

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

October 1, 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 September meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Walker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with a Treasurer’s report.

Sales tax is up 4.8% from this month last year, which equated to about \$25,000.00. Jail is up about \$11,000.00, over this month last year.

Year to Date is up 2.9%, which is about \$127,000.00 for the county general and \$55,000 for the jail.

The 2025 budget is in the works.

Justice Waldrop gave a report on the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Personnel Committee.

Justice Davis reported on the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

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

Presentation:

County Extension agent, Brad Runsick, presented the annual report for the extension office.

Old Business:

Appropriation 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 second reading of said ordinance, it is tabled for the third reading at the November meeting of the court.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-45, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,544.66 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright, Edge and Osgood and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Steele. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-45 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-46, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,000.00 FROM ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND (#2003) INTO THE ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAX 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright, Edge and Osgood 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 Chapman, Davis, DeGroot, Edge, Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Albright. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-46 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-\_\_\_, **AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF BAXTER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL TO BAXTER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL/SHELTER**, was sponsored by Justices Albright, Edge and Osgood and read by title only by the Clerk. This being the first reading of said ordinance, it is tabled for the second reading at the November meeting of the court.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-\_\_\_, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND TO THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL POLICY**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read by title only by the

Clerk. This being the first reading of said ordinance, it is tabled for the second reading at the November meeting of the court.

Resolution #2024-24, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIE MOODY AND THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF CAROL PIOR AND MARC MONTE BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE RODNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Chapman moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Davis. 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 Resolution #2024-24 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-25, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES PRESLEY AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY MCCORMICK 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 moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Albright. 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 Resolution #2024-25 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-26, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN VANDERWERF, ANGELA PARNELL, TERRY MARTIN AND ELLIOT GOLMAN BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Chapman moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Davis. 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 Resolution #2024-26 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2024-27, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF RICK WILLIAMSON, JEFF DEAN AND ROGER BURESH BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MOUNTAIN HOME RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the resolution, 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 Resolution #2024-27 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Campaign Contribution & Expenditure Reports are due before October 29<sup>th</sup>.

A list of items to be disposed of in the IT department will be attached to this journal.

There was a plaque presented to the Baxter County Safety Program.

A reminder was mentioned about November's Quorum Court meeting being held on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> due to the Election.

Adjournment:

Justice Edge moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:33 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 4<sup>th</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.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe