

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
January 17, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on January 17, 2023 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by County Judge James Baker.

Attendance:

County Judge James Baker, County Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Philip Murphy County Clerk Margaret Darter and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Boyer, Coats, Graddy, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Lyon, Moss, Pearson, Shock, Strain and Tyler.

Approval of the Journal:

Justice Knight made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved as presented and such motion was seconded by Justice Lachowsky. Justice Allison made a motion to correct the journal on page 2, third paragraph, third line from the bottom to change the "no" to a "yes" and again on page 3, second paragraph, line 4 to change the "no" to a "yes." Such corrections were made The Journal of Proceeding was unanimously approved as corrected.

County Officer's Report:

Scott Sanson, Treasurer, report to the Court on the financial status was provided to all members and a copy is on file.

Standing Committees Report:

None

Special Reports:

Prosecuting Attorney's Hot Check update given by Prosecuting Attorney Carol Crews

Old Business:

Justice Strain made a motion to bring Proposed Ordinance 22-63 to the floor for discussion and to forward such Ordinance to Budget & Finance. Such motion was seconded and unanimously approve.

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-01. This is an Organizational Ordinance for the 2023-2024 Quorum Court. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-01 and that the Ordinance be read by title only. Justice Kendrick seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-01 by title only. Justice Kendrick made a motion to remove Section (b) of Article 6 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked voice vote and such motion passed 12-1, with Justice Boyer voting no. After further discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-01 as amended . The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-01 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-02. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021) and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-02 and to read by title only and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-02 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-02. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-02 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-03. This is an Ordinance to create a new position in the County Judge's Office and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-03 and to read by title only, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-03 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-03 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 23-01. This is a Resolution to encourage Arkansas State Legislators to pass proposed House Bill 1048 in the 2023 Legislative Session and to encourage the Governor of Arkansas to sign HB 1048 once passed by the State Legislature. Justice Allison made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 23-01 and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 23-01 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 23-01 passed with a voice vote of 8-4, with Justices Boyer, Coats, Graddy and Moss voting no and Justice Pearson voting present.

Appointment:

Judge Allen Dodson appointed Coroner Jessica Freeman. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept the appointment of Jessica Freeman as Coroner and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight and unanimously approved.

Justice Lachowsky made a motion to appoint Justice Kendrick as the Quorum Court delegate to the 2023 Quorum Court Association and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison and unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Justice Coats urged all Quorum Court members to attend committee meetings.

Judge Baker made a big thank you to all the County Judge's employees for their hard work during the transition and to his family for all the hard work cleaning Courtroom A.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*******An audio tape of this meeting is kept on file*******