

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**April 4, 2023**

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

Judge Litty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March meeting. Being none, Justice Edge moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Justice Albright seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a brief Treasurer’s report, and reported that county sales tax numbers have remained steady.

Justice Frank reported on the March 16 meeting of the Building Committee.  
Justice Waldrop reported on the March 30 meeting of the Personnel Committee.  
Justice Frank reported on the March 30 meeting of the Budget Committee.  
Minutes of each of those meetings will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Ms. Kim Crow-Shearer, Director of the Baxter County Donald W. Reynolds Library, provided the Court with an Annual Report and other information regarding the services they provide.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-20, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Steele made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, and Walker. The motion carried, and the Ordinance #2023-20 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-21, **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL (#1000) INTO THE OEM 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop,

Walker, and Albright. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-21 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-22, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,680.62 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE COUNTY TREASURER'S 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-22 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-23, **AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND (#3024) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,958.19 AND RE-APPROPRIATING INTO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Davis and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice DeGroot made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-23 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-24, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 2022 BUDGET, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE #2021-49, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATE-MANDATED BUDGET CLEAN-UP**, was sponsored by Justice Frank, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-24 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-7, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARTIN ORESCHNIGG BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Osgood and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Davis made a motion adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-7 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-8, **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOM FRASE BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER/GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Walker, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Walker made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Davis. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-8 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-9, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JACK COY BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BUFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Chapman then made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-9 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

County Safety Coordinator, Joe Quinn recognized Mountain Home High School student Trina Baldwin, for recently becoming the first area high school student to complete the CERT program. She was awarded a “Diamond in the Rough” award recently for her accomplishments.

Justice Waldrop acknowledged the accomplishments of the Mountain Home FBLA team for their recent success in the state competition.

After other brief comments, and being no further business before the Court, Justice Waldrop made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Edge.

Respectfully submitted,

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