

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

September 6, 2022

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in regular session at 6:00 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom with County Judge Mickey Pendergrass presiding. Members present were: Rhonda “Tink” Albright, Cameron Davis, Angela DeGroote, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Kevin Litty, Charles Osgood, Wayne Roth, Roger Steele, and Dirk Waldrop. Justice Ty Chapman was not in attendance. The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Pendergrass asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August meeting. Justice Davis moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Steele seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports:

Justice Albright reported on the August 18 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Justice Frank reported on the meeting of the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts which was held in conjunction with the Annual Association of Arkansas Counties Conference in Hot Springs in August.

Judge Pendergrass announced that after the October meeting of the Quorum Court, Brad Runsick from the Extension Office will be here to discuss the proposed constitutional amendments that will be on the November election ballot.

Judge Pendergrass presented a plaque of recognition to Baxter County Safety Coordinator, Joe Quinn, for safety program efforts in 2022.

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with a financial report.

Ms. Tina Haun from the Baxter County Conservation District gave an annual report on the District, and discussed the activities and services they provide.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-50, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY TO THE

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2022 BUDGET, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice DeGroot moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Davis. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, and Waldrop. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2022-50 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-51, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,902.00 WITHIN THE JUVENILE PROBATION FEES FUND (#3031)**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-51 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-52, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,000.00 WITHIN THE JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND (#3401) 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, and Davis. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-52 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-53, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,329.70 WITHIN THE EMERGENCY 911 FUND (#3020) 2022 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. After some discussion and explanation by Judge Pendergrass, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-53 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2022-54, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-54 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2022-55, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FUNDING OF A TEMPORARY POSITION IN THE BAXTER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT**, was sponsored by the Personnel and Budget Committees, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, DeGroot, Edge, Davis, and Frank. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2022-55 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2022-56, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2001-52 AND 2006-81 AND 2014-10 – “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES BY BAXTER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZING APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES,”** was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Litty. The motion passed and Ordinance #2022-56 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2022-57, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF PROPERTY IN BAXTER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, RATIFYING THE ACTS OF THE COUNTY JUDGE IN ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH REGARD TO SAID PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND TO WAIVE THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE PROTECTIVE COVENANTS,** was sponsored by Justice Litty and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Litty. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Roth, Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, and Osgood. The motion passed and Ordinance #2022-57 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-15, **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS,** was sponsored by Justice Waldrop, and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Waldrop moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, and Roth. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-15 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-16, **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003),** was sponsored by Justice Steele, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Frank made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Steele. After some discussion and explanation by Judge Pendergrass, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-16 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2022-17, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF MIKE ST. ROMAINE AND STEVEN OBENAU BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GAMALIEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,** was sponsored by Justice Roth and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steele moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Litty, Osgood, Roth, Steele, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Resolution #2022-17 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

Judge Pendergrass presented a list of non-inventoried items to be disposed of by the Sheriff's Department. That list will be attached to this Journal, and available for public inspection.

After other brief comments, and being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Canda J. Reese, Baxter County & Circuit Clerk
Secretary to the Quorum Court