

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

October 3, 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, Angela DeGroot, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop, and Shannon Walker. Justice Cameron Davis 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 September meeting. Being none, Justice Edge moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Justice Frank seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize gave a Treasurer’s report. She announced that the federal audit report was recently made available, and a copy had been provided to each member of the Court. The audit results were favorable, and no questions were asked. A copy of that report will be attached to this Journal. The exit conferences from the annual legislative audit are scheduled for later this month. Once those audit results are available, they will be presented to the Court.

Justice Frank reported on the September 21 meeting of the Budget Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal.

Presentations:

Jeremy Ragland from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District held the second public hearing and report to the Court regarding the \$500,000.00 federal COVID grant that was awarded to Baxter Health in 2020.

Gary Regan from Arkansas Department of Emergency Management presented a CERT award to OEM Director David Stultz, and commended the participation of local CERT volunteers.

Brad Runsick from the Baxter County Extension Office provided the Court with an annual report on the activities and work being done by that agency.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-62, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2023 BUDGET, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice DeGroot made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman,

DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, and Walker. The motion carried, and the Ordinance #2023-62 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-63, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 INTO THE RECYCLING PROJECT (#1000) 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 Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, and Albright. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-63 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-64, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500.00 WITHIN THE 911 (#3020) 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt, seconded by Justice DeGroot. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2023-64 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2023-65, **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BAXTER COUNTY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH OZARK DYNAMICS OWNED BY DIRK WALDROP**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After some discussion and clarification regarding the need for the ordinance, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Walker, Albright, Chapman, and DeGroot. Justice Waldrop abstained. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-65 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, with one abstaining.

Resolution 2023-21, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE ROTH BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GAMALIEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steiner made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Resolution #2023-21 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

After brief announcements, being no further business before the Court, Justice Waldrop made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justice Edge. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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