

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on January 18, 2022 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation and pledge were led by County Clerk Margaret Darter.

Attendance:

County Judge James Baker, Treasurer Scott Sanson, County Clerk Margaret Darter, County Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Phillip Murphy and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Boyer, Brown, Higgins, Kendrick, Knight, Pearson, Pickett, Roland, Shock and Strain.

Approval of the Journal: Justice Higgins moved that the journals of proceedings be approved as presented and such motion was seconded by Justice Boyer and was unanimously approved.

County Officer's Report: Treasurer Scott Sanson reported to the Court on the financial status of the County and a copy of the report was provided to all members and one is on file.

Standing Committees Report

Budget & Finance: Met last week and have several Ordinance for Court's consideration.

Courts & Public safety: Met last week and have 1 Ordinance to present tonight.

Personnel: Met last week and have 1 Ordinance to present tonight.

Infrastructure & Roads: Met last week, nothing to report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-01. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020) and to declare an emergency. Justice Pickett made a motion to discuss Proposed Ordinance 22-01 and Justice Roland seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-01 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker ask for a voice vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-01. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-01 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-02. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021) and to declare an emergency. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-02 and Justice Kendrick seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-02 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker ask for a voice vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-02. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-02 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-03. . This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021) and to declare an emergency. Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-03 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-03 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker ask for a voice vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-03. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-03 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-04. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021). Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-04 and Justice Brown seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-04 by title only. Judge Baker pointed out that 1007 should read Retirement Matching be corrected and such change was unanimously approved. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-04. The roll as called and Proposed Ordinance 22-04 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 22-01. This is a Resolution authorizing the extension of medical ambulance service franchise to Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services System ("MEMS") by Faulkner County, Arkansas. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 22-01 and Justice Pickett seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 22-01 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a voice vote for Proposed Resolution 22-01. Proposed Resolution 22-01 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 22-.02. This is a Resolution certifying local government endorsement of business to participate in the Tax back Program (as authorized by A.C.A. Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003). Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 22-02 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 22-02 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Resolution 22-02. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 22-02 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 22-.03. This is a Resolution certifying local government endorsement of business to participate in the Tax back Program (as authorized by A.C.A. Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003). Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 22-03 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 22-03 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Resolution 22-03. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 22-03 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

Justice Higgins made a motion that all ordinances be read by title only unless voted to be read in full. Justice Knight seconded such motion and such motion was unanimously approved.

Appointment: Jeff Whittingham was appointed to the Library Board. Justice Knight moved that the Quorum Court confirm such appointment and such motion as seconded and unanimously approved.

Announcements:

The new animal shelter has been vacated by its occupant and is now being cleaned up. Justice Allison announced that the Vilonia Veteran's Museum is accepting nominations for Veteran of the Year; County Clerk Margaret Darter announced that redistricting of the JPs is now complete; Judge Baker announced that our County has been approved for a light at the intersection of Skunk Hollow and Hwy. 286; that Elliot Road has been approved for widening; and that Clinton Road to Hwy 89 improvements will begin in the spring.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Faulkner County Quorum Court stood adjourned until the next scheduled meeting.

*****An audio tape is kept on file of the entire meeting*****