

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

March 6, 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. Members present were: Rhonda “Tink” Albright, Ty Chapman, Edna Fusco, Kevin Litty, William Lucas, Neal Pendergrass, Gary Smith, Lucille Soltysik, Rick Steiner, and Marilyn Williamson. Justice Kerr was not in attendance. 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 February meeting. Justice Lucas moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Albright seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

There were no committee reports, however Kim Crow-Sheaner, Director of the Donald W. Reynolds Library, presented the annual report for the library.

New Business:

First Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2018-8, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2003-02, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STRAY ANIMAL CONTROL MEASURES IN BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF STRAY ANIMALS,”** was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith, after clarifying that the purpose of the ordinance was to bring it into alignment with what is already required in the Arkansas Code, motioned to suspend the rules and move to a second reading. Justice Lucas seconded that motion, and all voted in favor. The proposed ordinance was read the second time by title only. Justice Lucas then moved to go ahead and suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. Justice Fusco seconded, and all voted in favor. After the ordinance was read the third time by title only, Justice Lucas moved to adopt. Justice Fusco seconded. After much discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, and Williamson. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2018-8 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-9, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2018 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion was made by Justice Soltysik and seconded by Justice Fusco for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Fusco, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith,

Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, and Albright. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-9 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-10, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING EMERGENCY 911 CARRYOVER FUNDS FROM 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 INTO THE 2018 EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt. Justice Williamson seconded that motion. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, and Chapman. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-10 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance # 2018-11, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,105.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND INTO THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Soltysik and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, and Fusco. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-11 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-9, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BAXTER COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS UNPAVED ROADS GRANT ON BEHALF OF BAXTER COUNTY**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Steiner. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, and Litty. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-9 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-10, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTIN ORESCHNIGG BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**, was sponsored by Justice Smith and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Litty, and Lucas. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-10 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

Judy Garner, Chairman of the Baxter County Election Commission, announced that a ballot drawing will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018 in the 2nd floor courtroom for all opposed primary election candidates.

Much discussion was held in regards to the \$18.00 fee that has been assessed to each property parcel within the 6-county Solid Waste District, which includes Baxter, Boone, Marion, Searcy, Newton, and Carroll counties. Judge Pendergrass announced that Mr. Treece, the Receiver who

was tasked with the collection of those fees, will be holding town hall meetings later this month to answer questions for the public regarding the fees.

Judge Pendergrass provided the Court with an update regarding the Solid Waste District and the landfill, as well as the Damco tire dump.

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