

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

March 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, Bob Nault, Eric Payne, 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 February meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Frank 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 1.4% over this month last year, which equates to about \$7,400 and for the jail, tax was up about \$3,200. For the projected revenues, it's up 3.8% for the county's portion and 3.2% for the jail. She also reported that the airport financial transition is coming along and the books are now closed for the 2024 year.

Justice Waldrop gave a report on the February 24th meeting of the Personnel Committee.

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

Presentation:

Old Business:

Ordinance #2025-12, **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A 911 ADVISORY BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Clerk. This being the third reading a vote was taken. Justice Davis moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. After a brief question from a public member about staggering terms, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Ordinance #2024-12 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-13, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,043.26 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Davis and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice House. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-13 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-14, **AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,035.00 FROM BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT FUND (3037) INTO THE AIRPORT GRANT FUND (3537); AND APPROPRIATING \$4,300.00 INTO THE AIRPORT GRANTS FUND 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice House. After some discussion and an explanation from the County Treasurer, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Stienner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-14 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2025-15, **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNTY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS IN BAXTER COUNTY AND WITHIN ITS UNINCORPORATED LIMITS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER REASONS**, was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Griffin. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-15 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-7, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM (BILL) LUCAS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**, was sponsored by Justices Davis and Waldrop and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Nault. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and Griffin. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-7 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Clerk Canda Reese recognized Baxter County Team for participating in the Polar Plunge and for being the team to raise the most money.

Public Member, Mary O'Shields, asked how the 911 advisory board members would be appointed. Judge Litty answered that each participating entity will have a member appointed to represent them, making up a group of seven members.

Judge Litty announced that there is a list of items from the Sheriff's department to be disposed in the Clerk's office.

Also announced is the upcoming Airport Advisory Board meeting to be held March 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the airport.

Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 5:50 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of April 1st, at 5:30 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 _____, 2025.

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe