

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

April 1, 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 March meeting. Justice House 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, stating that sales tax is leveling out and not getting the increase that we've experienced in recent years.

There were no committee meetings to report.

Presentation:

Kim Crow-Sheaner gave the annual report of the Baxter County Library.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-16, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,060.63 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Edge & Davis 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 Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-16 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-17, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 FROM SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (3017) INTO JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION FUND (3401) 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices House & Davis and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Stienner, Waldrop, Walker and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-17 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-appropriation Ordinance #2025-18, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 2024 BUDGET, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE MANDATED BUDGET CLEAN-UP**, was sponsored by Justice Nault and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Nault. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis and Edge. The motion passed and Ordinance #2025-18 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-8, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF JEFF BERRY AND JERRY KLAUS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE RODNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Payne and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Davis. 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 Resolution #2025-8 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Public member, Russ Gillis, questioned why there aren't any "No Littering" signs in the county.

Justice Waldrop made a point of order and motioned to adjourn. Judge Litty said he had another item to discuss first.

Judge Litty and Justice Nault brought up the subject of the tornado sirens throughout the county. Nault would like to have someone come and look at the sirens to see what it would cost to get them fixed or replaced. After much discussion from the court and public, Justice Davis moved to explore the cost of getting the sirens replaced or repaired, seconded by Justice Nault. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and Griffin. The motion passed with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:11 PM, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 6th, 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 Nault 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