

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

October 18, 2022

6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on August 16, 2022 in Courtroom “A” located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation was led by 4-H Member Bodie Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by 4-H Member Grace Branscum.

Attendance:

County Judge James Baker, County Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Philip Murphy and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Boyer, Brown, Higgins, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Moss, Pearson, Pickett, Roland, Shock and Strain.

Approval of the Journal:

Justice Higgins moved that the Journal of Proceedings be approved as presented and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. The journal was unanimously approved.

County Officer’s Report:

Jennie Felling, Chief Deputy Treasurer, reported to the Court on the financial status of the County and Chief Deputy Wooley reported on the Faulkner County Sheriff’s Office and copies of both reports were provided to all members and both are on file.

Standing Committees Report:

Budget & Finance – Met last week and have four (4) Ordinances for the Court’s consideration.

Courts & Public Safety – Met last week and have two (2) Ordinances that passed Budget and Finance.

Infrastructure & Roads – Met last week and have two (2) Ordinances that passed to Budget and Finance.

Personnel – Met last week but did not passed anything to Budget and Finance.

Public Comment:

Judge H.G. Foster spoke on behalf of Stop DV.

Special Reports:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-46. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and declare an emergency. Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-46 and such motion was seconded by Justice Higgins. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-46 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a voice vote, the roll was called, and Proposed Ordinance 22-46 passed with a roll call vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-48. This is an appropriation Ordinance for American Rescue Plan funds to be appropriated to Department 0419, Coroner, and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-48 and such motion was seconded by Justice Roland. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-48 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a roll call vote, the roll was called, and Proposed Ordinance 22-48 passed with a roll call vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-45. This is an appropriation Ordinance for American Rescue Plan funds to be appropriated to Department 0705, Vilonia Waterworks, and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Knight made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-45 and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-45 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a roll call vote, the roll was called, and Proposed Ordinance 22-45 passed with a roll call vote of 9-0. Justices Brown, Kendrick, Roland and Strain voting present.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-47. This is an appropriation Ordinance for American Rescue Plan funds to be appropriated to Department 0706, City of Guy, and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Knight made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-47 and such motion was seconded by Justice Brown. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-47 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a roll call vote, the roll was called, and Proposed Ordinance 22-45 failed with a roll call vote of 8-2. Justices Lachowsky and Shock voting no. Justices Kendrick, Roland and Strain voting present.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-43. This is an appropriation Ordinance for American Rescue Plan funds to be appropriated to Department 0710, Stop DV, and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Counsel Murphy read the proposed ordinance by title only for the 1st reading. Justice Kendrick made a motion to table Proposed Ordinance 22-43 and such motion was seconded by Justice Roland. Judge Baker asked for a roll call vote to table Proposed Ordinance 22-43, the roll was called, and Proposed Ordinance 22-43 was not tabled. The vote was 6-7 with Justices Allison, Boyer, Higgins, Knight, Moss, Pearson, and Shock voting no. The floor was reopened by Judge Baker. After lengthy discussion, Justice Allison made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 22-43 striking the emergency clause from the title and Section 2. Justice Strain seconded this motion. Judge Baker asked for a roll call vote. The roll was called, and the amendment of Proposed Ordinance 22-43 passed 8-5 with Justices Higgins, Kendrick, Lachowsky, Pearson, and Roland voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-44. This is an appropriation Ordinance for American Rescue Plan funds to be appropriated to Department 0711, The City of Hope Outreach, and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-44 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-44 by title only. After discussion Justice Pickett made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 22-45 striking the emergency clause from the title and Section 2. Justice

Strain seconded this motion. Judge Baker called for a roll call vote. The roll was called and the amendment to Proposed Ordinance 22-44 failed with a vote of 3-10 with Justices Allison, Boyer, Brown, Higgins, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Moss, Pearson, and Shock voting no. After further discussion Judge Baker asked for a voice vote, the roll was called, and Proposed Ordinance 22-44 passed with a roll call vote of 13-0.

Justice Higgins made a motion for Proposed Ordinance 22-43 to be placed back on the agenda and read a second time. Justice Moss seconded the motion. After discussion Judge Baker called for a roll call vote, the roll was called and the motion for the second reading of Proposed Ordinance passed 11-2 with Justice Kendrick and Lachowsky voting no. After Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-43 by title only with the amendments, Judge Baker re-opened the floor for discussion. Justice Higgins made a motion to read Proposed Ordinance 22-43 a third time and Justice Allison seconded this motion. Judge Baker called for a voice vote, motion passed 12-1 with Justice Lachowsky voting no. After Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-43 for a third time by title only with the amendments, Justice Higgins made a motion to vote on Proposed Ordinance 22-43 and Justice Allison seconded. The floor was reopened by Judge Baker. After discussion Judge Baker called for roll call vote, the roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-43 passed 10-0 with Justice Higgins abstaining and Justices Lachowsky and Strain voting present.

Justice Pickett made a motion for the Faulkner County Judge's Office to post on the County website that all non-profit American Rescue Plan applications be filed no later than November 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Justice Roland seconded this motion. All applications filed after this date and time will be held until another time frame for applications is opened. Judge Baker opened the floor for discussion. After short discussion Judge Baker called for a voice vote. This motion passed 11-2 with Justices Moss and Pearson voting no.

Justice Kendrick made a motion for the standing Budget and Finance committee to be moved from Tuesday, November 8, 2022 to Monday, November 7, 2022, due to Election Day conflicts. Counsel Murphy suggested we temporarily amend Ordinance 21-01 to move said standing meeting. Justice Pickett, as Chairman of the Faulkner County Budget and Finance meeting officially made this motion and Justice Kendrick seconded the motion. Judge Baker called for a voice vote and all justices voted in favor of the motion.

Appointment:

None.

Announcements:

Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. the Vilonia Veterans will be having a ceremony at the Museum of Veterans & Military History (53 N Mt. Olive Rd Vilonia, AR 72173).

Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. the Conway Kiwanis Club will be hosting its Bookcase Literacy Banquet at Bob and Betty Courtway Middle School (1200 Bob Courtway Drive Conway, AR 72032).

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

*****An audio tape of this meeting is kept on file*****