

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

December 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, 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 November 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 2.1% from this month last year, which equated to about \$10,000.

Jail tax is up about \$4,500.00, over this month last year. Year to Date is up about \$171,000.00 for the county general and \$75,398. for the jail.

She also read into the record the report from Arkansas Legislative Audit regarding the county’s most recent audit. That report will be on file and available for public inspection in the Clerk’s office.

Justice Frank reported on the November 20th meeting of the Budget Committee.

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

Presentation:

Old Business:

Ordinance #2024-56, **AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE 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 third reading, Justice Edge made a motion 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, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-56 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2024-57, **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 third reading, Justice Albright moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. 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 #2024-57 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-58, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,263.18 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Osgood and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Davis 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, Albright and Chapman. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024- 58 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-59, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,775.00 FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND (#2000) INTO THE ROAD AND 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, Chapman and Davis. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-59 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-60, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-55: (AN ORDINANCE LEVYING MILLAGE TAXES ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF BAXTER COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2024 AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC ELECTION.) TO CORRECT THE MILLAGE FOR THE CITY OF GASSVILLE**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Davis. After some 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 #2024-60 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2024-61, **AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51 (AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 INTO THE BAXTER COUNTY CORONER'S 2025 BUDGET) AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-53 (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025) AND TO COMBINE AND ADOPT A CORRECTED BUDGET FOR BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.**, 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 Frank, Osgood, Steele, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Albright, Chapman, Davis, DeGroote and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-61 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Baxter County Emergency Ordinance #2024-62, **AN ORDINANCE TO OBLIGATE REMAINING ARPA FUNDS ON THE BOOKS OF THE COUNTY, TO ADOPT AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO OBLIGATE CERTAIN COUNTY FINANCIAL RESOURCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, 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 Ordinance #2024-62 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

A list of items to be destroyed from the Election Commission will be attached to this journal.

Outgoing Justices of the Peace were recognized and thanked for their service.

Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:22 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of January 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 Edge 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