

**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ADDITION, 511 UNION, QUORUM COURT**

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**INVOCATION** – Pastor Don Miller, Strawfloor Baptist Church

**ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING’S MINUTES** – September 8, 2025

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES** – Public Services, Finance, and Transportation

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance to Request the Analysis for Alternative County Government Organization for the Consolidation of the Office of Treasurer and Collector, and for Other Purposes -3<sup>RD</sup> READING

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution of the Quorum Court of Craighead County, Arkansas, Appointing Mr. Harry Truman Moore to Solemnize the Marriage of Kathryn Cherry and Robert Garant
- B. Resolution to re-appoint Cogan Ford to the Bono Fire District Board
- C. Ordinance Amending Craighead County Policy for Sheriff's Department and Detention Center for Experienced New Hire Salary Positions

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Special Public Services Meeting at 5:15 PM in Quorum Court Courtroom Conf. Room**

- A. Resolution of the Quorum Court of Craighead County, Arkansas, Appointing Mr. Harry Truman Moore to Solemnize the Marriage of Kathryn Cherry and Robert Garant

## **QUORUM COURT MINUTES September 8, 2025**

Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Invocation was led by Justice Couch.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Myers.

Roll was called and all were present except Justice Longmire.

Next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the August 25, 2025, meeting.

Justice Cook made the motion to approve, and Justice Pasmore seconded the motion.

Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion to read the Ordinance by title only was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Cook. Judge Day took a vote and all present were in favor. An **Ordinance to Request the Analysis for Alternative County Government Organization for the Consolidation of the Office of Treasurer and Collector, and for Other Purposes** was read by title only for the Second Reading.

### **NO NEW BUSINESS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judge Day stated that Sheriff Boyd was recognized with a Law Enforcement Hero of the Year Award.

### **NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Forrest. All present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm

## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 9/8/2025

### **Call to Order:**

Justice Cline called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

### **Attendance:**

Justice Steve Cline, Justice Terry Couch, Justice David Tennison, Justice Garrett Barnes, Judge Marvin Day, and Road Superintendent John James were present.

### **Road Work Update:**

Road Superintendent John James provided an update on current road projects.

### **Plat Review:**

One plat was reviewed. Justice Couch made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Justice Barnes. All in favor.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, a motion was made by Justice Tennison to adjourn, seconded by Justice Couch. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

## **Public Services Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 9-8-2025

**Call to Order:** Justice Richard Rogers called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

**Attendance:** Justice Brad Noel, Justice Linda Allison, Justice Kevin Williams, Collector Wes Edington, and Treasurer Terry McNatt were present.

### **Resolution to re-appoint Cogan Ford to the Bono Fire District Board:**

Motion to send to the full Quorum Court was made by Justice Noel and seconded by Justice Williams. All in favor.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Allison. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

## **Finance Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 9-8-2025

**Call to Order:** Justice Barry Forrest called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

**Attendance:** Justice Dan Pasmore, Justice Darrel Cook, Justice Barry Forrest, Justice Rick Myers, Craighead County Tax Collector Wes Eddington, Treasurer Terry McNatt, and Sheriff Marty Boyd were present.

### **Tax Collection Report:**

Tax Collection report presented by Collector Eddington, noting an increase in collections of 2.4%.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Terry McNatt presented the financial report, noting a 3.8% Sales Tax increase.

### **Ordinance Amending Craighead County Policy for Sheriff's Department and Detention Center for Experienced New Hire Salary Positions:**

Justice Cook made a motion to read by title only. Justice Myers seconded, and all approved. Justice Cook made a motion to move the ordinance before the full Quorum Court. Justice Myers seconded, and all approved. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, Justice Cook made a motion to adjourn, and Justice Myers seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

ORDINANCE 2025-\_\_

BE IT ENACTED THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUEST THE ANALYSIS FOR ALTERNATIVE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OFFICE OF TREASURER AND COLLECTOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court is always charged with reviewing internal government of Craighead County to improve efficiency, effectiveness, responsiveness, and accountability to better serve the citizens of Craighead County, and

WHEREAS, the elected offices of Treasurer and Collector serve important roles for the financial records and income and expenses for Craighead County and the disbursements and collection of funds on behalf of Craighead County, and

WHEREAS, in light of similar situated counties, such as Pulaski and Sebastian, Johnson, Lafayette, Monroe, the offices of Treasurer and Collector are combined and both offices has been consolidated, and

WHEREAS, Quorum Court members are seeking to explore the possibility to consolidate both functionally similar county offices pursuant to Ark. Code Annotated 14-14-613.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS.

SECTION 1. The Quorum Court seeks to have a separate analysis conducted regarding a proposal for the consolidation of offices of Treasurer and Collector and the analysis shall follow the terms as set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 14-14-606, *et. seq.*

SECTION 2. The analysis shall be completed within 60 days.

SECTION 3. The analysis shall take into account an election that would go before the voters of Craighead County at the next General Election on November 2026, whereby the issue to be considered may be a consolidation of

officers of the Treasurer and Collector, to be effective January 1, 2030, pursuant to Ark. Code Annotated Section 14-14-702 and Ark. Const. Amend. 55 Section 2.

SECTION 4. The Craighead County Election Commission shall be put on notice that this matter will be subject to further vote and discussion by this legislative body.

SECTION 5. The Quorum Court shall revisit and review the terms of the analysis for the purpose of determining if an alternative county government organization would make the county more efficient by consolidating the offices of Treasurer and Collector.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of the Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Marvin Day, County Judge

ATTEST:

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Mary Dawn Marshall, County Clerk

Publication fee: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, APPOINTING MR. HARRY TRUMAN MOORE TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE OF KATHRYN JANE CHERRY AND ROBERT RALPH GARANT, IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

WHEREAS, Mr. Harry Truman Moore has petitioned the Craighead County Quorum Court to be appointed to solemnize the marriage of Kathryn Jane Cherry and Robert Ralph Garant, in Craighead County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code. Ann. §9-11-213(a)(7) states that marriages may be solemnized by any person appointed for that purpose by the Quorum Court in the County where the marriage is to be solemnized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT:

**IT DOES HEREBY APPOINT MR. HARRY TRUMAN MOORE TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE OF Kathryn Jane Cherry and Robert Ralph Garant, IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Dawn Marshall  
County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Day,  
County Judge

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BONO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS;** Act 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas states that the County Judge of each county is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the Bono Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS;** the said County Judge does hereby make the following re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Bono Fire Protection District for the following term, detailed below:

Cogan Ford, residing at 100 Edward Street, Bono, AR 72416, is to be reappointed to serve a five-year term beginning September 23, 2025, and ending September 23, 2030.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; that the above-described appointments will become effective upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk's Office.**

**Dated:** September \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MaryDawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk**

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance amending the Craighead County Salary Administration Policy to allow the Craighead County Sheriff and the Craighead County Detention Center to hire personnel with verifiable experience at the salary midpoint.

Whereas: the Craighead County Quorum Court desires to pay a fair wage to Craighead County employees serving in the law enforcement field that often presents life threatening situations in preserving public safety and well as personal injury in day-to-day operations.

Section 1. That the JESAP Committee has approved a policy update to allow the Craighead County 's Sheriff's Office and the County Detention Center to hire new employees with verifiable relevant experience at the budgeted midpoint salary rates while allowing new hires without experience to continue to be hired from 80% to 90% of the budgeted salary in accordance with existing policy.

Section 2. That the flexibility in the starting pay with experienced employees will help eliminate employee turnover, thereby saving additional costs associated with new hire recruiting, onboarding, retaining manpower, training, uniform costs, and additional associated costs.

Section 3. That the law enforcement field is unique and can produce life threatening situations daily.

Section 4. Be it hereby approved by the Quorum Court that this change be implemented and become a permanent addition to the Craighead County Salary Administration Policy to allow the Craighead County Sheriff's Office and the Craighead County Detention Center the flexibility to recruit, hire, and maintain qualified employees at the midpoint of the budgeted salary schedule.

Section 5. Emergency Clause: It is hereby determined by the Quorum Court that the amendment described is needed for the immediate needs of Craighead County to correct the law enforcement personnel turnover and preserve public safety.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Marvin Day

Craighead County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Dawn Marshall

County Clerk

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