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**QUORUM COURT MINUTES**

**MARCH 13, 2023**

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## Quorum Court Minutes March 13, 2023

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

The invocation was led by Doug Doggett, Huntington Church, Jonesboro.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

Roll was called and all Justices were present.

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The first order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from February 27, 2023. A motion to accept minutes as prepared was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Barnes. Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance to adopt District Court's retention policy was read, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

No NEW BUSINESS.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day wanted to acknowledge attendance and introduce Jason Hilliard from Philadelphia Fire Protection Board and Brent Stidman from NEIDC. They are both being recommended for appointments and Judge Day wanted to thank them for their service on these boards.

With no other ANNOUNCEMENTS or PUBLIC COMMENTS, a motion to adjourn to committees was made by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Forrest.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm.

Road Committee minutes  
3/13/2023

Chairman Cline called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. Those present were Justice Couch, Justice Tennison, Justice Barnes, and John James.

John gave an update on road work being done.

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

Public Service Committee  
3/13/2023 Minutes

Those in attendance for the meeting:

Committee Members: JP Linda Allison, JP Brad Noel, JP Kevin Williams, and Chairman JP Richard Rogers. Also attending: Sheriff Marty Boyd, County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall, Brent Stidman, Jason Hilliard, and Terry Jones.

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Chairman Richard Rogers.

The first item on the agenda, JP Rogers read a resolution for the appointment of Jason Hilliard to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Fire District. Mr. Hilliard will be replacing Terry Jones for a five-year term beginning 3/28/23 to 3/28/28. JP Noel made a motion to approve the resolution, and JP Williams seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

JP Rogers read the resolution for the reappointment of Tim Nugent to the Board of Directors of the Southridge Fire Department for a five-year term, effective 4/2/23 to 4/2/28. JP Williams made a motion to approve the resolution and JP Allison seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

JP Rogers read the resolution for the reappointment of Brent Stidman to three-year term to the board of the Northeast Arkansas Industrial Development Commission (NEAIDC) beginning 4/1/23 to 3/31/26. Mr. Stidman stated that he will need to update the mailing address listed. JP Williams made a motion to approve the resolution for reappointment, and JP Noel seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

JP Rogers read the resolution for the appointment of Tony Bittle to the Board of Directors of Valley View Fire Protection District to take over a five-year term effective 3/13/23 to 2/28/27. JP Allison made a motion to approve the resolution for the appointment and JP Noel seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

A resolution was read by JP Rogers to provide for an interim filling of vacancies for the office of Sheriff during times of emergency. Sheriff Boyd designated the following persons to fill the office in the following line of succession: 1) Justin Rolland, Chief Deputy Sheriff, 2) Jason Allen, Asst Chief Deputy Sheriff, and 3) Captain Chad Henson. Keith Bowers was originally listed in the third position; however, he moved out of the county which disqualifies him as an emergency backup. JP Noel made a motion to approve the resolution, and JP Williams seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

An Appropriation Ordinance was read by JP Rogers to amend the 2023 Annual Operating Budget to add additional funds for an increase of salary/benefits of \$6,379.28 for the Head Election officer in the office of County Clerk. The salary increase is a recommendation of the JESAP committee, who met to review the duties and job description of this position and determined that the salary was substandard for the responsibilities. JP Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, and JP Allison seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

The last item on the agenda was the reading of a resolution by JP Rogers to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Craighead County in accordance with federal laws and for the reduction of long-term risk to people and property in Craighead County. JP Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, and JP Noel seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0 to move to the full court for approval.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by JP Noel, and JP Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by JP Allison.

## Finance Committee Minutes March 13, 2023

Chairman Longmire called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Present were committee members Justice Cook, Justice Pasmore, Justice Weinstock, and Justice Forrest. Also present were Judge Day, Treasurer McNatt, Collector Eddington, Circuit Clerk David Vaughn, and Rachel Cook.

Collector Eddington presented the tax collection report for February 2023. Total tax collected in February 2023 was \$1.195 million, where the total tax collected February 2022 was \$1.605 million, 2023 collections were down \$410,137, but things still look good.

Treasurer McNatt reported on February's financial reports. The General Fund ended the month with \$19.07 million dollars. The Capital Fund had \$2.78 million at month end, and the Road Fund had \$8.63 million dollars. Sales tax collections were 7.49% higher in February 2023 than the previous year. Craighead County has not had to pay anything into the 911 Fund lately, but there will be costs in the future.

Chairman Longmire presented the Appropriation Ordinance to add additional funds for salary increase for the Head Election Clerk position in the County Clerk's office. A motion to pass was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Pasmore. After some discussion, Chairman Longmire took a vote and the motion passed. The Appropriation Ordinance will be heard by the full court at the next meeting.

Chairman Longmire presented the Appropriation Ordinance for Fund 3529 to add line item 4004. Justice Pasmore made a motion to approve, seconded by Justice Cook. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the Appropriation Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

The 2022 Clean up Ordinance was presented. A motion to approve was made by Justice Cook, seconded by Justice Pasmore. A vote was taken, and the Appropriation Ordinance will be heard by the full court.

Justice Forrest asked how the audit was going, and Judge Day said it was going well.

With no other business, Justice Cook made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Forrest. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 5:56 pm.