

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

December 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, 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 asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November meeting. Justice Lucas moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justice Fusco seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Smith reported on the November 16 and November 27 meetings of the Budget Committee. Minutes of those meetings will be attached.

New Business:

Third Reading-Proposed Ordinance #2017-58, **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. Justice Pendergrass moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Justice Williamson seconded that motion. After brief 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 #2017-58 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY, thereby adding Martin Luther King Day to the list of the County’s paid holidays.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2017-59, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2017 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Albright and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lucas moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, and Albright. The motion passed, and Appropriation Ordinance, #2017-59 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2017-60, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,005.00 FROM THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND INTO THE SPECIAL JAIL FEES BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Williamson and Albright, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion was made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Fusco for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Being no 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 #2017-60 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2017-61, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,620.00 FOR THE BAXTER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION INTO THE COUNTY JUDGE'S BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Williamson, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt. Justice Lucas seconded that motion. 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 #2017-61 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance # 2017-62, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,460.00 RECEIVED FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE TO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justice Williamson and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Albright. After brief explanation but 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 #2017-62 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2017-63, **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**, was sponsored by the Baxter County Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Pendergrass. Justice Smith, the Chairman of the Budget Committee, noted the areas of the proposed budget that show significant increases over last year's budget. County Treasurer Jenay Mize went on record to say that she's not in favor of using one-time monies to fund ongoing expenses, mostly personal services expenses. After much discussion, the roll was called for the adoption of the budget ordinance. Voting YEA: Justices Lucas, Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, and Litty. The motion carried and Appropriation Ordinance #2017-63 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-36, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MATTY BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER-GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justices Smith, Albright, and 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 Pendergrass, Smith, Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, and Lucas. The motion carried and Resolution #2017-36 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-37, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA BRADBURY 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 Kerr. 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 #2017-37 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2017-38, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL PAPINEAU BY THE COUNTY JUDGE 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 Kerr moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion, the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Soltysik, Steiner, Williamson, Albright, Chapman, Fusco, Kerr, Litty, Lucas, Pendergrass, and Smith. The motion carried and Resolution #2017-38 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other announcements:

Judge Pendergrass informed the Justices that they had been provided with a copy of the Collector's Annual Report.

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