

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**September 5, 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, Rick Steiner, and Marilyn Williamson. After welcoming the newly appointed Justice Steiner to the Court, the meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Pendergrass then recognized Baxter County’s Safety Coordinator, Will Syfrett, and presented him with a plaque acknowledging his accomplishments on the Safety Program Certification Test.

Judge Pendergrass asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August meeting. Justice Fusco moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Justice Williamson seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Lucas reported on the August 28, 2017 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached.

New Business:

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2017- , **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1988-7, (“AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND ESTABLISH THE HAND COVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND FOR THE LEVYING OF ASSESSED BENEFITS ON PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”)**, sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. The issue was tabled for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at next month’s meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2017- , **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1991-11, (“AN AMENDED APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND ESTABLISH THE HENDERSON AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND FOR THE LEVYING OF ASSESSED BENEFITS ON PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”)**, sponsored by Justice Fusco and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. The item was also tabled for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at next month’s meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2017- , **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2017-26, “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, DATED JULY 2015,” FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISION OF CERTAIN SECTIONS**, sponsored by the Baxter County Personnel Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. This proposed ordinance was also tabled for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading next month.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-41, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2017 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Fusco and Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion was made by Justice Pendergrass and seconded by Justice Smith for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, and Williamson. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-41 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-42, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN INSURANCE SETTLEMENT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,036.26 INTO THE COUNTY TREASURER, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, COLLECTOR’S AUTOMATION AND RECORDER’S COST FUND BUDGETS**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt. Justice Albright seconded that motion. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, and Albright. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-42 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance # 2017-43, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 RECEIVED FROM THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Soltysik and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Williamson. After brief discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, and Chapman. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-43 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance # 2017-44, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE MOUNTAIN HOME RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 INTO THE 911 DEPARTMENT BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Smith and Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, and Fusco. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-44 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-45, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800.00 WITHIN THE COUNTY TREASURER’S BUDGET**, was sponsored

by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Williamson. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, and Kerr. The motion carried and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2017-45 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-27, **A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THREE CATERPILLAR 140M2 MOTOR GRADERS**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Smith. After some discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, and Litty. The motion carried and Resolution #2017-27 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-28, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF RON LANGSTON AND LISA MATUSIAK BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORFORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Chapman moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Fusco. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, and Lucas. The motion carried and Resolution #2017-28 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-29, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF IRVIN DEATLEY BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Williamson. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, and Pendergrass. The motion carried and Resolution #2017-29 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

The Personnel Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017 in the third floor conference room.

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