

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

August 6, 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 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 July meeting. Justice Osgood 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.

Sales tax is down 0.5% from this month last year, which equated to about \$2,800.00.

Year to Date is up 2.3%. Both Year to Date and Jail are staying steady.

Over projections, what was projected for the budget, is 2.6% above for sales tax and 1.4% above for Jail.

Justice Davis reported on the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

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

Presentation:

none

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-34, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,700.09 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JUNE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Walker and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Davis. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-34 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-35, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FROM ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (#2000) INTO THE ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Frank and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Albright. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-35 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-36, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-76 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was sponsored by Justice Osgood and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright and Chapman. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-36 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-37, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice DeGroote moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-37 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-38, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,600.00 FROM CIRCUIT COURT AUTOMATION FUND (#3002) INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Frank and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis and DeGroote. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-38 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-39, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Frank 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 Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-39 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-17, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COTTER-GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Walker and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Resolution #2024-17 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-18, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE GALATIA COMMUNITY**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Chapman moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank and Osgood. The motion passed and Resolution #2024-18 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-19, **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 BAXTER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Osgood and Steele. The motion passed and Resolution #2024-19 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-20, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ERICH WOLF AND TONY CHAMBERLAIN BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GAMALIEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Steiner. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2024-20 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-21, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CARYL RICHARDS AND JOHN BOLDING BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE TRACY AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steele and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steele moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Edge. 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 Resolution #2024-21 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Judge Litty announced that the November Quorum Court meeting will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 5<sup>th</sup>, because of the election.

Also, Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a ribbon cutting for the new Baxter County Health Department.

Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:30 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom, which is located at the Baxter County Courthouse, #1 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Justice Edge 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