

QUORUM COURT MINUTES

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June 22, 2020 Quorum Court Minutes

All Justices of the Peace were Present. Justice Forrest and Justice Weinstock were present via Zoom Conference.

Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The first order of business was the approval of the June 8, 2020 Quorum Court minutes. Justice Longmire made a motion to approve the minutes and Justice Couch seconded.

Committee Reports:

Justice Rogers read the Public Service Committee meeting minutes from June 8, 2020. A copy of same is attached hereto as **Addendum A**.

Justice Longmire read the Finance Committee meeting minutes from June 8, 2020. A copy of same is attached hereto as **Addendum B**.

Justice Cline read the Road Committee meeting minutes from June 8, 2020. A copy of same is attached hereto as **Addendum C**.

Justice Cline then read the Road Committee meeting minutes from the special called meeting on June 11, 2020. A copy of same is attached hereto as **Addendum D**.

Old Business: None to Discuss.

New Business:

The only order of new business was a Resolution recommending the reappointment of Mr. Wayne Winn to the board of directors of Philadelphia Fire Board. The Deputy Clerk read the Resolution, a copy of same is attached hereto as **Addendum E**. Justice Rogers made a motion to approve and Justice Tennison seconded. There was no discussion. Judge Day took a verbal vote and the motion unanimously passed with all votes in favor of.

Program:

Jennifer Clack, Craighead County Election Coordinator, informed the Court of all the precautions taking place in the upcoming elections. The biggest precaution is offering absentee ballots to the voters. Voters can call into the Craighead County Clerk's office at 870-933-4520 to request an absentee ballot application. Once they have received it, they will fill it out and mail it back into the County Clerk's Office. This will ensure they will receive their absentee ballot packet to be able to vote in the upcoming elections. Options for absentee ballots are delivery by mail and by a bearer, voters may bear their own ballot. Ms. Clack mentioned a drive through option that has been discussed but details are not 100% worked out for this manner. There are logs that are kept with signatures and identification must be shown with all processes. This helps to prevent voter fraud. The Election Annex will have 6-foot social distancing markers inside of the building and outside on the sidewalk that goes toward the back of the building. Voting machines

will also be placed 6-foot apart or will be separated by drapes if they are closer. Ms. Clack went on to state that at this point, all 15 polling locations will be open and poll sheriffs will be trained on how to handle the new requirements.

Ms. Clack named off different items that the Secretary of State will be providing to Craighead County to use during the elections. These items include 420 KN95 reusable face masks, 45 one-gallon containers of hand sanitizer, 1,050 pair of disposable gloves, 60 cans of disinfecting spray, 9 gallons of disinfecting cleaner, 18 canisters of disinfecting wipes, 200 face shields, 90 pint containers of 70% ISP alcohol, 270 washable microfiber towels, 204 social distancing floor decals, 60 Plexiglas table top shields, and 37,000 disposable stylus pens.

Justice Pasmore asked how many poll workers are at each site? Ms. Clack informed the Court that in the larger polling places there will be around 15 poll workers and the smaller county polling sites there will be at least 4. There was no further discussion.

Announcements:

Judge Day started off by thanking Ms. Clack for her help in obtaining the grant and her help thus far in the Judge's office.

Judge Day then informed the Court that the AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) have been installed and if you want training on how to use the AED in emergency situations you can contact Lacey Rush, Human Resource Manager.

Judge Day reminded everyone about the 2020 Census. Justice Longmire asked if the County still stood at a 60% response rate? Judge Day said we are at a 60.4% response rate.

Judge Day ended the announcements with informing the Court that the shared work program will be ending this week. There was no discussion.

Public Comment:

Adam Stone asked for clarity on the new ordinance regarding responsibilities of developers, contractors and landowners on county roads. Judge Day stated that this is a brand-new ordinance and that it is not perfect, so any comment is welcome and appreciated. Mr. Stone stated that he is concerned developers are going to get hit with expenses that were not expected when starting developments. Tim Ray stood to ask at what point would the County take over and would like to see stronger guidelines to go by. Judge Day informed Mr. Stone and Mr. Ray that with this ordinance, at 50% build out and a one-year warranty, it is turned over to the county. Mr. Ray stated that developers are uncertain how to incorporate expenses when the ordinance is vague. Sherlyn Blackwell, a real estate agent, stood to say that she is afraid that the county will end up having strict stipulations like the city. Ms. Blackwell is afraid that developments in the county will come to a halt because it is becoming too difficult to develop. She asked that the Court take this into consideration when making decisions. Ryan Moore then stood to ask for an update on the paving of County Road 751. Judge Day informed Mr. Moore that there was a deal

made with homeowners that the county would cover half the cost. Judge Day went on to say that \$75,000 has been raised and Mr. Baugh is raising the rest of the money needed. Judge Day also stated that there is an AT&T cell tower that would need to be moved in order to pave CR 751 and that he has been reaching out to AT&T to discuss the matter. Justice Cook asked if the Court could amend the ordinance to make it better understandable for all parties involved? Judge Day agreed that this did need to happen. Derek Daniels asked how the developers are supposed to guarantee that the developments are still up to code once the land has been sold to landowners? Judge Day stated that is not necessarily the case, that there are kinks in the Ordinance that would need to be worked out as suggested by Justice Cook. There was no further discussion.

With no other business to tend to, Justice Cline made a motion to adjourn, Justice Longmire seconded. Judge Day adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Addendum A

Public Service Committee

06/08/2020

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Rogers at 5:59 P.M. Those in attendance were Justice Williams, Justice Noel, and Justice Price. Chairman Rogers read the resolution to reappoint Wayne Winn to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Fire Board. The term is for 5 years and is effective as of March 1, 2019 and expires March 1, 2024. Motion was made by Justice Williams and 2nd by Justice Noel to approve and move to the full court. With no other business, Justice Williams made a motion to adjourn and was 2nd by Justice Price. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Addendum B

Finance Committee Minutes
June 8, 2020

Chairman Josh Longmire called the finance committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Longmire, Justices Dan Pasmore, Darrel Cook, Vince Pearcy. Justice Weinstock participated by Zoom.

Tax Collector Wes Eddington reported on tax collections. Two windows were opened today to the public after being closed due to Covid-19. It has been challenging balancing needs of office with the Shared Work Program requirements. Total tax is up 3.7% on year, up \$1,089,850 overall.

Treasurer McNatt presented May financial reports. General funds ended at \$4.96 million. Capital fund was \$1.5 million. Road fund was \$5.69 million. Sales tax was up 2.77% for May, totaling \$1.78 million. Of that amount, Craighead County's portion is \$327,748.86.

Treasurer McNatt said certain revenue categories were down. Court costs were down. Housing State Prisoners was down, and Sheriff Marty Boyd said not to expect an increase until December or January.

With no other business, Justice Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Pearcy. The Finance Committee adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ROAD COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 8, 2020

Chairman Steve Cline called the Road Committee meeting to order at 5:42 pm. Those present were Justices Terry Couch, David Tennison, Barry Forrest, Judge Marvin Day, and Greg Baugh.

Judge Day gave an update on the work being done on county roads. He also said the Road Department is currently doing work on Bono Lake to stabilize the banks and that work is being funded by a grant. Next, the committee looked at a replat on CR 759, Woodlands at Terra Hills. At this time, Greg Baugh voiced his concern that all the traffic from Woodlands was causing a hazard on CR 751 because of all the dust made by construction workers and residents using this road. The dust makes it hard to see cars when you are pulling out on the road. He requested the County check with the developers to see if they would be willing to work with the County and residents that live on the road to pave it. After considering the request, Justice Forrest made a motion to table the request until more information could be obtained. Justice Tennison seconded, and all were in favor.

With no other business, Justice Tennison made motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Couch. Meeting was adjourned by Justice Cline at 5:59 pm.

Addendum 1

SPECIAL ROAD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Chairman Steve Cline called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the County Judge's conference room. Those present were Justices David Tennison, Terry Couch, Barry Forrest, Judge Marvin Day, Greg Baugh, Adam Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clairday.

Justice Terry Couch made a motion to un-table the proposed replat of Woodlands at Terra Hills, CR 759, from the last road committee meeting on June 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Justice Forrest. Discussion continued on the proposal.

In the end, the developers offered to put down \$75,000.00 to help pave the road, CR 751, with the residents also paying a portion of the cost, with the County paying the rest. After this agreement, Justice Couch made motion to approve the replat of CR 759, seconded by Justice Tennison. All were in favor. With no other business, Justice Couch made motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Tennison. The Road Committee adjourned at 5:00 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PHILADELPHIA FIRE BOARD.

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 Philadelphia Fire Board of Directors.

WHEREAS; the County Judge does hereby make the following reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Board for the terms detailed below:

WHEREAS; Mr. Wayne Winn who resides at 4941 Hwy 141 N, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 has been recommended to serve another five (5) year term on the Philadelphia Fire Board of Directors. This term shall be effective as of March 1, 2019 and expire March 1, 2024.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; that Mr. Wayne Winn of 4941 Hwy 141 N, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, be reappointed to serve on the Philadelphia Fire Board of Directors. The above described reappointment will be effective for the dates listed above upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk's Office.

Dated this _____ day of June 2020.

Approved: _____
Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge

Attest: _____
Kade Holliday, Craighead County Clerk