

# CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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May 9, 2024

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the Cleburne County 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.

FILED  
2024 JUN 17 AM 9:00  
RACHELLE EVANS  
CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK

PRESENT: Moorehead, Henegar, Caldwell, Fletcher, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Owens.  
VACANT: JP 11

## READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by JP Moorehead. Voice vote, motion carried.

## REPORT OF TREASURER:

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

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Emergency Services Oversight Committee: JP Foust reported the Ambulance Contract has been filed, and the work on the Highway 92 property is underway. A proposed ordinance is on the agenda to budget for this project. Foust further reported that Quitman is supplying housing for Survival Flight to provide an ALS unit on the south side of the County. According to the Collector's office 1653 parcels in the Cove Creek Fire Department district are expected to collect approximately \$99,000.00 in fees, and the Tumbling Shoals Fire Department is expected to collect \$46,000.00 in fees from 993 parcels.

Finance Committee: JP Evans reported that the committee has discussed requiring a third-party audit for any entity requesting GIA money. With the regular May meeting falling on Memorial Day, it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

JP Foust withdrew the proposed ordinance regarding the regulation of dogs, but added, a new ordinance on this subject is being drafted and will be brought to the Quorum Court in the future.

## NEW BUSINESS:

JP Evans made a motion, seconded by JP Foust, to confirm the three-year term appointments, expiring May 2027, of Tracy Hudspeth (Schools), and David Johnson (Quorum Court) to the Cleburne County Board of Equalization. Voice vote, motion carried.

Judge Crosby announced the disposal of county property by Order 2024-11.

## Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Adult Drug Court

JP Moorehead 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 NO. 2023-038, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO ADD THE ADULT DRUG COURT BUDGET".**

JP Moorehead made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Evans. JP Malone made motion, seconded by JP Evans, to correct the amount from \$16,255.62 to \$16,225.62. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Moorehead made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended, seconded by JP Evans. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-16.**

## Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend 2024 Budget Juvenile Drug Court Grant

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 NO. 2023-038, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO ADD THE JUVENILE DRUG COURT GRANT BUDGET”.**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Brief discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-17.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend 2024 Budget-add HWY #92 Property Budget**

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 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-038, TO ADD THE HIGHWAY #92 PROPERTY BUDGET”.**

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Caldwell. A brief discussion followed clarifying which contract this Ordinance would fall under. After determining the proposed ordinance was correct as written, roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-18.**

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

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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING COUNTY LIBRARY EMPLOYEES”.**

JP Henegar read the ordinance with the following changes: strike Children’s Librarian and change the number of Deputy Clerk positions from 5 to 6. JP Henegar made a motion to place the ordinance on second reading by title only, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Henegar read the ordinance by title only. JP Henegar made a motion to place the ordinance on third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Evans. JP Henegar read the ordinance by title only. JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-19.**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend Ordinances 2023-37 and 2023-38-County Library**

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: “AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-38, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-37 ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZED SALARY PER EMPLOYEE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CLEBURNE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO BRING THE COUNTY LIBRARY EMPLOYEES SALARIES TO COMPARABLE COUNTY SALARIES”.**

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by JP Owens. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-20.**

Judge Crosby announced the Jail committee members: JP Evans, JP Tamburo, JP Moorehead

Mr. Haney informed the Court that the County has been named in a lawsuit with Midway Bluff Friends. (12CV-24-86)

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

- Ms. Heidi Keisler addressed the Court regarding County involvement/support in the Cleburne County Fair Pageant.
- Mr. Mark Cothren addressed the Court thanking them for their consideration regarding the dog regulation problem.
- Ms. Wanda Malone addressed the Court asking about material available in the County Library.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Regular Quorum Court Meeting is Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JP Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Owens. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

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