

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
February 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on February 21, 2023 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Alex Lehmkuhl of Boy Scout Troop 78.

Attendance:

County Judge Allen Dodson, County Administrator Randy Higgins, Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Philip Murphy, County Clerk Margaret Darter and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Boyer, Coats, Graddy, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Lyon, Moss, Pearson, Shock, Strain and Tyler.

Approval of the Journal:

Justice Lachowsky made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved as presented and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Justice Coats pointed OUT several correction. Such corrections were made The Journal of Proceeding was unanimously approved as corrected.

County Officer's Report:

Scott Sanson, Treasurer, report to the Court on the financial status was provided to all members and a copy is on file.

Standing Committees Report:

Budget & Finance: Has four (4) Ordinances for consideration under New Business.

Courts & Public Safety: Met on February 14, 2023. Justice Coats was appointed committee chair and has one (1) Resolution to consider under New Business.

Infrastructure & Roads: Met tonight and has the 2022 Roads Report. Heard from Justice Strain.

Personnel: Held organization meeting last week and no ordinances for tonight's consideration.

Special Reports:

County Extension Agent – Mary Beth Groce

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-04. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 21-45 (December 16, 2021) and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-04 and to read by title only and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-04 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-04. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-04 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-05. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022) and to declare an

emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-05 and to read by title only, and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-05 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-05 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-06. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022) and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-06 and to read by title only, and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-06 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-06 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-07. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022) and to declare an emergency. Justice Strain made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-07 and to read by title only, and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-07 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-07 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 23-02. This is a Resolution authorizing the County Judge of Faulkner County and the Office of Emergency Management Director of Faulkner County to enter into an agreement of understanding with the counties of Cleburne, Conway, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, Van Buren and White. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 23-02 and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 23-02 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 23-02 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

Appointment:

Justice Knight made a motion to confirm the appointment of Danny K. Hester to the Public Facilities Board and such motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Justice Knight made a motion to confirm the appointment of Virginia Suzann Waggoner to the Library Board and Justice Moss seconded such motion. Such motion was approved 8-5, with Justices Kendrick, Lachowsky, Shock, Strain and Tyler voting no.

Announcements:

Justice Lachowsky recognized Boy Scout Troop 78 in the courtroom tonight
Judge Dodson recognized the Road Department and Mark Ledbetter
The Levy Improvement District initiative
April 12th 150th year of existence
Pictures on the wall on loan from the Museum and will be changed out monthly

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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