

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

June 5, 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, and Marilyn Williamson. Justice Steiner 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 May meeting. Justice Lucas moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Smith seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Albright reported on the May 21 meeting of the Economic Development Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal. That committee will meet again on June 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Courthouse.

Judge Pendergrass introduced his new Administrative Assistant, Trish Beck, to the Court.

Justice Chapman motioned to suspend the rules and add an additional Resolution to the agenda of this meeting, and also to remove Item #1 from the agenda. Justice Soltysik seconded that motion, and all voted in favor.

New Business:

Proposed Ordinance #2018-19, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2018 BUDGET** was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Williamson. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Fusco, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Williamson, and Albright. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2018-19 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-20, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND INTO THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion was made by Justice Fusco and seconded by Justice

Albright for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Williamson, Albright, and Chapman. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-20 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-21, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE REMAINING BALANCE IN THE BAXTER COUNTY NURSING HOME FUND INTO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt. Justice Williamson seconded that motion. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, and Fusco. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-21 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution #2018-12, **A RESOLUTION ADDRESSED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR ASA HUTCHINSON, THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL & ECOLOGY COMMISSION (APC&EC), AND THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ADEQ); HEREBY NOTIFYING SAID PARTIES OF THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT'S ACTION TO SUPPORT USE OF SOUND SCIENCE AND FAIRNESS IN THE ISSUING AND RE-ISSUING OF PERMITS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Chapman moved to adopt the proposed resolution, seconded by Justice Soltysik. There was much discussion among the Court regarding the re-writing of the proposed resolution after its presentation last month, and the particular wording of the revisions of the resolution, particularly in regards to its applicability to Baxter County. After much discussion by the Court, Judge Pendergrass opened the floor for public comment. Steve Blumreich, president of Friends of the White River and several other local organizations, spoke against the resolution. No one from the public spoke in favor of the resolution. Being no further discussion, the roll was called regarding the adoption of the resolution. Voting YEA: Justices Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, and Litty. The motion carried and Resolution #2018-12 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution #2018-13, **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT #5, ON THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT**, was sponsored by Justice Lucas and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Litty, and Lucas. The motion passed and Resolution #2018-13 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent, thereby declaring a vacancy in JP District #5.

Proposed Resolution #2018-14, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF KATHY BAILEY-BRACKETT AND JIM BODENHAMER TO THE BAXTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**, was sponsored by Justice Smith and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas motioned to adopt the proposed resolution after correcting the conflicting wording regarding the length of the terms for EQ Board members. Justice Chapman seconded that motion. Being no other discussion, the roll

was called on the amended resolution. Voting YEA: Justices Smith, Soltysik, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Litty, Lucas, and Pendergrass. The motion passed, and Resolution #2018-14 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution #2018-15, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE ARKANA COMMUNITY**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Soltysik, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, and Smith. The motion passed, and Resolution #2018-15 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 absent.

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