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# **QUORUM COURT MINUTES**

## **November 24, 2025**

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

The Invocation was led by Justice of the Peace Terry Couch

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Myers.

The roll was called, and all Justices were present.

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The first order of business was the approval of Quorum Court Minutes from November 10, 2025. A motion to accept the minutes as prepared was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Forest. With no questions or comments, Judge Day called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

Committee minutes from November 10, 2025 were read. Justice Cline read the Road committee minutes. Justice Rogers read the Public Services committee minutes. Justice Longmire read the Finance committee minutes.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A resolution was read regarding the **Reappointment of Jeremy Holler to the Bono Fire Protection District Board**. A motion to approve was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Cline. There were no questions or comments. All justices were in favor.

Judge Day presented the findings of the **Treasure/Collector Consolidation study**. Judge Day explained that the intention is to have the ordinance ready for Public Service Committee at the next meeting and then move on to the full court. Justice Longmire asked if this ordinance is slated for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> primary election or the general. Judge Day stated that it would be in the general election if the court approved the ordinance. Justice Barnes stated he noticed that the analysis did not include any feedback from the school superintendents. Judge Day stated that he spoke directly to one superintendent and two other court members had spoken to other superintendents today. Judge Day stated that after speaking with the superintendents he felt they might have been given some misinformation and they had a better understanding that the services would be the same. Judge Day stated he requested a formal presentation with the superintendent's association the next time they met. Justice Barnes asked what misinformation the superintendents had been given. Judge Day stated that some people had been saying that the superintendents would not receive their checks in a timely manner and problems with that sort of thing. Justice Longmire stated he spoke with five superintendents today who expressed concerns with checks and balances and separation of duties and ensuring that the funds are where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be. Justice Barnes stated he spoke with all the superintendents today except for Mr. Taylor and they shared the same concerns with him as well. Justice Allison stated she spoke with a superintendent today who also expressed concerns and was opposed to the consolidation. Justice Couch stated he spoke with a superintendent in his district that had no problem with the

consolidation, the superintendent stated he gets his money on time and everything works well and if anything changed with that, he would let Mr. Couch know.

The next order of business was to read an **Appropriation to Establish the 2026 Rates of Taxation**. A motion to accept was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Tennison. Justice Tennison pointed out an error on the Black Oak personal saying 2 mills when it should have been 1.4 mills. Judge Day stated that they would need to check with the Clerk on the correct records. County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall stated that it was her error, and it should be the 1.4 mills. The court approved the appropriation ordinance contingent on the error being corrected. Justice Cook asked if the appropriation included the Nettleton milage increase that was passed last week. Judge Day stated it did include the increase. Roll was called and all were in favor.

The **2026 Craighead County Operating Budget** was read. Judge Day stated there was a lot to be reviewed and he was sure they no one was ready to pass this budget tonight. Judge Day stated they had added a 5 percent raise to all employees who were not over their maximum on the salary schedule others it would be a smaller amount. Judge Day stated that health insurance was going up 27 percent. Building insurance went up 33 percent and this would include the insurance on the new building. Workers comp insurance went up 11 percent. Judge Day also stated they had put some money in the budget for an expansion for District Court and remodeling the annex building for efficiency purposes. Judge Day reported that the budget included a new firewall system and phone system. Judge Day reported that jail food went up 7 percent and medical went up 2 percent. Sheriff Marty Boyd spoke to the court regarding some major expense in repairs to the jail this coming year, he also stated they did not put it in the budget because the cost fluctuates so much right now, they felt it would be best to do it with an appropriation. Sheriff Boyd stated that some of the repairs would include a roof and chillers. Sheriff Boyd stated the chillers cost can vary by \$10,000 depending on availability. Justice Williams stated that it would depend on if you can even get them. Justice Barnes made a comment regarding the Cities and tax revenue that they generate and are remitted back to the County, he asked if there was any way in the future that the Cities could provide a copy of their overlay budget and decide if the County could match some of that. Justice Barnes stated it was the County's responsibility to remit some back to the Cities. Justice Pasmore stated that once all the County roads were paved the court could look into that. Judge Day stated he felt Justice Barnes doesn't understand all that the County does for the Cities that is not a specific line-item such as grading roads and building bridges and that he liked the budget that was presented but it was up to the court to make the decision. Justice Barnes stated he did not say the County didn't do anything. Justice Cook asked if the rules could be suspended to have a second reading of the budget. A motion was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Couch. Justice Longmire asked if we did the second reading and made changes would the process have to start over. Justice Cline stated that was correct. Justice Couch withdrew his second on the motion and Justice Cook withdrew his motion. Judge Day asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day stated that open enrollment was now open for County employees to make changes in their benefits, if you need no changes, they will rollover as is.

Justice Williams thanked everyone for the outpouring of support during his recent illness.

There were no further comments or questions. A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Longmire.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.