

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
5:30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes for August, 2016.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Service Committee Report.
 - b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.
 - c. Roads and Transportation Report.
- IV. Old Business:
 - None
- V. New Business:
 - None

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
September 12, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after the opening of the court meeting and briefing from Judge Ed Hill.

Chair Billie Sue Hoggard called the meeting to order 5:45 p.m. All members were present; Richard Rogers, Fred Bowers, David Tennison.

Brief discussion concerning the usage of available space for meetings in buildings owned and maintained by Craighead County.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

September 12, 2016

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

Press: Jonesboro Sun

Others present: Al Haines, County Clerk Kade Holliday, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, Circuit Clerk Candace Edwards, County Assessor Hannah Towell, County Collector Marsha Phillips, and other guests.

Justice Longmire called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:45 PM and asked Treasurer McNatt to update the committee on current revenues and expenditures. McNatt noted that county general, capital, and road funds are in good standing and expenditures are at expected levels for this time of year.

Collector Phillips made the court aware that her office has collected \$29.3 million dollars year to date and that the outstanding delinquent tax has been collected down to \$329,000.

Assessor Towell informed the Committee that the Equalization board met with several clients in August and only made a couple of changes in assessments.

Justice Meadows had several questions concerning drainage districts in Craighead County as to revenues, expenses, work being done, forced consolidation with no activity, and who has authority over the districts.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
September 12, 2016
Roads and Transportation Committee

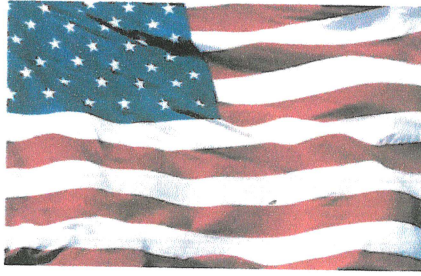
Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Steve Cline, Terry Couch, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Eugene Neff, Road Superintendent.

Justice Couch 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. CR 422 has been completed. The project involved widening the existing road. Quotes are being sought to get some grass sown to restore vegetation and reduce erosion.
 - b. Crews began to work on widening the road leading to Bono Lake. This involved some clearing along the road and leveling. Neff answered various questions related to the work being completed on this road, especially in relation to the removal of the embankment. He indicated this project may be completed this year depending on the weather, when asked about a timeline for completion.
 - c. The north and south end of CR 745 was overlaid with striping. Patching was also taking place on Barnhill Road. After about 3 years, CR 714 is being set up for blacktop as well. This road runs between CR 755 and AR 141 and known as Edgewood Lane by those in the area. It takes about 2 to 3 years for a road to settle prior to asphalt being laid.
2. Justice Couch inquired about a shoulder machine after he had a discussion with a resident recently. Neff indicated they had borrowed one in the past on a few projects and it worked well. After additional discussion related to the use of the equipment, the consensus was that it would benefit the county to look into the acquisition of one.
3. Justice Kidd inquired if crews were finished with ditch work for now. Neff responded by saying that there were still some work needed in the eastern district. A few farmers desired to harvest crops before that work restarted.
4. Justice Cline reminded the committee of the upcoming bid letting for the Bono Bridge project and answered a few questions related to the new location of the structure in relation to where it once stood.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.



September 2016

PETITION TO STOP PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SURRENDER OF THE INTERNET

The internet was created here in America. However, the Obama administration as of October 1 will allow The U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to surrender the key functions of the United States' internet oversight to members of the international community and will allow them to take control of Internet domain names and give them to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, an international organization that includes 162 foreign countries including Russia, China, and Iran, possible enemies who could attempt to censor our speech.

The Petition

We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the Obama administration's plan to cede the United States' position of oversight of the Internet.

We strongly disagree with giving the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) over to world communities and leaders who may be enemies of our way of life, and who may oppose freedom of speech or any of the other freedoms we take as a matter of course in our country. The internet has become the freest, most open invention in the world and has changed communication, business, and how we live our lives. To endanger that invention and its profound effect on this world for some ephemeral political gain is beyond dangerous. Such an action could destroy the gains made across the world in numerous areas.

We strongly urge congressional action to ensure that the United States' oversight of the Internet is NOT ceded to the international community. To do so, we are calling for the passage of Senator Cruz' S.3034 - *Protecting Internet Freedom Act* and the House of Representatives' companion bill offered by Congressman Sean Duffy.

Signed:

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