

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Of the regularly scheduled meeting of November 7, 2023
Located at the Baxter County Courthouse, 1 East 7th Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas**

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 DeGrootte, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop, and Shannon Walker. The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Litty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting. Justice DeGrootte moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Edge seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with a report.

Justices Frank reported on the October 26th meeting of the Budget Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal. The Budget Committee is scheduled to meet again on November 20th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Courthouse.

Dawn Downing Wahl, the District Administrative Secretary for the Conservation District, addressed the Court to request funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Conservation District in the County’s 2024 budget, and to give an update regarding the work of the District. No action was taken on the request.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-66, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2023 BUDGET, was sponsored by Justices Osgood and 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 Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGrootte, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, and Walker. Motion passed, and Appropriation Ordinance #2023-66 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-67, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE #3017 SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND, AND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 FROM THE #3018 COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY FUND INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 2023 BUDGET, was

sponsored by Justice Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, and Albright. The motion passed, and Appropriation Ordinance #2023-67 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-68, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,470.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR FOR THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**, was sponsored by Justice Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele made a motion to adopt. Justice Albright seconded that motion. After brief explanation by the Sheriff, and being no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed, and Appropriation Ordinance #2023-68 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-69, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,043.97 FROM THE EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND (#1805) INTO THE BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT 2023 BUDGET AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion passed, and Appropriation Ordinance #2023-69 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-70, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$373.80 IN THE #1000 COUNTY CLERK 2023 BUDGET, AND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$467.59 IN THE #3006 RECORDER'S COST FUND 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 Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and DeGroot. The motion passed and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-70 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-71, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 WITHIN THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S (#1000) 2023 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, and Edge. The motion passed and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2023-71 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2023-72, **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING MILLAGE TAXES ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF BAXTER COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2023 AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC ELECTION**, was sponsored Justice Edge, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright motioned to adopt, seconded by Justice Osgood. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop,

Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, and Frank. The motion passed, and Appropriation Ordinance #2023-72 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2023-73, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2023-42: (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO BAXTER COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS), TO INCLUDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE-MANDATED TRAINING**, was sponsored by Justice Davis, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, and Osgood. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-73 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2023-74, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED VOTE CENTER PLANS FOR BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS**, was sponsored by Justice Davis, and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt. Justice Frank seconded that motion. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, and Steele. The motion passed and Ordinance #2023-74 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2023-22, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHERRY MILHON BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HENDERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steiner then made a motion to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, and Steiner. The motion passed, and Resolution #2023-22 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcements and Public Comments:

Judge Litty read into the record a list of items to be disposed of from the Election Commission Office, and a list from the Collector's Office. Both lists will be attached to this Journal, and will be available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office.

After other brief comments, and being no further business before the Court, Justice Edge made a motion to adjourn. Justice Frank seconded that motion, and the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2023. That meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Baxter County Courthouse, located at 301 East 6th Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

Canda J. Reese, Baxter County & Circuit Clerk
Secretary to the Quorum Court
November 13, 2023