motion to suspend the Rules and place the Ordinance on a second reading, seconded by JP Grace. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Malone, Pearson. Nays: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Henegar, Owens, Roberts. Required two-thirds vote of entire Court was not met so motion failed. Proposed Ordinance will be placed on the September 2020 Agenda for second reading.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Establish Jail Improvement Fund

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 ESTABLISH A JAIL IMPROVEMENT FUND."**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. Brief discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Grace, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-017.**

Judge Holmes asked Rebekah Knew, County Judge Administrative Assistant, to briefly report on a grant for broadband: Nine carriers have been contacted, but only one (Windstream) has shown an interest. The County's part has been submitted, and they should submit their part later in the week. This would cover some areas west of Pangburn and east of Hopewell. Ms. Knew stated that unfortunately the County cannot ask for a grant without an eligible ISPN internet provider that will do the work. The County continues to work on getting providers for other areas.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Shaine Keasler, Survival Flight, read letter regarding ambulance service. JP Blackburn commented on the letter.

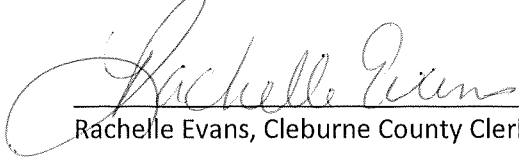
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, September 10, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Henegar. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 9th day of September, 2020

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