

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

September 10, 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, Jay Cupit, Foust, Roberts, Owens. ABSENT: None.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by JP Roberts. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

JP Evans reported the Jail Committee has not met again. The Committee is still waiting on information from the firm regarding the renovation of the jail. Sheriff Brown reported that Jail population has been growing a little.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

JP Malone withdrew Proposed Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Resolution No. 2020-Declaring a Vacancy in JP District 9

JP Evans introduced a Resolution: **"A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT NINE (9), CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS"**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Resolution 2020-008.**

Quitman Mayor, Cyndi Kerr, addressed the Court concerning ambulance service in the Quitman area and throughout the County. A very lengthy discussion was held with questions and comments from the public. Judge Holmes advised he could possibly appoint a committee to address this issue and/or a possible special election to collect ambulance service fees.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Amend 2020 Health Budget

JP Henegar 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 AMEND THE 2020 HEALTH BUDGET."**

JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Brief discussion followed explaining the need to update the phone system and the responsibility of the County to pay for the update. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-018.**

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Amend 2020 Emergency 911 Budget

JP Foust 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 AMEND THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET.”**

JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-019.**

Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-Amend Procedural Ordinance 2019-001

JP Pearson 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 ORDINANCE TO AMEND PROCEDURAL ORDINANCE 2019-001 TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 REGULAR QUORUM COURT MEETING.”**

JP Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the second reading by title only, seconded by JP Caldwell. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. JP Pearson read the Ordinance by title only. JP Pearson made a motion to place the Ordinance on the third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Caldwell. JP Pearson read the Ordinance by title only. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. JP Pearson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Caldwell. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: None. **Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2020-020.**

Proposed Resolution No. 2020-A Resolution Supporting Issue 1 in Cleburne County

JP Roberts introduced a Resolution: **“A RESOLUTION BY CLEBURNE COUNTY SUPPORTING ISSUE 1, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; AND CITY STREETS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW.”**

JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Caldwell. JP Henegar made a motion to strike “county” from paragraph 5, seconded by JP Caldwell. Voice vote, motion carried. Discussion followed and public comment was recognized by Judge Holmes. JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Resolution as amended, seconded by JP Caldwell. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Cupit, Evans, Foust, Owens, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn, Henegar, Malone, Pearson. **Passed and adopted as Resolution 2020-008**

Judge Holmes announced the Justices that will serve on the 2020 Finance Committee: Chad Evans, Sam Henegar, Tim Caldwell

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, October 8, 2020.
- Anticipated Revenue Meeting-Tuesday, October 6, 2020 in the County Judge’s Office at 9:00 a.m.
- Judge Holmes announced the Broadband Grant from Windstream was awarded. The County has had some interest from Computer Works Company to service Wolf Bayou, Ida, part of Pine Snag, Miller’s Point, Hill Creek, Midway, Hwy 92, and Tumbling Shoals. First Electric is now getting on board with the broadband for all First Electric customers—could be up to a six (6)-year project.
- Cleburne County Fair is being held as scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Roberts. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Rachelle Evans
Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 8th day of October, 2020

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CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK