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BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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 October meeting. Justice Waldrop 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.

Justice Frank reported on the October 21st meeting of the Budget Committee.

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

Presentation:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-51, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,493.28 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Edge 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 #2025-51 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-52, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FROM EMERGENCY 911 FUND (3020) INTO EMERGENCY 911 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Nault and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Nault moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. After some 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 #2025-52 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-53, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,500.00 FROM K-9 FUND (3411) INTO K-9 2025 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Nault and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Nault moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. 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 Appropriation Ordinance #2025-53 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-54, **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING MILLAGE TAXES ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF BAXTER COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2025 AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC ELECTION**, was sponsored by the Justice Payne and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Payne moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Nault. After a brief explanation, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and House. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-54 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2025-55, **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Nault 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 Appropriation Ordinance #2025-55 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-26, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF JEFF BERRY, JULIE MOODY AND MARI RUEGSEGER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE RODNEY-JORDAN VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Payne and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the resolution,

seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin and House. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-26 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-27, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF WILL GREGORY AND KEVIN BODENHAMER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MOUNTAIN HOME RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justices Waldrop, Edge and House and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Nault. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-27 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-28, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN WAYLAND AND THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM HAKAKIDAS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MIDWAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justice House and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice McDonald. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald and Nault. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-28 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

At this point, Judge Litty introduced the two prospective appointees who have applied to fill the upcoming vacancy in the County Coroner's position. Justice Waldrop moved that the court go into executive session to discuss the applicants. Justice Griffin seconded the motion. Being no discussion, the roll was called on the motion to go into executive session. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault and Payne. The motion passed with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2025-29, A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF BAXTER COUNTY CORONER, STATE OF ARKANSAS, was sponsored by Justice Frank and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Nault. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault and Payne. Voting Nay: Justices Frank and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2025-29 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 2 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Justice McDonald announced Judge Litty's Birthday.

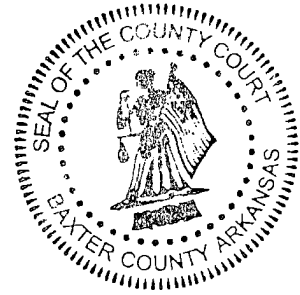
Adjournment:

Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:35 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on December 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 Nault seconded, and the motion passed, with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 2nd DAY OF December, 2025.

Canda J. Reese

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK



Elizabeth Denton, Scribe

BAXTER COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:30 pm
3rd Floor Courtroom

Attendees:

Dennis Frank
Cameron Davis
Maryanne Edge
Eddie Griffin
Kevin Litty, Judge

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairman Dennis Frank and a quorum was declared with all members present except Shannon Walker.

Minutes – A motion was made by Maryanne Edge to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2025, meeting as written, with a second from Eddie Griffin. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2026 Budget Requests – Treasurer Jenay Mize presented the Budget Committee with 2026 Revenue and Expense projections along with comparison figures from 2025 budget. Chairman Dennis Frank made inquiries to the departments/offices with increased requests and after discussion was satisfied with the explanations. Chairman Dennis Frank brought up for discussion the JP's per diem being increased to comparable compensation with other Class 4 Counties and after discussion Eddie Griffin made a motion to increase the JP's per diem to \$400.00 base plus same annual increase (3%) as county employees on going and increase committee meetings to \$100.00 and send to the full quorum court for approval, with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. After discussion over the budget was completed, Eddie Griffin made a motion to approve the 2026 budget and send to the full quorum court for approval, with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – TBA

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Beck
Baxter County Judge's Office