

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

February 13, 2018

The Baxter County Quorum Court met in a regular session at 6:00 PM in the Baxter County Courtroom with County Judge Mickey Pendergrass presiding. The meeting had been postponed a week due to inclement weather. Members present were: Rhonda “Tink” Albright, Ty Chapman, Edna Fusco, James Kerr, Kevin Litty, Bill Lucas, Neal Pendergrass, Gary Smith, Lucille Soltysik, Rick Steiner, and Marilyn Williamson. The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Pendergrass asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January meeting. Justice Pendergrass moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justice Lucas seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Smith made a motion to suspend the rules and add an additional ordinance to the agenda. Justice Williamson seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

There were no committee reports.

Judge Pendergrass presented the results of the 2016 Legislative Audit for Baxter County. Justices were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Audit indicated that all departments were in substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws. A copy of the complete Audit Report is on file in the County Clerk’s Office for anyone interested in viewing it.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2018-4, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2017 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, and Williamson. The motion passed, and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-4 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2018-5, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,855.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND INTO THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Fusco. Being no

discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, and Albright. The motion passed and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-5 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2018-6, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING INSURANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,510.44 INTO THE ANIMAL CONTROL 2018 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Williamson and Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt. Justice Kerr seconded that motion. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, and Chapman. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-6 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Appropriation Ordinance #2018-7, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$367,516.00 FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROMISSORY NOTE INTO THE JAIL CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Williamson. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, and Fusco. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-7 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-3, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CLARKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, was sponsored by Justice Soltysik and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, and Kerr. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-3 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-4, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE RODNEY-JORDAN VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Chapman moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, and Litty. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-4 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-5, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF DIANNE BEAMAN AND DAVE MATTY BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER-GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Albright, Fusco, Litty, and Smith, and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Kerr. Voting YEA: Justices Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, and Lucas. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-5 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-6, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARVIN HARDIN 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 County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, and Pendergrass. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-6 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-7, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FRANK FUSCO BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt. Justice Chapman seconded. Judge Pendergrass noted that there are still two additional vacancies on the Planning Board that need to be filled, and asked the members of the Court for recommendations. Being no further discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, and Smith. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-7 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-8, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANA HEWITT BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE CLARKRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Soltysik and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Williamson. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, and Soltysik. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-8 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

County Coroner Brad Hays informed the Court that he has been able to secure the use of a cooler for the Coroner's Office, which will allow his office complete independence from any of the funeral homes. He also stated that the Baxter County Coroner's Office handles more deaths annually than even many of the Class 6 counties. Baxter County is a Class 4 county.

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Canda J. Reese, Baxter County & Circuit Clerk
Secretary to the Quorum Court