

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

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

The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Justice Lyon.

**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, Roberts, Shock, Strain and Tyler.

**Approval of the Journal:**

Justice Kendrick made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved with one correction and was seconded by Justice Shock and unanimously approved.

**County Officer's Report:**

The Treasurer report on the financial status was provided to all members and a copy is on file.

**Standing Committees Report:**

Budget & Finance: Met twice and have two (2) appropriation Ordinances, Sheriff's Office and Circuit Court Ordinances to present under New Business.

Courts & Public Safety: Met last week to discuss the Pine Village Volunteer Fire District's request to be on the ballot to request increases in fire dues. Information was provided regarding the animal shelter and discussion of jail expansion plan.

Infrastructure & Roads: Did not meet but anticipates having a meeting in October.

Personnel: Met twice, sent two (2) Ordinances to Budget & Finance, multiple committee resolutions for the budgeting process.

**Special Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

The Court discussed Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-23. 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 Amended Ordinance 23-23 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-23 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-23. The roll was called and Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-23 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-25. 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 23-25 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-25 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-25. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-25 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-26. This is an appropriation Ordinance to create one full-time investigator position and one full-time Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS) position in the Sheriff's Office to create an overdose response team as part of the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-26 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-26 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-26. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-26 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-27. 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 23-27 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-27 for the first reading by title only.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 23-07. This is a Resolution calling for an election and placing a ballot referendum to the people during the general election in Faulkner County, Arkansas, on the question of increasing fire dues for the Pine Village Volunteer Fire Department; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto. Justice Strain made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 23-07 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 23-07 by title only. Proposed Resolution 23-07 will be presented again in November to be voted on with Proposed Ordinance 23-07.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-28. This is an appropriation Ordinance to create a full-time position in the Faulkner County Circuit Court, Third Division, and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-28 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-28 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-28. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-28 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

**Appointment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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