BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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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, Eric Payne, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop and Shannon Walker. Justices McDonald and Nault 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 July meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Walker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with the Treasurer's report.

There were no committee meetings to report.

Presentation:

Coroner Sam Seamans and Chief Deputy Coroner/Coroner Elect Sara Fischer gave a report on the underwater body locating device that the office is wanting to purchase.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-35, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,876.89 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JUNE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2026 BUDGET, was sponsored by the Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-35 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-36, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,000.00 FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND (2000) INTO ROAD AND BRIDGE 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Frank moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Griffin. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker and Davis. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-36 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-37, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $632,973.52 RECEIVED THROUGH REIMBURSABLE GRANTS FOR THE BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT, was sponsored by the Justice House and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Waldrop moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. Airport Director, Taylor Carmichael, stepped forward and spoke briefly regarding growth at the airport. After much discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Griffin, House, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis and Edge. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-37 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-38, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $561,926.75 FROM THE CORONER'S BUILDING FUND (4801) INTO THE CORONER'S BUILDING FUND 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by Justice Griffin and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Griffin moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice House. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Griffin, House, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-38 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-39, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $88,632.78 FROM CIRCUIT COURT AUTOMATION FUND (3002) INTO THE CIRCUIT COURT AUTOMATION 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by Justice Edge and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank and Griffin. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-39 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2026-16, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CLARKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, was sponsored by Justice McDonald, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice House. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin and House. The motion passed and Resolution #2026-16 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2026-17, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CINDY BLANKENSHIP BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GAMALIEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justice Steiner, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Steiner moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and Payne. The motion passed and Resolution #2026-17 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2026-18, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BETH VANDERSTEK TO THE BAXTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD, was sponsored by Justices House, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Waldrop, Walker, Davis, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, Payne and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2026-18 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Justice Davis expressed support for fast-tracking the process for approving the camera system for the coroner's office. This will be added to the agenda of the August 18th Budget Committee meeting.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Court, Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:05 PM, until the next scheduled meeting of September 1st, 2026 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. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 1st DAY OF September, 2026.

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CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

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