

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
November 15, 2022
6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on November 15, 2022 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by County Judge James Baker.

Attendance:

County Judge James Baker, County Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Philip Murphy County Clerk Margaret Darter 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 Knight. The journal was unanimously approved.

County Officer's Report:

Scott Sanson, 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 five (5) Ordinances under New Business for the Court's consideration.

Courts & Public Safety – No Report.

Infrastructure & Roads – No Report.

Personnel – No Report.

Special Reports:

None.

Old Business:

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 2nd reading. Justice Boyer made a motion to suspend the rules and to waive the third reading. Such motion was seconded by Justice Knight and unanimously approved. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-43. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-43 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

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 Roland. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-47 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-47. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-47 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

New Business:

Justice Roland made a motion to amend the agenda and to add Proposed Ordinance 22-57 and such motion was seconded by Justice Lachowsky. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call to amend the agenda. The roll was called and the motion to amend to agenda passed with a voice vote of 11-2, with Justices Boyer and Pickett voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-41. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021 changing two (2) position titles as well as increasing the pay for both positions in the Faulkner County Library, and to declare an emergency. Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-41 and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-41 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-41 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-49. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021). Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-49 and Justice Knight seconded. County Attorney Phillip Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-49 by title only. Justice Brown moved to “add the emergency clause as Section 13 and such motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Justice Brown also moved to correct the wording in Sections 8 & 9 and such motion was seconded by Justice Roland and unanimously approved. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-49. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-49 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-50. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-50 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read the Proposed Ordinance 22-50 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-50. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-50 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-51. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, as a one-time pay increase of \$300.00 for all full time employees and \$150.00 for part-time employees. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-51 and such motion was seconded. County Attorney Phillip Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-51 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-51. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-51 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-52. This is an appropriation Ordinance for law enforcement officer salary stipends for full-time law enforcement officers in accordance with act 224 of the 2022 Fiscal Session of the Arkansas Legislature, and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-52 and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-52 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-52 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-53. This is an appropriation to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-53 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 22-52 by title only. After discussion Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-53 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-55. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-55 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read the Proposed Ordinance 22-55 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-55. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-55 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-56. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-56 and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read the Proposed Ordinance 22-56 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-56. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-56 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 22-57. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45, and to declare an emergency. Justice Roland made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 22-57 and such motion was seconded by Justice Brown. Counsel Murphy read the Proposed Ordinance 22-57 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 22-57. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 22-57 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

Appointment:

None.

Announcements:

2023 Annual Budget meeting will begin on November 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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