QUORUM COURT MINUTES

May 23, 2022

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13 Justices of the Peace were present. Also present were Lesli Penny and Terry McNatt.

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

Invocation by Don Seat, Pastor Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business was the approval of Quorum Court minutes from May 9, 2022. A motion to accept was made by Justice Weinstock and seconded by Justice Rogers. Judge Day took a vote and it passed unanimously.

Committee reports for May 9, 2022, were read. Justice Cline read the Road committee minutes. Justice Rogers read the Public Service committee minutes and Justice Pearcy read the Finance committee minutes.

There was no old business.

New business.

An Ordinance was read to adopt Base Level Engineering (BLE) studies, 1st reading. Justice Cline asked if this removed any areas of the floodplain that were there previously. Judge Day said yes, it removed some, but added some as well. Justice Cook asked about the date of 1991 in Section 3. Judge Day stated that the 1991 map is the one on record, but this map is public record. Some discussion was had on the content of the new maps and levees.

An Ordinance was read to amend the Craighead County Employment Policy for Military Leave, 1st reading. There were no questions or comments.

An Ordinance was read Establishing a Minimum Cost Amount Per Item Purchased to Be Recorded as a Fixed Asset for Past and Future Purchases, 1st reading. Judge Day stated that the Auditors suggested that the amount is increased since it had not been increased since 2011.

An Ordinance was read to amend the 2022 Operating Budget and revise Appropriation Ordinance 2022-13 to add line items to the existing fund of 3537, FY21 Connect & Protect LE Behavioral Health Grant for General Supplies, Small Equipment and Other Miscellaneous. A motion to approve was made by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Couch. There were no questions or comments. Roll was called and the motion passed.

A Resolution was read to recommend the reappointment of Nancy Moring to the Craighead County Equalization Board for a three-year term. Justice Cline asked if Nancy had already served two terms on the Equalization Board. Judge Day stated that she had. Justice Cline stated that he believed that a member could only serve two consecutive terms. A motion was made to table the resolution by Justice Cline and seconded by Justice Cook. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Announcements.

Judge Day announced that Craighead County had put out a proposal to hire someone with expertise in the use of the federal grant money that is being received from the American Rescue Plan. AG Witt, LLC submitted the best proposal and have been interviewed. Judge Day stated he would like to hire them to assist with the paperwork involved in staying compliant with the processes. Justice Cook asked about the rate per hour. Judge Day responded that $250 was the top per hour rate. Justice Weinstock asked if the other proposals that were submitted were comparable. Judge Day stated that the others were more expensive.

Judge Day reported that early vote totals were at 5,972 voters through early vote as of today.

No public comment.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Williams. The motion passed.

Meeting ended at 6:17 P.M.

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Road Committee

May 9, 2022

Chairman Steve Cline called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm. Present were Justices Terry Couch, David Tennison and Carolyn Lewis. Road Superintendent John James was present and Brent Granger. John gave an update on road work being done and the committee discussed road grading. The committee reviewed a plat for John and Heather Johnson, CR 759. Justice David Tennison made the motion to approve, 2nd by Justice Lewis. All were in favor.

With no other business, Justice Couch made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Justice Tennison. The motion passed and the committee adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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Public Service Committee

5/09/2022

The Public Service committee meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Chairman Rogers. Those in attendance were Justice Williams, Justice Noel, Justice Price, and Judge Day. A Resolution to reappoint Nancy Moring to the Craighead County Equalization board for a 3-year term was presented. A motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and 2nd by Justice Price. Motion passed to move to full court for approval.

Next item was an Ordinance for Adoption of Base Level Engineering studies for the St Francis, Cache, and L'anguille Watersheds. Motion to approve was made by Justice Price and 2nd by Justice Noel. Motion passed to move to the full court for approval.

The last item on the agenda was an Ordinance to update the Craighead County Employee Policy for Military Leave and other purposes. Motion to approve was made by Justice Noel and 2nd by Justice Price. Motion passed to move to full court for approval.

With no other business before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Price and 2nd by Justice Noel. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Finance Committee Minutes
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Chairman Longmire called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:45 pm. Present were Justices Pasmore, Cook, Pearcy and Weinstock.

Collector Eddington gave the report on April's tax collections. Total tax collected in April 2021 was $20.7 million and total tax collected in April 2022 was $22 million, which is up 6.3%. Justice Weinstock praised the office.

Treasurer McNatt reported on April's financial reports. The General Fund ended with $6.9 million. The Capital Fund had $2.5 million, and the Road Fund ended with $7.4 million. Sales tax collections increased 20.05% in April 2022. The total sales tax collections were $2.02 million. At the end of month 4, there is 76.003% remaining in the 2022 budget. Treasurer McNatt presented YTD comparison through April 2022. It shows Craighead County to be $307,730.06 stronger than prior year. Some of the revenues are lower. Housing State Prisoner revenue is down because the state is getting prisoners out of jail much faster. Also, City of Jonesboro has not yet paid April or May's jail bill, but that is expected by the end of this month

Chairman Longmire presented the Ordinance establishing the minimum cost amount per item purchased to be recorded as a fixed asset. Justice Pasmore asked if there was a previous amount established? Yes, the current amount is $3,000. This Ordinance increases the amount to $5,000 to be classified as a fixed asset. A motion to accept was made by Justice Pasmore, seconded by Justice Pearcy. The motion passed and will be heard by the full court at the next meeting.

Chairman Longmire read the Appropriation Ordinance to amend Fund 3537, FY21 Connect & Protect grant to add lines for General Supplies, Small Equipment and Other Miscellaneous. A motion was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Pasmore. The motion passed and will move to the full court.

With no other business, Justice Weinstock made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Cook. All were in favor and the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:00 pm.