

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

August 7, 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, William Lucas, Neal Pendergrass, Gary Smith, Lucille Soltysik, Rick Steiner, and Marilyn Williamson. Justice Litty 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 July meeting. Justice Lucas moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Soltysik seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Smith reported on the July 26 meeting of the Budget Committee. Justice Lucas reported on the Personnel Committee meeting which was held just prior to this Quorum Court meeting. Minutes of both of those meetings will be attached to this Journal.

Tripp Wilson, of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, presented a Proclamation to Baxter County Sheriff John Montgomery expressing appreciation for the work of the Sheriff’s Department and all law enforcement officers.

Old Business:

2nd Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2018- , **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT**, sponsored by the Economic Development Committee, was read for the second time by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. It was then tabled for third reading at next month’s meeting.

New Business:

1st Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2018- , **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VOTE CENTERS IN BAXTER COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2018 AND ALL ELECTIONS GOING FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE**, was sponsored by Justice Smith, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith then moved to suspend the rules and place the proposed ordinance on second reading. Justice Albright seconded that motion, and all voted in favor. The proposed ordinance was read the second time by title only. Justice Smith then motioned to suspend the rules to allow discussion on the

proposed ordinance since many people from the community had come to the meeting to express their opinions regarding this ordinance. Justice Lucas seconded that motion, and all voted in favor. Baxter County Election Commissioners Judy Garner and Bob Bodenhamer both spoke regarding the proposed ordinance, as did County Clerk Canda Reese. Some individuals from the community, including Mountain Home Mayor Joe Dillard, Baxter County Democratic Club President John Barnes, and community member Susan Bergman all expressed concern regarding the ordinance. After much discussion, the issue was tabled for third reading at next month's meeting.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-25, **AN ORDINANCE ADDING A FULL-TIME JAIL TRANSPORT DEPUTY IN THE COUNTY JAIL**, was sponsored by the Budget and Personnel Committees, and was read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to suspend the rules and advance to the second reading, seconded by Justice Fusco. All voted in favor. The proposed ordinance was read the second time by title only. Justice Smith moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. Justice Williamson seconded that motion. The ordinance was read a third time by title only, at which time Justice Lucas moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Justice Albright seconded that motion. Being no further discussion the roll was called on the adoption of the ordinance. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, and Williamson. The motion passed, and Ordinance #2018-25 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-26, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JUNE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2018 BUDGET** was sponsored by Justice Albright 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 Chapman, Fusco, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, and Albright. The motion carried, and Ordinance #2018-26 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-27, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING INSURANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,640.00 INTO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Soltysik and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, and Chapman. The motion carried, and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-27 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-28, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 INTO THE COURT COMPLEX SECURITY GRANT LINE ITEM OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion was made by Justice Pendergrass and seconded by Justice Albright for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. After a brief report from buildings and grounds supervisor John Harding regarding the grant project, and being no further discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lucas, Pendergrass,

Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, and Fusco. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-28 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-29, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND INTO THE 2018 BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion was made by Justice Albright for the adoption of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Justice Williamson. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, and Lucas. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2018-29 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-30, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM MARION COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$828.00, AND RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 WITHIN THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Lucas, and Pendergrass. The motion carried and Ordinance #2018-30 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2018-31, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 WITHIN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Fusco. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Lucas, Pendergrass, and Smith. The motion carried and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2018-31 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-20, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS QUORUM COURT, THROUGH ITS COUNTY JUDGE, TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR A PROJECT TO INSTALL TAXIWAY EDGE LIGHTS, SAID PROJECT STYLED 'AIP 3-05-0046-019-2018,' AT THE BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT**, was sponsored by Justice Smith and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief discussion and explanation by Judge Pendergrass, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, and Soltysik. The motion passed and Resolution #2018-20 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-21, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE BAXTER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt. Justice Fusco seconded that motion. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Williamson, Albright,

Chapman, Fusco, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, and Steiner. The motion passed and Resolution #2018-21 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2018-22, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF ELIZABETH BOWMAN AND BONNIE COUSINS TO THE TRACY AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Fusco and Pendergrass and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Smith. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, and Williamson. The motion passed and Resolution #2018-22 was adopted with a vote of 9 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

It was decided that the November meeting of the Court would be held on November 13 due to the General Election being on the date of the regularly scheduled meeting.

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