

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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June 21, 2022

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on June 21, 2022 in Courtroom “A” located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation and pledge were led by County Judge Jim Baker.

Attendance: County Judge James Baker, County Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Phillip Murphy and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Boyer, Brown, Higgins, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, 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. The journal 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 nine (9) Ordinances for Court’s consideration.

Courts & Public safety: Met last week and have Proposed Ordinance 22-30 for Court’s consideration. Also, discussed 911, Fire Departments and Reserves request for ARP money.

Personnel: Met last week and have several pay raise request tonight and more next month.

Infrastructure & Roads: Met on June 9, 2022 and have two (2) Ordinances passed to Budget & Finance.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-14. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021) and to declare an emergency. Justice Pearson made a motion to discuss Proposed Ordinance 22-14 and Justice Knight seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-14 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker ask for a voice vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-14. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-14 passed with a voice vote of 11-1, with Justice Strain voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-21. This is an appropriation Ordinance to reclassify job descriptions based on level of experience and duties, increase pay for the employees of the Faulkner County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office and to declare an emergency. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-21 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-21 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker ask for a voice vote and the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-21 passed with a voice vote of 11-0, with Justice Strain voting present.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-22. This is an appropriation Ordinance to add a new juvenile officer and increase pay for the employees of Faulkner County Circuit Court 2nd Division and to declare an emergency. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-22 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-22 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-22. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-22 passed with a voice vote of 10-0, with Justices Pearson and Strain voting present.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-23. This is an appropriation Ordinance to reclassify job descriptions based on level of experience and duties, increase pay for the employees of the Faulkner County-County Clerk's Office and to declare an emergency. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-23 and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-23 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker ask for a voice vote and the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-23 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-24. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021) by increasing the pay for two (2) positions in the Assessor's Office and to declare an emergency. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-24 and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-24 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker ask for a voice vote and the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-24 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-25. This is an appropriation Ordinance to allow increases in salaries for twenty-four (24) full-time employees in the County Library, and to declare an emergency. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-25 and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-25 by title only. After discussion, Justice Pearson made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 22-25 Section 1 to \$79,000.00 and such motion was seconded by Justice Strain. Such motion was approved with Justices Pickett and Shock voting no. After further discussion, Justice Pearson made a motion to amend and add new section and to add beginning date of June 20, 2022 and to add the emergency clause. Such motion was seconded and approved with Justice Shock voting no. After further discussion, Justice Brown made a motion to amend Section 1 to \$73,124.00 and Section 2 to \$56,934.00 and such motion was seconded by Shock. Such motion was approved with Justices Higgins and Pickett voting no. After discussion Judge Baker ask for a voice vote and the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-25 as amended passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-28. 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 22-28 and such motion was seconded by Justice Pickett. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-28 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker ask for a voice vote and the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-28 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-29. This is an appropriation Ordinance to be entitled: "Faulkner County Election Commission Compensation" and to declare an emergency. Justice Allison made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-29 and such motion was seconded by Justice Brown. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-29 by title only. After discussion, Justice Allison made a motion to amend sections 3 and 4 back to \$1,570,000.00 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. After discussion, the Judge asked for a voice vote on such motion. The roll was called and such motion passed with a voice vote of 8-4, with Justices Boyer, Higgins, Pearson and Pickett voting no. After further discussion, Judge Baker ask for a voice vote and the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-29 as amended passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-30. 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 22-30 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-30 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker ask for a voice vote and the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-30 passed with a voice vote of 11-0, with Justice Pickett not voting.

Appointment:

None

Announcements

Wooster 4th of July Celebration – June 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Greenbrier 4th of July Fireworks – July 4, 2022 at dark.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:30p.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*****