

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

November 7, 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, Bill Lucas, Neal Pendergrass, Gary Smith, Rick Steiner, Lucille Soltysik, and Marilyn Williamson. The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Pendergrass then briefly introduced Elijah Snow, the new local field rep for Senator Boozman.

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

Justice Lucas reported on the October 16, 2017 meeting of the Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting will be attached.

New Business:

Third Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2017-53, **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**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Personnel Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Justice Albright seconded that motion. 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 Ordinance #2017-53 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

2nd 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 REVISING THE SECTION PERTAINING TO PAID HOLIDAYS**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Personnel Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. The proposed ordinance was then tabled for third reading at the December meeting of the Court.

Proposed Ordinance #2017-54, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED ON TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF BAXTER**

COUNTY AND THE CITIES, TOWNS, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER TAXING ENTITIES OF BAXTER COUNTY FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. After much discussion, Justice Smith moved to amend the proposed ordinance to remove the proposed .3 mil increase for the County Road & Bridge millage rate, thereby leaving it at the current rate of 2.7 mils. Justice Lucas seconded that motion. The roll was called on amending the ordinance. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Williamson, and Albright. Voting NAY: Justice Steiner. The motion passed. After brief continued discussion, the roll was called on the adoption of the ordinance, as amended. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, and Chapman. The motion carried, and the Annual Millage Ordinance, #2017-54 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2017-55, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2017 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 Williamson for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Fusco, and Chapman. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-55 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2017-56, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM MARION COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$589.50, AND FROM THE BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 INTO THE JUVENILE SERVICES BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Albright moved to adopt. Justice Lucas seconded that motion. 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 Appropriation Ordinance #2017-56 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance # 2017-57, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 WITHIN THE JUVENILE SERVICES BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson 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 Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, and Litty. The motion carried and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2017-57 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-34, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BEN TATE BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BUFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Fusco and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Chapman. 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 #2017-34 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-35, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF JEFF OSWALT AND ERNIE SCHROEDER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HENDERSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Steiner and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Steiner 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 #2017-35 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

Justice Smith announced that the Budget Committee will meet November 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room.

Judge Pendergrass invited everyone to the Annual Veteran's Program which will be held in Veteran's Park across the highway from the Courthouse on Saturday, as well as the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Cotter City Hall at 2 p.m. Saturday.

County & Circuit Clerk Canda Reese announced that she received another grant for her office, this time for \$24,000.00, to be used for digitizing the county's deed books.

Judge Pendergrass briefly discussed the ongoing Opioid Crisis, and the work that the County Judge's Association is doing to fight this problem.

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