

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

April 2, 2024

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, 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 March meeting. Justice DeGroot moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Edge seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with a Treasurer’s report. She said that sales tax was down less than 1% last month and up 2.8% year to date. She also showed the Court where monthly reports can be found on the Baxter County website. They can be found in the Transparency tab, under Treasurer’s Reports.

Justice Waldrop reported on the March 21st meeting of the Personnel Committee.

Justice Frank reported on the March 21st meeting of the Budget Committee.

The minutes for the above meetings will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Presentation:

Kim Crow-Sheaner, Director of the Baxter County Donald W. Reynolds Library, presented the library’s annual report and told of some upcoming activities that the library will be hosting.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-10, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice DeGroot moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Wadrop and Walker. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-10 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-11, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,601.00 FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE (#2000) INTO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Steele and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Franke. After a brief explanation from Judge Litty, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Albright. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-11 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-12, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Osgood and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright and Chapman. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-12 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-13, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,465.00 FROM THE BOATING SAFETY/WATER PATROL FUND (#3019) INTO THE BOATING SAFETY/WATER PATROL 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. 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 Ordinance #2024-13 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-14, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,000.00 FROM THE JAIL MAINTANCE AND OPERATION FUND (#3401) INTO THE JAIL MAINTANCE AND OPERATION 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice DeGroot. 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 Ordinance #2024-14 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-15, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE JAIL MAINTANCE AND OPERATION FUND (#3401) INTO THE JAIL MAINTANCE AND OPERATION 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. 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 Ordinance #2024-15 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-16, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR TWO FULL TIME PATROL DEPUTY POSITIONS IN THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TWO TEMPORARY FULL TIME JAILER POSITIONS IN THE BAXTER COUNTY JAIL; AND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT IN THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-16 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-17, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FUNDING OF A FULL-TIME SECRETARY POSITION IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR 2024**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no 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 #2024-17 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-18, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FUNDING OF A TEMPORARY FULL-TIME DEPUTY ASSESSOR POSITION IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Osgood. Being no 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 #2024-18 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-19, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Waldrop moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. After some questions from public member, Russ Gillis, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele and Steiner. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-19 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-20, **AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF BAXTER, STATE OF ARKANSAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by the Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Osgood moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice DeGroot. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner and Waldrop. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-20 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Baxter County and Circuit Clerk, Canda Reese, reminded the Court that Campaign Contribution & Expenditure reports are due by the end of April.

Canda Reese announced that she will be absent from the May and June meetings and Chief Deputy Tara Rowe will be attending in her place.

Public member, Michele Linehan, addressed the court, seeking information about the airport board.

Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:47 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 7th, at 6:00 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom, which is located at the Baxter County Courthouse, #1 East 7th Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Justice Albright seconded, and the motion passed, with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe