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QUORUM COURT MINUTES

February 23, 2026

February 23, 2026, Quorum Court Minutes

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

Invocation was led by Pastor Diondre Warren, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance.

12 Justice of the Peace were present. Justice Richard Rogers was absent.

First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from February 9, 2026. A motion to accept was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Tennison. Justice Barnes requested the minutes be amended regarding comments Justice Allison made about the building that is being rented out by the County. Judge Day asked Justice Barnes on what page of the minutes he was referring to that needed to be amended. Justice Pasmore stated it was page three. Justice Barnes stated he withdrew the motion and would get back to someone on the subject. Judge Day took a vote to accept the minutes, and it passed unanimously.

Committee reports were read. Justice Cline read the transportation report from February 9, 2026. Justice Longmire read the Finance committee report. There was no personnel committee meeting on February 9, 2026.

There was no old business.

New business.

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from Special Revenue Accounts into County General for Expenditures that have already been Incurred and Paid, and Disbursements by the County Treasurer to Fund other Offices and Departments, and to Transfer County General and Special Revenue Funds as Necessary. A motion was made to be adopted by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Cline. Justice Allison questioned if the two larger amount items from the general fund to the capital fund on the list of transfers were standard. Judge Day explained that those were from when the court facility was being built, budget items were run from the capital fund and there wasn't always enough capital, so transfers were made during short falls. Judge Day further explained that interest accrued off the AARP funds could be used in any way and interest was transferred to capital to use in any way the court wanted. Justice Barnes stated that the court had received an email from KASU asking for an overview of this appropriation. Judge Day explained that every year the Judges office, he, must make a court order transferring money from on account to another. Judge Day explained that money is moved to keep accounts in the whole, not spending any new money or additional money, just acknowledging what is done to keep the budget afloat throughout the year. Justice Pasmore stated this was just the start of the clean-up. Judge Day stated that was correct. There were no further comments or questions. Roll was called and the appropriation passed unanimously.

Charlene Davidson with the prosecuting attorney's office presented the hot check program report for 2025. Ms. Davidson explained that the hot check program was terminated in April of 2021, however they are still taking in money that the Craighead County Sheriff's office receives. In 2025 the program

received \$10,217.17 from defendants from the hot check program prior to 2021. In 2025 the program distributed \$19,384.46 toward merchant restitution, \$3,770.00 in merchant fees and \$2,895.95 in prosecutor fees. The total check amount not including journal entries was \$26,054.41. The current account balance is \$28,653.41. Justice Pasmore asked why we no longer prosecute hot checks anymore. Ms. Davidson explained that with debit cards it was becoming hard to do. There is prosecution for hot checks, however it is theft by deception or something else. Judge Day explained that a copy of the letter would be sent to the court. Judge Day asked for a motion and a second to accept the presentation into the record. A motion to accept was made by Justice Pasmore and Seconded by Justice Cook, all were in favor. Justice Pasmore made a motion to move the March 23rd meeting to another day due to spring break week. Judge Day suggested March 16th. A Motion was made to move the meeting to March 16th by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Tennison. All were in favor.

Announcements:

Judge Day reminded everyone of the election that was going on.

Judge Day stated that Legislative Audit started the 2025 audit today.

Justice Allison wanted to address the topic in the minutes from February 9, 2026, that Justice Barnes mentioned earlier in the meeting. Justice Allison asked about the rent that was being collected and what the amount of the rent was covering. Judge Day explained that he was not sure, he also reminded them that one tenant was moving out and he needed to make a lease with the remaining tenant. Judge Day stated that as of today the tenant was paying \$600.00 a month. Justice Allison asked if the County knew what the insurance would cost on that because liability would need to be carried on the property. Judge Day stated that he could get those numbers or Justice Allison could come by his office to get them. Judge Day stated he did not believe that it was discussed in the previous meeting. Justice Barnes stated he thought it was stated toward the end of the previous meeting.

Public comment.

Robin Martin, 505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro, expressed concerns about the poverty rate in Craighead County compared to that of other Counties in Arkansas and the state. Justice Pasmore stated that people come from other areas that are worse off than Craighead County. Justice Allison stated the city of Jonesboro is approving a lot of apartment complexes that bring in people who cannot afford to buy a house but can afford to rent an apartment and that will increase the poverty level. Robin Martin stated that taxes drive higher poverty rate. Justice Cook stated that the Quorum Court does not raise taxes, they do suggest when issues should be put on the ballot for the voters to decide.

Jolene Mullett 2004 West Nettleton spoke about her concern regarding the Madison Street sidewalk having no parking sandwich boards causing the sidewalk to be inaccessible for handicapped or strollers. She requested it be painted instead of the boards. Judge Day stated that the sidewalk is a City of Jonesboro issue.

Iris Stevens 2714 Turtle Creek spoke regarding 12 unfilled positions at the jail. Judge Day explained that changes on a day-to-day basis. Ms. Stevens expressed concerns about the employees that had to work over to cover the hours. Ms. Stevens questioned what the status of filling those positions was and what changes need to be made to fill the positions. Justice Pasmore stated that it is a hard job and it is hard to get people, especially those with families, to take the job and stay. Judge Day explained that the County

was working on things to help, such as changing when raises can be given. Judge Day suggested that it would be eye-opening for anyone to take a tour of the jail and then go to Sharp County where they have a new jail and see the difference in not only capacity but employee safety. Judge Day explained that there are lots of things that are being done every day to hire new employees and keep the current employees as safe as possible. Justice Williams stated he read an article today that the State police were hiring at a salary of \$76,000 a year he believed and the county is at \$50,000 a year. Justice Myers stated that if Ms. Stevens got the opportunity, she should go do the tour of the jail. He also stated that the jail had amazing educational opportunities for the inmates.

A motion was made to adjourn by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Myers. The motion passed.

Meeting ended at 6:12 P.M.