BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

September 1, 2026

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: Maryanne Edge, Dennis Frank, Eddie Griffin, Lisa House, Mike McDonald, Bob Nault, Eric Payne, Rick Steiner, Dirk Waldrop and Shannon Walker. Justice Davis was 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 August meeting. Justice Edge moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Walker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Reports:

County Treasurer Jenay Mize provided the Court with the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Mize also discussed the Federal Audit Report and stated that Baxter County had no findings.

Justice Frank reported on the Aug. 18th meeting of the Budget Committee.

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

Presentation:

Kevin Bodenhamer from the Baxter County Historical Society gave a report on Phase 2 of the Casey House Restoration Project, which will carry an estimated price tag of $163,000. He said they plan to apply for grants to help offset that cost, but likely would be asking the Court for assistance with the project as well.

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CIRCUIT CLERK
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Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-40, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $29,890.71 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY 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 Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-40 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-41, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $18,000.00 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE FUND (1000) INTO THE COUNTY CORONER'S 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice House moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Edge. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Waldrop, Walker and Edge. Voting Nay: Justice Steiner. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-41 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 1 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-42, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,896.50 FROM COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE FUND (1000) INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2026 BUDGET, was sponsored by the Budget Committee 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 Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge and Frank. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-42 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-43, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $45,000.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (3017) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Nault. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank and Griffin. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-43 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-44, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $215,000.00 FROM CORONER'S BUILDING REVENUE FUND (4801) INTO CORONER'S BUILDING 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by Justice Frank and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice McDonald moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Walker. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin and House. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-44 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-45, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,752.56 FROM THE ADULT DRUG COURT OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (3048) INTO THE ADULT DRUG COURT OPIOID SETTELMENT 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by Justice Frank and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Nault. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House and McDonald. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-45 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-46, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00 INTO THE CASEY HOUSE RESTORATION GRANT FUND (3507) 2026 BUDGET was sponsored by the Budget Committee 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 Payne, Steiner, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald and Nault. Voting Nay: Justice Waldrop. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-46 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 1 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2026-47, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,493,557.63 TO BE RECEIVED THROUGH REIMBURSABLE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS FOR BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT was sponsored by Justices Waldrop & Frank and read by title only by the Clerk. Justice Waldrop moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Justice Frank. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault and Payne. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2026-47 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Ordinance #2026-48, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-35 PASSED AUGUST 4, 2026, TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT NUMBER was sponsored by Justice Edge 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 Waldrop, Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne and Steiner. The motion passed and Ordinance #2026-48 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2026-19, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RANDY COY AND THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF JOHN VANDERWERF AND DEBBIE ROWLAND BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORFORK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 Payne. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Walker, Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner and Waldrop. The motion passed and Resolution #2026-19 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Resolution #2026-20, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUSSEL GILLIS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HAND COVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, was sponsored by Justice Steiner, and read in its entirety by the Clerk. Justice Edge moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Justice House. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Frank, Griffin, House, McDonald, Nault, Payne, Steiner, Waldrop and Walker. The motion passed and Resolution #2026-20 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Announcement and Public Comments:

Judge Litty announced that the Baxter County Safety Coordination Office received the Gold Star Award.

Election Commission has records to be destroyed. The list will be posted in the Clerk's office, and will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

Taylor Carmichael had a brief report on Baxter County Airport activities.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Court, Justice Waldrop moved that the Baxter County Quorum Court adjourn at 6:10 PM, until the next scheduled meeting of October 6th, 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 Griffin seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 6th DAY OF October, 2026.

Canda J. Reese

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK

SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT BAXTER COUNTY ARKANSAS

Elizabeth Denton, Scribe

BAXTER COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 3:00 pm
3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendees:
Dennis Frank
Cameron Davis
Maryanne Edge
Shannon Walker
Eddie Griffin
Kevin Litty, Judge

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Dennis Frank and a quorum was declared with all members present.

Minutes - A motion was made by Maryanne Edge to approve the minutes from April 23, 2026, meeting as written, with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2026 Midyear Budget Review – The Committee reviewed the midyear 2026 budget and found no variances or concerns; all figures appear accurate and on track.

Coroner – Sam Seamans is requesting approval for $18,000.00 to fund the purchase of an AquaEye Underwater Body Locating Device for the Coroner's Office. After discussion Cameron Davis made a motion to approve the request for $18,000.00 to purchase the Underwater Body Locating Device and send to the full quorum court for approval with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff – John Montgomery is requesting approval to allocate funds in the amount of $30,896.50 from the proceeds of a total loss vehicle into the Purchase of Vehicle line item in the Sheriff's County General 2026 budget and move funds in the amount of $45,000.00 from Special Jail Fees Fund 3017 into Fund 3401 Jail Maintenance & Operations 2026 budget for the purchase of two vehicles and repair repeater/equipment and clean up line item. After discussion Eddie Griffin made a motion to approve the request to allocate $30,896.50 from the total loss vehicle into the Sheriff's budget to purchase a vehicle and to move $45,000.00 from Special Jail Fees Fund 3017 into Fund 3401 Jail Maintenance & Operation budget for the purchase of two vehicles and repair repeater and housecleaning of line item and send to the full quorum court for approval with a second from Maryanne Edge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Casey House – Kevin Bodenhamer of the Baxter County Historical Society presented an update on the renovations to the Casey House. The back porch needs to be replaced and the cost is $15,000.00. $10,000.00 has been raised and they are requesting approval for $5,000.00 to cover the cost of the renovation of the back porch. After discussion Maryanne Edge made a motion to approve the request for $5,000.00 to cover the cost of the back porch rebuild and send to the full quorum court for approval with a second from Cameron Davis. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary 2027 Budget Requests – The Committee heard and acknowledged the 2027 budget requests: no action taken at this time.

Next Meeting – October 20, 2026, at 3:00 pm

Adjournment - Maryanne Edge made a motion to adjourn with a second from Shannon Walker. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Beck
Baxter County Judge's Office

From the Office of
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Destruction Order

Date: August 10, 2026

The Baxter County Board of Election Commissioners hereby orders the destruction of the below listed election records to be conducted by our Election Coordinator, Lindsay Roberts.

Under A.C.A. 7-5-701, 7-5-702 and 13-4-306, these records can be destroyed after meeting the required timelines provided in retention election law:

> 2024 Preferential Primary Election, Ballot Stubs, Absentee Applications, Absentee Ballots, Election Paperwork, DS200 tapes

The records destruction shall occur in September 2026.

Gary Smith, Chair

Bob Bodenhamer, Vice Chair

Bill Andres, Secretary

Lindsay Roberts, Coordinator

Kevin Litty, County Judge