

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**May 2, 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 April meeting. Being none, Justice Steele moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Justice Edge seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a Treasurer’s report.

Justice Frank reported on the annual meeting of the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts, which was held in Little Rock on April 22.

Ms. Tina Cole, from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, informed the Court about the Innovative Readiness Training which will be held in this community from July 8-21, 2023. This event provides training for military personnel, who will be providing free medical, dental, vision, veterinary, and other services to anyone who wants to participate. Additional information about the event will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-25, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. 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 #2023-25 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

First Reading, Ordinance #2023- , **AN ORDINANCE TO COMPEL THE TIMELY PAYING OF COUNTY INVOICES THROUGH THE COUNTY CLAIMS SYSTEMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was sponsored by Justice DeGroot and read by title only by the Clerk. The proposed ordinance was tabled for second reading at the June meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-26, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,386.06 FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL REVENUE FUND (#1800) INTO THE ANIMAL CONTROL 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. 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 #2023-26 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-27, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FROM THE LATC FUND (#1000)**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Davis. 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 #2023-27 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-28, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,963.43 FROM REVENUE FUND (#1000) INTO THE MAINTENANCE SHOP 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Walker. 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 #2023-28 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2023-29, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND LEVY REASONABLE FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE HOUSING, CARE, MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF ANIMALS LAWFULLY SEIZED BY AUTHORITIES THAT ARE CONFINED AT THE BAXTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was sponsored by Justice Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. After brief explanation from the Sheriff regarding the need for the ordinance, a motion was made by Justice Edge to suspend the rules and place the proposed ordinance on second reading. Justice Davis seconded that motion. The roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed. The ordinance was read a second time by title only. Justice Edge again moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. Justice Albright seconded. The roll was again called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed. The ordinance was read the third time by title only. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no further discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-29 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-30, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 2022 BUDGET, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE #2021-49, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE-MANDATED BUDGET CLEAN-UP**, was sponsored by Justice Steele and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele then moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner,

Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Steele. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-30 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-10, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF MARTHA FRAZIER AND BILL KEASTER TO THE BAXTER COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Davis and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Davis made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Steele, and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-10 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements:

The Baxter County Election Commission announced that they plan to do an audit of the polling machines used for the upcoming school election. The audit is scheduled for May 16 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor courtroom. Volunteers are being recruited to assist with the counting of ballots.

Judge Litty read into the record a list of items from Road & Bridge that will be disposed of. That list will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Sheriff Montgomery announced that his department recently received \$107,000 in grant funds to purchase 17 laptops and 19 docking stations for the patrol cars.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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