

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
5:30 P.M.
AUGUST 24, 2015

**NOTICE: MEETING ON THE 24TH OF AUGUST WILL BE HELD
AT THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 611 E.
WASHINGTON ST., BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. THE MEAL
WILL BE SERVED 5:30 P.M. AND THE MEETING WILL BEGIN
AT 6:15 P.M.**

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

Briefing by Judge Ed Hill to Court Members.

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of minutes for July, 2015 meeting.

III. Presentation from Stephens Insurance.

IV. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Service Committee Report.**
- b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.**
- c. Roads and Transportation Report.**

V. Old Business:
None

VI. New Business
None

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
August 10, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled at approximately 6:00 p.m. after a meeting of Finance Committee Members that began at 4:30 p.m. Also discussed was a question about the Veteran's Van. Veteran Billy Cribbs and other veterans were present and explained the issue to the satisfaction of the Court Members.

Chairman David Tennison called the meeting to order. Committee members Richard Rogers and Fred Bowers were also present. Billie Sue Hoggard was absent.

1. A presentation from Doug Doggett and Steve Jett was heard regarding health insurance. They represent several large insurance companies. No decisions were made at this time.

With no other business at hand, committee adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

August 10, 2015

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Ken Stacks, and Justices Barbara Weinstock, Josh Longmire, Jim Bryant, and Garry Meadows.

Press: Hunter Field, Jonesboro Sun
KAIT TV

Others present: Al Haines, Tony Thomas, Computer Services Director Erin Johnson, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Collector Marsha Phillips, Assessor Hannah Towell, Collector Marsha Phillips, Joe Monroe, Teresa Presley, Billy Cribbs, Richard Carvell, and other guests.

Justice Stacks called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 4:30 PM prior to the full court meeting to discuss the DAV letter that had been circulated to several officials. After the DAV representatives explained the motive for the letter, the committee agreed to put the issue to rest and that the counties only concern was related to the donation of funds to help purchase DAV vans.

Erin Johnson addressed the committee concerning the need for additional data storage capacity for the county. Several justices had questions related to the total dollar amounts, timing of the justices being made aware of the need, and whether to solicit other bids or purchase from the State Contract. Justice Longmire adamantly insisted that the County solicit other bids to compare to the State bids. Justice Meadows indicated that his main concern was lack of transparency. All issues were addressed by Erin Johnson and Tony Thomas and indicated that there were more factors to consider other than just price. The state contract bids were explained in detail. After a lengthy discussion, that carried over to the full court, the full court voted with a majority vote to allow the proposed purchase to proceed through the state contract.

The Finance Committee reconvened at 6:00 pm after the full court adjourned.

Justice Stacks asked McNatt to bring the committee up to date on revenues and expensed. Overall, revenues and expenses are in line as projected.

Collector Phillips briefed the committee on collections.

Officials and employees salaries were discussed to some degree and was noted that salaries vary from office to office and not all salaries are equitable. No decisions were made concerning salary changes and the Budget Committee may be tasked in trying to make salaries more equitable across the board for all departments.

Doug Doggett and Steve Jett presented a proposal for the county to consider for health insurance for the upcoming year. The company represents several large companies.

With no other business to be discussed, the committee stood adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
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Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Steve Cline, Terry Couch, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Eugene Neff and Judge Hill.

Justice Kidd called the meeting to order after the meeting of the full court:

1. Eugene Neff updated the committee on the monthly road report also distributed during the meeting of the full court.
 - a. Bridge crews recently completed a project in Caraway. The bridge crew will be moving to some striping projects. Additional equipment is now allowing striping to be taken care of in house.
 - b. Still working on preparing CR372 for improvements after delays with utility relocates due to the rain weather. A number of other projects are in sight once some additional prep work is complete.
 - c. Discussed the potential of another gravel source for county roads.
2. Justice Kidd indicated he recently met with Neff related flooding issues for property owners on Crowley's Ridge. Some ditch work may easily fix the issue if property owners can agree to allow something to be done (some want the work and some doesn't).
3. Justice Kidd allowed each member to bring forth issues impacting constituents. A number of minor issues were discussed. Justices also continued discussion related to the storage issue discussed during the full court meeting. Most of the discussion centered on the state bidding process.
4. General discussion was held related to the increase in salary for County Officials that is being considered. Various opinions and positions were discussed related to this issue.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.