

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
October 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on October 15, 2024, in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Justice Lachowsky.

Attendance: County Administrator Randy Higgins, Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Philip Murphy, County Clerk Margaret Darter, Treasurer Scott Sanson and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Coats, Graddy, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Lyon, Moss, Pearson, Roberts, Strain and Tyler.

Approval of the Journal: Justice Kendrick made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved as is and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. And unanimously approved.

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

Standing Committees Reports

Budget & Finance: Met last week and have eight (8) Ordinances to present under "New Business."

Courts & Public Safety: Met last week and have a Resolution to present tonight under "New Business."

Personnel: Met last week and had a handful of requests for raises that will be presented during the 2025 Budgeting process and one (1) Ordinance to present tonight under "New Business."

Infrastructure & Roads: No report.

Public Comments: None

Special Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-37. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Costs made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-37, and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-37 by

title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-37. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-37 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-38. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-38, and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-38 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-38. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-38 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-39. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-39, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-39 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-39. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-39 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-42. This is an Ordinance to reclassify (1) department title, three (3) job titles and transfer 97) positions within the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office, to be addressed in the 2025 Annual Budget process to be effective January 1, 2025. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-42, and such motion was seconded by Justice Roberts. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-42 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-42. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-42 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-43. This is an Ordinance to establish a Special Revenue Fund to be called the Rapid DNA System Pilot Program for Investigations Grant Fund, appropriate funds, and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-43, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-43 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-43. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-43 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-44. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 as a one-time pay increase of \$300.00 for all full-time employees and \$150.00 for part-time employees, and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-44, and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-44 by title only. Justice Moss made a motion to amend the amount of \$300.00 for full-time employees to \$400.00 and \$200.00 for part-time employees. Justice Knight seconded such motion, and such motion was unanimously approved. Justice Lyon made a motion to correct the dates from 2023 to 2024 and adjust the payout date to November 21, 2024, and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Such motion was unanimously approved. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-44 with amendments. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-44 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-45. This is an appropriation Ordinance to repeal Faulkner County Ordinance 21-13 (June 23, 2021), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-45, and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-45 by title only. After

discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-45. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-45 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-46. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-46, and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-46 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-46. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-46 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 24-06. This is a Resolution to designate persons in succession to fill the vacancy of the office of the sheriff on an interim basis. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 24-06, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 24-06 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Resolution 24-06. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 24-06 passed with a vote of 12-0.

Appointment: None

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:40 PM

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