

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**March 21, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Justice of the Peace Maree Coats.

### **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, Lyon, Moss, Shock, Strain and Tyler.

### **Approval of the Journal:**

Justice Allison made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved as presented and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. The Journal of Proceeding was unanimously approved.

### **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: Treasurer Scott Sanson gave a presentation on government/budget 101 and has three (3) Ordinances for consideration under New Business.

Courts & Public Safety: Met on March 14, 2023. Justice Boyer presented ARP – Deliver Hope.

Infrastructure & Roads: No Report.

Personnel: Met on March 14, 2023, to discuss employee classifications and pay bands. The Personnel Committee will investigate further.

### **Special Reports:**

None

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-08. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022), and to declare an emergency. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-08 and to read by title only and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-08 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-08. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-08 passed with a voice vote of 10-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-09. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022), and to declare an emergency. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-09 and to read by title

only, and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendricks. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-09 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-09 passed with a voice vote of 10-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-10. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022), and to declare an emergency. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-10 and to read by title only, and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-10 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-10 passed with a voice vote of 10-0.

**Appointment:**

None

**Announcements:**

Road Hill Bridge Completion.

Justice of the Peace Maree Coats was recognized for attending the Convention of Animal Control Units in the State.

Several Master Gardeners were recognized for their achievements & will be hosting the annual plant sale in May.

4 Schools in Faulkner County made it to the State Basketball Championships. Conway High School Girls Basketball won the 6A Championship; Mount Vernon High School Basketball Girls won the 3A Championship.

Faulkner County Historical Society will be having an event.

April 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30 p.m. will be the 150 Celebration of Faulkner County. Burgers & dogs at the Courthouse.

**Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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