

**BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

February 05, 2019

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, Cameron Davis, Maryanne Edge, Edna Fusco, Kevin Litty, Robert Lowery, Charles Osgood, Gary Smith, Lucille Soltysik, and Dirk Waldrop. 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 January meeting. Justice Smith moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justice Fusco seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Justice Smith reported on the Budget Committee meeting, which was held just prior to this meeting of the Court. Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Journal of Proceedings.

A presentation was made by Brad Bailey, Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging, and Robyn Snyder, Director of the Van Matre Senior Center. They educated the members of the Court on the services provided, and how the funds that the Court appropriates to them each year are utilized. The Baxter County Quorum Court has appropriated \$14,000.00 to the Area Agency on Aging every year for many years.

New Business:

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance #2019-6, **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2018 BUDGET**, was sponsored by Justices Albright and Fusco, and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Fusco moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, and Waldrop. The motion passed and Ordinance #2019-6 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Ordinance #2019-7, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL DATED APRIL 2007**, was sponsored by the Personnel Committee and read for the third and final reading by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Smith moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Chapman, Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery,

Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, and Albright. The motion passed and Ordinance #2019-7 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2019-8, **AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,878.00 WITHIN THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET**, was sponsored by the Budget Committee and read by title only by County Clerk Canda Reese. A motion to adopt was made by Justice Fusco and seconded by Justice Chapman. Being no discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Davis, Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, and Chapman. The motion passed and Re-Appropriation Ordinance #2019-8 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2019-3, **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 Chapman moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Lowery. After brief explanation by the County Judge and no further discussion, the roll was called for the adoption of the proposed resolution. Voting YEA: Justices Edge, Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, and Davis. The motion carried and Resolution #2019-3 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2019-4, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE GALATIA COMMUNITY**, was sponsored by Justice Chapman and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Soltysik moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Edge. After some discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Fusco, Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, and Edge. The motion passed and Resolution #2019-4 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Proposed Resolution #2019-5, **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF TOM TELFORD AND JIM JESTADT BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORTHEAST LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, was sponsored by Justice Lowery and read in its entirety by County Clerk Canda Reese. Justice Lowery moved to adopt, seconded by Justice Soltysik. After brief discussion the roll was called. Voting YEA: Justices Litty, Lowery, Osgood, Smith, Soltysik, Waldrop, Albright, Chapman, Davis, Edge, and Fusco. The motion carried and Resolution #2019-5 was adopted with a vote of 11 YEA, 0 NAY.

Other Announcements:

Judge Pendergrass provided the Court with information regarding proposed legislation to fund 911 services. The County Judge's Association has presented a proposal to the legislature which would fund 911 services through fees assessed to any device that can be used to call 911. If passed, this would result in better 911 services throughout the state, improvements to the broadband internet infrastructure, and consolidation of the number of PSAPs in Arkansas. It would also free up monies that are currently being used from county general to fund 911 services. Judge Pendergrass

encouraged the Justices to stay abreast of this and other proposed legislation during this legislative session, and to reach out to local legislators to ask for their help on issues impacting Baxter County.

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