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QUORUM COURT MINUTES

JULY 27, 2026

July 27, 2026, Quorum Court Minutes

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

Invocation was led by Dr. Greg Ota, New Life Empowerment Ministries

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Rick Myers

12 Justice of the Peace were present. Justice Garret Barnes was absent.

First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from July 13, 2026. A motion to accept was made by Justice Pasmore and seconded by Justice Tennison. Judge Day took a vote to accept the minutes, and it passed unanimously.

Committee reports were read. Justice Cline read the transportation report from July 13, 2026. Justice Rogers read the personnel committee meeting minutes. Justice Longmire read the Finance committee report.

There was no old business.

New business.

A presentation was given by Assessor Hannah Towell and Jason Nichols with Delta Mass Appraisals regarding the four (4) year reassessment cycle. Assessor Towell explained the laws that are followed by her office to determine personal property values, some exceptions for taxpayers, and went over the notices that were recently mailed to taxpayers. Mrs. Towell encourages taxpayers to call her office if they have questions or concerns. She also stated that if an agreement could not be reached with her office or Delta Mass Appraisals help, they could set up an appointment with the equalization board by contacting the County Clerk's office which serves as the secretary for the equalization board by law. The deadline to set up an appointment is the third Monday in August (August 17th).

Justice Cook thanked Mrs. Towell for her explanation of the notices that were recently mailed out and for coming and speaking to the court. Justice Williams asked if there was any way that the increase could be made every year instead of every four years. Mrs. Towell explained that it was a lengthy process to appraise the entire county, that is why they made the cycle four years. Justice Myers asked how farmland was appraised. Mrs. Towell explained that was done by the state and based off production.

Jason Nichols with Delta Mass Appraisals gave the court more information regarding the processes they use in doing the mass appraisals. Jason also explained more on the documents and information that the taxpayer may need if speaking to the equalization board.

Justice Longmire asked if five percent a year was mandated by the state. Mr. Nichols stated that it was.

Justice Cook asked how large radius was used when determining the ratio of the property taxes. Justice Cook asked if the seller's percentage was taken into consideration when determining the values for property taxes.

Mr. Nichols explained the history verses the current ratio and new construction values.

Justice Pasmore asked how new construction was picked up. Mr. Nichols explained that they use 911 address, building permits and City Water and Light permits. Mr. Nichols also explained that they not only add new property, but they also remove property.

Justice Williams stated that he had to have property reappraised and it was a seamless process.

Justice Pasmore asked why the time period was so short between when you receive your tax statement and the appeals process window. Mr. Nichols explained that was all set by the State laws.

Justice Allison asked about property owners that are over 65 and the property tax freeze on those properties. Mr. Nichols explained that every property had to be appraised whether it was frozen or not. Mr Nichols also explained that taxpayers that purchased property in 2025 were going to see the largest jumps in their property taxes.

A Resolution Designating the County Sheriff's Succession in Times of Emergency was read. Justice Couch made a motion to accept, and Justice Myers seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution passed.

An Ordinance to Appropriate Funds to Fund 3598, Court Security Grant Fund was read. Justice Tennison made a motion to accept, and Justice Cook seconded the motion. Roll was called and all present were in favor.

An Ordinance to Appropriate Funds to Fund 3587, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Grant Fund was read. Justice Cline made a motion to accept, and Justice Cook seconded the motion. Roll was called and all Justices present were in favor. Justice Allison asked if this would be hired out by a professional or done by the maintenance department. Judge Day explained that it would be done by contactors.

Announcements:

Judge Day wished Justice Myers and Justice Tennison happy birthday

Judge Day asked County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall to tell the court about municipal filing dates and time. County Clerk Marshall stated the filing begins July 29th at noon and ends August 5th at noon.

Justice Cook thanked Hannah for coming and giving them the property tax information.

Public comment.

Robin Martin, 505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro, addressed her concern regarding public comment time.

Matt Redman, 4109 Stephanie Lane, addressed the court regarding flock cameras and who had access to them. Mr. Redman asked if the county had a policy regarding the access and use of flock cameras. Judge Day said they would have to get back with him on the policy.

Lloyd McCracken, property owner county road 775, asked if the transportation committee had reconsidered the resolution regarding establishing regulations on county roads 780 and 775. Judge Day

asked Justice Cline to respond. Justice Cline stated he had been looking into the laws of what they can and cannot do and they would be reviewing them soon.

Mr. Lenderman, 2016 County Road 780, spoke to the court regarding the decrease in property value due to the gravel pit.

Justice Allison asked if there had been a response from AADQ. Judge Day stated that AADQ was responding to each comment or question in writing and they had lots to respond to, he was not aware of any response yet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Cook and seconded by multiple Justices. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.