

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

September 3, 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, Cameron Davis, Angela DeGroot, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Charles Osgood, Roger Steele, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop and Shannon Walker. Justice Ty Chapman was not in attendance. 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 August meeting. Justice Albright 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 up 4.6% from this month last year, which equated to about \$24,000.00. Jail is up about \$1,000.00.

Year to Date is up 2.6%, which is about \$101,000.00 for the county general and \$44,000 for the jail.

Justice Frank gave a report on the annual AAC conference, which was held in Hot Springs, August 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. He also reported on the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Budget meeting.

Justice Davis reported on the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

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

Presentation:

none

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-40, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,532.87 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright 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 Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-40 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-41, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FROM JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FUND (#3401) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERANTION 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 Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Albright. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-41 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-42, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FROM ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (#2000) INTO THE ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright 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 and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-42 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-43, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Edge and Steele read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Steele moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis and DeGroot. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-43 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-44, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO ANIMAL CONTROL 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 Frank. After much discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis,

DeGroot and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-44 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2024-\_\_\_, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-15 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC WARRANTS TRANSFER (DIRECT DEPOSIT) SYSTEM DIRECTLY INTO PAYEES' ACCOUNTS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN PAYMENT OF ANY ACCOUNT ALLOWED AGAINST THE COUNTY, AND PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERNET BANKING) TO INCLUDE REQUIRING ALL BAXTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID BY ELECTRONIC WARRANTS TRANSFER (DIRECT DEPOSIT) SYSTEM DIRECTLY INTO THE PAYEES' ACCOUNTS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**, was sponsored by Justices Edge and Steele and read by title only by the Clerk. This being the first reading of said ordinance, it is tabled for the second reading at next month's meeting.

Ordinance #2024-\_\_\_, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-66 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-72 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION ON EVERY TAX STATEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY IN BAXTER COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANIMAL CONTROL FUNDING") TO CHANGE THE NAME TO ANIMAL CONTROL/SHELTER**. was sponsored by Justices Albright and Edge. The ordinance was removed from consideration until next month's meeting.

Resolution #2024-22, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF HEATHER ROSENLOF 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 Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Resolution #2024-22 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-23, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LUKE GLASSCOCK AND NATHAN BYRD BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE LONE ROCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Albright moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank and Osgood. The motion passed and Resolution #2024-23 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Judge Litty announced David Stultz received OEM Director of the State award.

Also announced, the Baxter County Extension Office will be having a short seminar following October's Quorum Court meeting regarding Voter Education – State Ballot Issues.

Adjournment:

Justice Edge moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:34 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 1<sup>st</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 Frank 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