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QUORUM COURT MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2023

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

Invocation was led by Susan Miles, First Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Allison.

The roll was called, and twelve Justices were present, Justice Forrest was absent.

The first order of business was approval of Quorum Court minutes from November 27, 2023. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Pasmore. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

The Road Committee minutes were read by Justice Cline.

No OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of the new business was a **Resolution to approve Solid Waste Disposal Authority 2024 Budget**. A motion to accept was made by Justice Longmire and seconded by Justice Cline. Judge Day asked for questions or comments. Justice Allison made a comment that in the future she would like them to add more detail and description with their annual budget for comparison year to year. Judge Day comments he will pass that on to them. With no other comments or questions, Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was a **Resolution authorizing the County Judge of Craighead County to execute all contracts and documents for the purchase and closing for the property located at 312 W Jefferson Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas**. A motion to approve was made by Justice Couch and seconded by Justice Noel. Judge Day shared that the opportunity to purchase that property adjacent to the buildings we bought earlier this year came up. We would have property from the corner to the alleyway there across the street from the election annex. We still don't have any definitive plans of what we're going to build there, but when you have the opportunity to buy property adjacent to the county building, it is good to think about future growth and needs. Justice Barnes asked if each side is representing themselves in this transaction or were realtors involved. Judge Day answers there was a realtor, Debbie Finley. The county had been in contact with the owner before, and from my understanding the lady went to Ms. Finley and wanted to list it and we got the first call. Justice Barnes asked if we were able to negotiate the commission on half of that. Judge Day responded he didn't worry about the commission. Justice Barnes states he is a realtor as well and if we can save some commission on that for the taxpayer, he thinks it would be great, especially if we are representing ourselves. With no other questions or comments, Judge Day called for a vote and it passed unanimously.

Next was a **Resolution confirming mutual aid agreements for Act 833 fire monies in accordance with Craighead County Resolution 2008-1**. A motion to approve was made by Justice Weinstock and

seconded by Justice Tennison. With no questions or comments, Judge Day called for a vote and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day announces that our regularly scheduled meeting in December would be on the fourth Monday, Christmas Day. Judge Day asked for the will of the court. We need to discuss if you want to meet on Christmas Day or if you'd like to meet on a different day or not meet at all. Justice Weinstock asked if that would be for New Year's Day also. Judge Day answered no. Justice Cook asked since the court had three meetings in November, could it be counted and not have the meeting Christmas week. County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall responded that she and Lisa Lawrence, Craighead County Administrator, had been discussing this, and it was her understanding there had to be 24 regular meetings and the third meeting in November was a special meeting. Justice Cline states that there are 24 meetings in a year, and after tonight it would be 24, if the special meeting is counted. County Clerk Marshall explains that she believes that it's state policy that the per diem is divided into 24 regular meetings. Lisa Lawrence then comments that if someone missed a meeting in November then they wouldn't get paid full for December. Judge Day responds that we could use the third meeting in November as a makeup meeting. Justice Cook made a motion to suspend the rules to cancel the last meeting since it falls on Christmas Day and to use our third meeting in November to make up. Justice Cline seconded the motion. Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

Justice Longmire asked if we'd heard any more about the Craighead County library for Monette and Caraway. Judge Day responds that his understanding was there were several meetings with the library finance committee, and they voted to make a recommendation to the full board to leave the Monette, Lake City, and Caraway branches open with the same hours and look at things again moving forward.

With no other public comments, Judge Day took a motion to adjourn from Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Couch.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Road Committee minutes

12/11/2023

Chairman Cline called the road committee together at 5:47 PM. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tennison, Justice Barnes, and Road Superintendent John James. John gave an update on road work being done.

With no other business, Justice Barnes made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Justice Tennison. All were in favor and the committee adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Finance Committee Minutes
December 11, 2023

Chairman Longmire called the early Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Present were committee members Justice Pasmore and Justice Weinstock. Also present were County Judge Marvin Day, Treasurer McNatt, Collector Eddington, Justice Allison, and County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall.

Collector Eddington presented the tax collection report for November. Total taxes collected in 2023 are over \$102 million dollars. Current tax in 2023 is up 9.4% over last year.

Treasurer McNatt presented Financial Statements for November 2023. General Fund ended the month with over \$15.5 million dollars, the Capital Fund ended November with over \$5.26 million dollars, and the Road Fund ended with over \$6.05 million dollars. Sales tax for November ended 2.99% higher than last November.

Chairman Longmire read the Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Disposal Authority's 2024 budget. Justice Pasmore made a motion to approve, with the month changed to "signed this day of December 2023". The motion was seconded by Justice Weinstock. The motion passed 3-0, and it will be heard by the full court at the meeting.

Chairman Longmore read the Resolution authorizing the County Judge to execute all contracts for the purpose and closing for the property located at 312 W. Jefferson. Justice Pasmore made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Weinstock. The motion passed 3-0 to be heard by the full court.

Chairman Longmore read the Resolution concerning mutual aid agreements for Act 833 fire monies. Justice Pasmore made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Weinstock. The motion passed 3-0 to be heard by the full court.

With no other business, Justice Weinstock made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Pasmore. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 5:17 pm.