

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

February 4, 2025

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in regular session at 5:30 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom with County Judge Kevin Litty presiding. Members present were: Cameron Davis, Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Eddie Griffin, Lisa House, Mike McDonald, Eric Payne, Dirk Waldrop and Shannon Walker. Justices Nault and Steiner were 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 January meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice House seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with a Treasurer's report, stating that sales tax this month is up slightly. We did have a large amount of sales tax rebates on this sales tax distribution, so that made it go down more than expected, but still up overall.

Justice Frank gave a report on the Budget Committee meeting preceding this meeting.

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

Presentation:

Hap Myers spoke about improving community relations.

Judge Litty asked the five Airport Advisory Board Candidates to step forward and introduce themselves. Coming forward were Bob Harris, Kevin Linck, Mark Bertel, James Strecker and Kevin Crawford.

Old Business:

Ordinance #2025-, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A 911 ADVISORY BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. This being the second reading of said ordinance, it is tabled for the third reading at next month's meeting.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-7, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,424.63 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice House and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Payne, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-7 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-8, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,000.00 FROM SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (#3017) AND \$10,000.00 FROM DETENTION FACILITY FUND (#3018) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FUND (#3401) 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Griffin. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Payne, Waldrop, Walker and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-8 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-9, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 INTO GALATIA BUILDING COMMUNITY ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Payne and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Griffin, House, McDonald, Payne, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-9 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-10, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 TO PROVIDE PROJECTED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT FUND #3037 AND AIRPORT GRANTS FUND #3537**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Payne, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and Griffin. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-10 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-11, **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BAXTER COUNTY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH GENERAL WATER CONDITIONING OWNED BY LISA HOUSE**, was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Davis. After much discussion from public members, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices McDonald, Payne, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and Griffin. Justice House abstained. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-11 was adopted with a vote of 8 YEA, 1 ABSTAIN and 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-3, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT TAVEGIA TO THE BAXTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice House and read in its entirety by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Dennis. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Payne, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-3 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-4, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLBY PICKENS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Payne and read in its entirety by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Davis moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald and Payne. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-4 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-5, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF LINDLEY REUBEN AND GARY SMITH BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GROVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Frank and read in its entirety by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Payne and Waldrop. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-5 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-6, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF TOM TELFORD AND JIM JESTADT BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORTHEAST LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner and Davis and read in its entirety by the Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Davis. Being some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Payne, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-6 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Adjournment:

Justice Edge moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:11 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 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 Davis seconded, and the motion passed, with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe