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KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

Quorum Court Minutes

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Resolution No. 2013-06 PASSED

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-03 APPROVED

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
March 25, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Judge Hill will brief the full court on any updates or information concerning any ongoing projects or business.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes, February, 2013 meeting.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Service Committee Report
 - b. Finance and Administration Committee Report
 - c. Roads and Transportation Committee Report
- IV. Old Business:
 - None
- V. New Business:
 - a. Resolution declaring a vacancy on the Quorum Court due to the death of Justice of Peace Gary Watkins, who served in District #8.
 - b. Appropriation Ordinance incorporating the amount of \$10,732.00 received as grant monies. Will be used in to purchase electronic voting equipment and other software that will upgrade and enhance the voting process in Craighead County.

March 26, 2013 Quorum Court Meeting

11 Justices of the Peace present, Justice **Barbara Weinstock** was absent.

Judge **Ed Hill** called the meeting to order.

Justice **Mike Hawkins** moved to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting – it was seconded by Justice **Ken Stacks**. The court accepted the minutes by a vote of 11-0.

Justice **Fred Bowers** reported on the March 11, 2013 Public Service Committee Meeting – *appendix 1*.

Justice **Bob Blankenship** reported on the March 11, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting – *appendix 2*.

Hill said that the members of the Finance Committee had been given all the necessary information concerning the finances of the Bono Lake and asked that they be prepared to make a decision at the next meeting in two weeks. Members of the Finance Committee discussed meeting prior to the full court meeting in two weeks in order to be ready to make a decision.

Justice **Kenny Hendrix** questioned the need to meet prior to the next full court meeting and asked why there was such a rush to make a decision. **Hill** said that the contractors would begin working again as soon as there are a few days of good weather which should be in the near future. Ultimately, the Finance Committee agreed to a meeting on Monday April 1 at 6 PM. Justice **Josh Longmire** asked that all members of the Court be given a copy of the financial report and **Hill** agreed to do so.

Justice **Hawkins** reported on the March 11, 2013 Road Committee Meeting – *appendix 3*.

Tony Thomas read a personal thank you note addressed to Craighead County from the family of Justice **Gary Watkins**, who passed away earlier this month.

County Clerk **Kade Holliday** read Resolution 2013-06 declaring a vacancy in the Quorum Court due to the death of **Watkins** – *appendix 4*. Justice **Stacks** moved to pass the resolution and it was seconded by Justice **Terry Couch**. The Court passed the resolution by unanimous voice vote 11-0.

County Clerk **Holliday** read Ordinance 2013-03 – *appendix 5*. Justice **Fred Bowers** moved to approve the ordinance and it was seconded by Justice **Blankenship**. By roll-call vote, the Court approved the ordinance 11-0 with Justice **Weinstock** absent.

George Grant asked about the timeline and process of filling the Quorum Court vacancy. **Hill** said that now that the position has been declared vacant, the Governor will have to be notified within 10 days. He will appoint someone to fill the position and the county will submit recommendations. **Hill** confirmed that the person must live within the vacated district.

Justice **Ray Kidd** asked that a constituent be allowed to address a future Court meeting over an issue he is having. **Hill** said that he would be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

With no further business to be discussed, Justice **Hawkins** moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Justice **Max Render**. The meeting was adjourned.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
March 11, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Fred Bowers, Barbara Weinstock, Josh Longmire, and Ken Stacks.

Members assembled after the full court briefing and bid opening for gravel trucks. With no further business at hand, Barbara Weinstock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fred Bowers. All members voted "Yes" and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

March 11, 2013

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Bob Blankenship, Vice Chairman Jim Bryant, and Justices Kenny Hendrix, and Kevin Hoke.

Others present: Al Haines, Treasurer Terry McNatt, ASU Student, and John Reeves.

The Finance Committee Members assembled at 7:20 PM after the full court meeting and discussed the following:

Reviewed revenue and expenditure reports for February 2013.

The Finance Committee expressed an interest in over run costs for the Bono Lake project and would like to have a copy of the construction contract to review. Any additional funding for the Lake project will likely come from a recommendation of the Finance Committee prior to a full court vote. Also, committee members expressed their concern as to how much expense the county has contributed to the Lake project in labor, equipment, fuel and other costs and if a record of these costs are being recorded.

Haines advised the committee of a forthcoming appropriation ordinance for grant monies in the amount of \$10,732 through the Secretary of State's office to implement "Electronic Polling Books", thereby expediting the voting process.

Treasurer Terry McNatt reported to the committee that sales tax for January and February are up over last year, however, sales tax revenue for February alone is \$1,294 less than 2012. McNatt reported that the Treasurer's Office is now operating efficiently with updates and corrections being completed.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
March 11, 2013
Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled at 7:26 pm after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Terry Couch, Mike Hawkins, Ray Kidd and Max Render. Others present included Judge Ed Hill, Eugene Neff—Road Superintendent and Tony Thomas.

Justice Hawkins called the meeting to order and the following business was discussed:

1. Justices discussed the earlier bids opened for dump trucks. The service history, parts availability, and prices were all mentioned.
2. Eugene Neff delivered his monthly road report (also distributed to the full court).
 - a. He indicated a bridge repair project had begun on Otwell Road. Next they would be moving over to replace a structure on CR 616.
 - b. Provided an update on roads that are being prepped for widening.
 - c. Updated the committee on upcoming asphalt patching projects. Atlas Asphalt is planning to open in about 2 weeks. The first project is Goobertown Road. Striping would also occur once the patching is complete.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD
QUORUM COURT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-06

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Gary D. Watkins, who presently holds the office of Justice of the Peace for District 8 of Craighead County, State of Arkansas, until his death on March 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Quorum Court of the County of Craighead County, State of Arkansas, to declare that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Justice of the Peace in the County of Craighead, State of Arkansas, as authorized by Amendment 55 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1309.

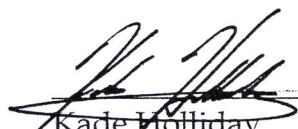
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT A VACANCY IS DECLARED TO EXIST IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, STATE OF ARKANSAS WILL MEET AT 7:00 PM IN ROOM 119 OF THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ON MARCH 25, 2013 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR DISTRICT 8.


FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2013.

ATTEST:


Kade Holliday
County Clerk

APPROVED:


Ed Hill
County Judge

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

An Ordinance amending the 2013 Annual Operating Budget to add Fund 3502, Dept 0109, County Voting System Grant Fund Grant Fund to include monies that have become available to Craighead County through the Arkansas Secretary of State

SECTION 1. That these monies will be utilized in accordance with the grant guidelines and will be subject to audit procedures and other grant stimulations. Expenditures of these monies will be used to purchase electronic voting equipment and software that will enhance and expedite the countywide voting process utilized by the Craighead County Election Commission.

SECTION 2. That these monies are considered to be special revenue funds and must be expended for equipment and other purposes as specified in this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this new fund, department, and line categories will be created in the 2013 Annual Operating Budget to allow for accurate accounting of incoming monies and expenditures, and listing increases in projected special revenues as described below.

		<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
	Special Revenue Projections	\$10,732.00	\$10,732.00	\$0.00
Fund 3502	County Voting System Grant Fund	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
Dept 0109	Craighead County Election Commission	\$10,732.00	\$10,732.00	\$0.00
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
2002	Small Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
3100	Other Miscellaneous	\$732.00	\$732.00	\$0.00
3102	Computer Software/Support/Maint/Recovery	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	Total Amount		\$10,732.00	

There is hereby appropriated \$10,732.00 into Fund 3502, Dept 0109, County Voting System Grant Fund for the purchase of electronic voting equipment, software, and other purposes as described above. These funds shall be established in the chart of accounts by the County Treasurer and entered into the accounts payable appropriations journal by the County Clerk as described, upon passage of this appropriation ordinance.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2013.

Approved: Ed Hill
Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge

Attest: Kade Holliday
Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk