JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its organization session at 7:00 PM on January 17, 2017 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Justice of the Peace Justice Knight.

Attendance:

County Judge James Baker, County Administrator Tom Anderson, Counsel David Hogue, Treasurer Scott Sanson, Quorum Court Secretariat Margaret Darter and the following Court members were present: Justices Boyer, Brady, Dodgen, Goode, Hawks, Hendrix, Higgins, Houston, King, Knight, Pickett, Thessing, and Williams.

Approval of the Journal: Justice Thessing moved to waive the reading of the December 20, 2016 journal of proceeding be dispensed and that the journal of proceedings be approved and such motion was seconded. Such motion was unanimously approved.

County Officer's Report: County Treasurer Scott Sanson reported to the Court on the financial status of the County and a copy of the report was provided to all members and one is on file.

Justice Brady moved to affirm the appointment of Pat Moore as Coroner and Justice Williams seconded. Such motion was unanimously approved.

Justice Higgins moved to table the affirmation of Jeffery Wittingham to the Library Board until the next meeting and such motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Justice Thessing moved to appoint Justice Higgins as their delegate to the Arkansas Association of Counties and such motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 17-1. This is an Organizational Ordinance for the 2017-2018 Faulkner County Quorum Court. Justice Thessing made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 17-1 and to dispense with the rules and to read Proposed Ordinance 17-1 by title only. Such motion was seconded and approved. Counsel Doolittle read Proposed Ordinance 17-1 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 17-1. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 17-1 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 17-2. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 15-41. Justice Thessing made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 17-2 and to dispense with the rules and to read Proposed Ordinance 17-2 by title only and was seconded by Justice Goode. Such motion was approved. Counsel Doolittle read Proposed Ordinance 17-2 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 17-2. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 17-2 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 17-4. This is an Ordinance to establish and amend Annual Operating Budget for calendar year 2017. Justice Thessing made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 17-4 and to dispense with the rules and to read Proposed Ordinance 17-4 by title only and was seconded by Justice Higgins. Such motion was approved. Counsel Hogue read Proposed Ordinance 17-4 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 17-4. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 17-4 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 17-5. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 15-41 as a one-time pay increase to correct an overpayment to County Recorder's Cost Fund, position code 1299. Justice Thessing made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 17-5 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Doolittle read Proposed Ordinance 17-5. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 17-5. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 17-5 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 17-6. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 14-30 as a one-time pay increase to correct an overpayment to County Recorder's Cost Fund, position code 1299. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 17-6 and Justice Thessing seconded such motion. Counsel Doolittle read Proposed Ordinance 17-6. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 17-6. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 17-6 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

Old Business: None

Announcements: Justice Higgins recognized the Faulkner County Animal Board. Deputy Freeman was recognized for receiving the Medal of Valor for putting his life on the line. Nanette Ramsey will head up the Vilonia Book Case Project. Judge Baker announced that the Month of April will be Clean up month in honor of the late Senator Stanley Russ.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Faulkner County Quorum Court stood adjourned until the next scheduled meeting.

*****An audio tape is kept on file of the entire meeting*****