

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
July 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on June 20, 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 Tyler Lachowsky.

Attendance:

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

Approval of the Journal:

Justice Kendrick made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved and was seconded by Justice Coats and 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: Committee stated they have five (5) Ordinance under New Business.

Courts & Public Safety: Met last week to discuss datacenter ordinance, Volunteer Fire Departments ARP request for communication ordinance and Sheriff's office ARP request for criminal justice counseling, all under New Business for tonight's consideration.

Infrastructure & Roads: Met tonight and have one (1) resolution to present under New Business.

Personnel: Met last week and have Proposed Ordinance 23-19 to present under New Business.

Special Reports:

Tom Anderson – Special ARP and Roads Reports.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-17. 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 23-17 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-17 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-17. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-17 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-18. 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 23-18 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-18 by title only. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to amend Section 2 to transfer from money from expenditure code 1001-Salaries, Full-Time instead of appropriating the funds and such motion was seconded by Justice Pearson. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called, and such motion passed with a voice vote of 9-3, with Justices Allison, Coats and Shock voting no. After further discussion of Proposed Ordinance 23-18, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-18, as amended. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-17, as amended, passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-19. This is an Ordinance to create a Full-Time Position in the Faulkner County Veteran's Service Office and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-63 (December 23, 2022) and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-19 and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-19 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-19. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-19 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-20. This is an emergency Ordinance adopting certain rules and regulations concerning external noise attenuation of data centers and to prevent noise disturbance within Faulkner County's unincorporated limits; to declare an emergency and for other purposes. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-20 and such motion was seconded by Justice Strain. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-20 by title only. Justice Kendrick made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 23-20 and handed out a different version such ordinance. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for the amendment of Proposed Ordinance 23-20. The roll was called, and the amendment passed with a voice vote of 7-5, with Justices Coats, Graddy, Knight, Strain and Tyler voting no. Justice Allison made a motion to change the time in Article 4, paragraph 2 from 10 p.m. to 8 p.m. and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats. After further discussion, Judge Dodson asked for the vote by roll call for such amendment. The roll was called, and the second amendment of Proposed Ordinance 23-20 passed with a voice vote of 11-1, with Justice Lyon voting no. After further discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-20, as amended. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-20, as amended, passed with a voice vote of 9-0, with Justices Lyon and Pearson voting present and Justice Knight Abstained.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-21. 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 23-21 and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-21 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-21. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-21 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-22 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 23-22 and such

motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-22 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-22. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-22 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 23-06. This is a Proposed Resolution expressing the willingness of Faulkner County to utilize federal-aid transportation program funds. Justice Knight made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 23-06 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 23-06 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for the vote and Proposed Resolution 23-06 was unanimously approved.

Appointment:

None

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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