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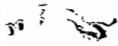
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QUORUM COURT MINUTES

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April 11, 2022, Quorum Court Minutes

10 Justices of the Peace were present. Absent were Justice Longmire, Justice Price, and Justice Rogers. Also present were Wes Eddington, Terry McNatt, and Marty Boyd.

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

Invocation by Dr. Bill Panneck, Executive Pastor, Central Baptist Church

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called

First order of business was approval of the Quorum Court minutes from March 28, 2022. A motion to accept was made by Justice Tennison and seconded by Justice Weinstock. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

Justice Cline read the Special Road Committee minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of 2021 Annual Report, Prosecuting Attorney's Hot Check program in accordance with ACA 16-21-120(c)

Justice Cline made a motion to acknowledge and was seconded by Justice Pasmore. Justice Weinstock asked who takes this program over? Judge Day stated that it is a case-by-case situation. The need is not as great as it once was, but they are still prosecuting bounced checks. There just won't be a separate staff member responsible for only the hot checks. Small checks will be handled in small claims court. Justice Cook had some questions about where the money came from? He had questions on the correctness of the figures in the letter. Judge Day stated that he did not write this letter, he is only reading it. Justice Cook asked what the funds were for, and Judge Day stated normal supplies but over half of that money was for an employee salary. Judge Day stated that this is not something he had a choice in, it comes from the prosecuting attorney's office. Judge Day stated that this is not up for debate, it was just a reading of the letter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Report on Disposal of County Property per ACA 14-16-106, Court Order 2022-28. Judge Day stated that it was for the disposal of old computer keyboards, mice, printers, fax machines, chairs, etc. Part of that process is first the material is reviewed by the Assessor's Office; they determine there is no value of the equipment, it then gets reviewed by County Judge. The final step is to let the Quorum Court review and acknowledge that we are taking some things off the inventory. Judge Day stated that this does not have to be voted on, it was just to make the court aware. Judge Day stated that we have been donating the items to Abilities Unlimited and they are able to process it and make a little bit of money that helps their program.

Judge Day wanted to speak on the rising costs and equipment purchases. He said there are some things going on and he just wants to make everyone aware of. Typically, we get road graders for \$187,000 apiece. The supplier came by and said the window has just opened to purchase new graders. You put your name in for a slot and that slot is for a delivery at the end of next summer. The summer of 2023. Judge Day says that is a little concerning, but we will be fine. What usually happens, we buy a grader, take a grader out and put it on the auction block and we sell it. We get about \$105-110 thousand for the old one. The numbers now are a little concerning it is \$284,000 for a new one and we wouldn't receive it until summer of 2023. The auction market today, if you had a three-year-old grader with 3,000 hours are going for about \$250,000. Judge Day is not asking for purchase approval at this time, he just basically wanted to make everyone aware of what will have to be done next year. He is also concerned with the budget for this year and the cost of everything going up. Justice Cook asked how long do we keep a grader? Judge Day stated 6 or 7 years. Justice Cook stated that it costs roughly \$10,000 a year to run a grader and wanted to know what the mechanics do out at road department during the year? Judge Day listed several duties that are done. Judge Day stated he just wanted to make everyone aware of it.

Judge Day mentioned one last thing he wanted to go over is a court order about fund transfers. It talks about all the different ones that have been moved around. He stated that there are two larger ones. The 1st one is, we have been getting these Hazard Mitigation grants from the State and typically its 50/50, last year it was 75/25. You can see we got \$117,000, we spent that money out of County Road and received it back into that special fund and now we are closing that out and putting it back in County Road. The second one is the court put \$800,000 out of Capital into the Crisis Stabilization Unit several years ago and so we have kind of rocked along with that and there is \$119,000 of money we didn't spend, but more importantly, money that we were able to receive in the form of a refund. We are moving that money back into the Capital Fund as we promised we would.

Justice Weinstock asked if this would show up on this year's money or next years? Judge Day stated that it was filed on April 8th and will reflect on this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

A motion was made to adjourn by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Percy. Motion passed and the meeting ended at 5:45 pm.

Transportation, Public Service, and Finance Committees met after the full court.

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**Special Road Committee
March 28, 2022**

Chairman Cline called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm. Those present were Justices Couch, Tennison and Lewis. The committee reviewed a plat for Josh Sharp, CR 761. Justice Couch made the motion to approve, 2nd by Justice Lewis. All were in favor. Justice Tennison made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Justice Lewis. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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March 29, 2022

Members of the Quorum Court
Craighead County, Arkansas
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Re: Hot Check Program

Dear Members of the Court,

This letter is written to you in compliance with Arkansas Code Annotated 16-21-120(C). Please accept this as our annual report to the Quorum Court of all receipts and disbursements for the Hot Check Program of the Craighead County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The hot check program is self-supporting and receives no funds from the county. The hot check writers pay a fee to the Hot Check Program, which is used by this office to pay various administrative and discretionary expenses. This is often used by us in lieu of budget appropriations, which is a savings to the taxpayers of Craighead County.

During the 2021 calendar year, our office collected fees in the amount of \$6817.57 for the hot check program. During 2021, \$22,417.69 from that amount was used to pay for expenses.

Also, during the 2021 calendar year, \$46,725.84 was collected for the merchants of Craighead County as payment for hot check merchant and bank fees.

As you know, the Hot Check Program was ended effective immediately on April 1, 2021. We are currently in the process of winding down the program.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions concerning these matters, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

TAMI DODD

Handwritten signature of Tami Dodd in black ink.

Hot Check / Case Coordinator

CHARLENE DAVIDSON

Handwritten signature of Charlene Davidson in black ink.

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