

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**May 2, 2017**

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, William Lucas, Neal Pendergrass, Gary Smith, Lucille Soltysik, and Erric Totty. Justice Williamson was absent. 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 April meeting. Justice Lucas moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Fusco seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Smith reported on the April 10 meeting of the Budget Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached.

Justice Lucas reported on the April 24 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached.

Justice Chapman reported on the May 1 meeting of the Building Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached.

Justice Albright reported on the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts.

New Business:

First Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2017- , **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, DATED JULY 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING CERTAIN SECTIONS**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Personnel Committee and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. The proposed ordinance was tabled for second reading at next month’s meeting. Justice Lucas reminded Department Heads that the proposed changes to the manual have been posted online on the BaxterCounty.org website, and that employees should be encouraged to read the proposed changes and be prepared to provide input prior to the adoption.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-14, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2017 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion was made by Justice Totty for the adoption of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Fusco. Being no discussion, the roll was called.

Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, and Totty. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-14 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-15, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,000.00 FROM THE BAXTER COUNTY NURSING HOME FUND INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Totty, and Albright. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-15 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-16, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FROM THE BAXTER COUNTY NURSING HOME FUND INTO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Totty, Albright, and Chapman. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-16 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-17, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,900.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND INTO THE 2017 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion to adopt was made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Totty, Albright, Chapman, and Fusco. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-17 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-18, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 10<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Totty, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, and Kerr. The motion carried and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2017-18 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution #2017-11, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILL GREGORY BY THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MOUNTAIN HOME RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Fusco, and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Totty moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Fusco. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Totty, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, and Litty. The motion carried and Resolution #2017-11 was adopted with a vote of 10 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Other Announcements:

County Clerk Canda Reese informed the Court that Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge is to be at the courthouse on Thursday, May 4 from approximately 10-11:30 a.m. to provide information to the public about scam prevention specifically related to the recent flooding in the area.

Justice Fusco announced that there will be a joint meeting of the Baxter County Planning Board and the Buildings Committee on May 22 at 4:30 p.m.

County Attorney David Ethredge recognized 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Judge Jason Duffy and District Court Clerk Kim Vinson who were both in attendance, and expressed appreciation for their outstanding work.

Judge Pendergrass provided information regarding the current state of the County, and some of the problems resulting from the recent wide-spread flooding. Both he and Governor Hutchinson have made Disaster Declarations regarding Baxter County. County OEM Director Jim Sierzchula estimated damages to the County at approximately \$1.5 million, and said that number does not include residences impacted by the flooding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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