

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

April 3, 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, 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 March meeting. Being none, Justice Pendergrass moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justice Lucas seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

There were no committee reports.

New Business:

Appropriation Ordinance #2018-13, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2018 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Steiner and Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Fusco. 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 #2018-13 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2018-14, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00 WITHIN THE JUVENILE SERVICES BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Williamson. 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 Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2018-14 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2018-15, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$468.93 WITHIN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER’S BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Kerr moved to adopt. Justice Chapman 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 Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2018-15 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-11, **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL CONCERNING THE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FEE ASSESSED ON BAXTER COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS**, was sponsored by Justices Smith, Lucas, Albright, and Fusco, and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Steiner. Once open for discussion, Justice Smith stated that he had drafted this resolution with the assistance of several other individuals. However, he said that he wanted to clarify on the record that there is nothing the Quorum Court can do to remove the \$18.00 annual fee assessed to all property owners within the 6 county Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District, and that the resolution simply expresses the Court's disapproval of the fee. Several of the Justices expressed their opinions and concerns regarding the fee, including the lack of fairness in the way the fee is assessed. After all members of the Court had the opportunity to speak or ask questions regarding the Resolution being voted on, the floor was opened for public comment. Several members of the community expressed concerns regarding the fee, and spoke in favor of the Court adopting a resolution declaring their opposition to the \$18.00 annual fee. After much discussion, the roll was called regarding adoption of the proposed resolution. Voting YEA: Justices Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, and Fusco. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-11 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

Justice Fusco announced that she and Justice Soltysik will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Association of Arkansas Quorum Courts at the Association of Arkansas Counties on April 14.

Judge Pendergrass requested input from the Court regarding the appointment of the Quorum Court's representative on the Baxter County Equalization Board.

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