

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**June 20, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on June 20, 2023, in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Justice of the Peace Jonny Tyler.

**Attendance:**

County Judge Allen Dodson, County Administrator Randy Higgins, Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Philip Murphy, County Clerk Deputy Teresa Bonds, Treasurer Scott Sanson, and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Coats, Graddy, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Lyon, Pearson, Shock, Strain and Tyler.

**Memorial Tribute:**

Judge Allen Dodson paid a memorial tribute to our deceased court member Justice Jerry Boyer. Judge Dodson spoke of fond memories as a friend and co-worker and what an attribute he was to Faulkner County. He presented the family with an American flag that had been flown on the Court House lawn in his remembrance.

**Approval of the Journal:**

Justice Lachowsky made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved and was seconded by Justice Coats and unanimously approved.

**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. Sheriff's Chief Deputy, Chad Wooley presented the financials to all members and addressed the importance of the reserved volunteers and what they do for the county.

**Standing Committees Report:**

Budget & Finance: Committee stated they have four (4) Ordinance under New Business.

Courts & Public Safety: Committee did not meet but chair met with crypto mining manager regarding noise complaint and solutions. Animal Control has floor plan and is still on schedule and will present soon. Noise ordinance didn't pass but they held a meeting in Bono about the temporary wall. Samples of the noise reduction panels were brought in to display.

Infrastructure & Roads: No New Business.

Personnel: No meeting in June and nothing under New Business.

**Special Reports:**

Tom Anderson – Special ARP and Roads Reports.

It was reported that they will be using curb and gutter in the project, which will be much more cost effective.

Judge Allen Dodson provided new insight to the "Lake Conway Renovation" and provided committee members with documentation. The lake is 6700 acres, 75 years old and the dam is deteriorating. This renovation will help to maintain and manage wildlife, preserve fishing, and allow the silt to return once the new dam is in place.

Mary Beth Groce, from the Cooperative Extension Office was unable to deliver her report due to illness in her family.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-13. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-13 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-13 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-13. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-13 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-14. This is an appropriation Ordinance for the law enforcement officer salary stipends for full time law enforcement officers in accordance with the Act 224 of the 2022 Fiscal Session of the Arkansas legislature and to amend the annual operating budget for Faulkner County, Arkansas for calendar year 2023. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-14 and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-14 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-14. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-14 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-15. This is an appropriation Ordinance for full-time county officials and employees of the Assessor’s office in accordance with Act 357 of the 2023 Fiscal Session of the Arkansas Legislature, and to amend the annual operating budget for Faulkner County, Arkansas for calendar year 2023. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-15 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-15 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-15. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-15 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-16. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-63 (December 23, 2022) and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-16 and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-16 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-16. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-16 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 23-05. This is a Proposed Resolution declaring a vacancy in the Office of Justice of the Peace, District No. 12 for Faulkner County. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 23-05 and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 23-05 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 23-05 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

**Appointment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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