

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
October 2, 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 Kendrick.

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, 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 and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats and unanimously approved.

New Business:

The Court discussed unencumbered ARP Fund regarding the distribution between the Detention Center, Animal Shelter, 911 PSAP Consolidation, Courthouse Campus and Justice Building and the River Levee Improvement. After long discussion and debate, Justice Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Proposed Resolution 23-08 to be heard on the floor. Such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. After lengthy discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules passed with a voice vote of 9-4, with Justices Kendrick, Lachowsky, Lyon and Strain voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 23-08. This is a Resolution to allocate the unencumbered American Rescue Plan Funds. After discussion, Justice Allison made a motion to put 6,000,000.00 in blank a; \$1,500,000.00 in blank b; \$1,000,000.00 in blank c; \$750,000.00 in blank d; and \$750,000.00 in blank e and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats. Such motion was amended to include striking the language "2024 Annual Budget" from the title and removing it from Section 1 and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for the motion to amend Proposed Resolution 23-08. The roll was called and the motion to amend Proposed Resolution 23-08 passed with a voice vote of 11-2, with Justices Lachowsky and Strain voting no. After further discussion, Justice Coats called for the vote on Proposed Resolution 23-08 as amended, the roll was called and Proposed Resolution as amended passed with a voice vote of 11-2, with Justices Kendrick and Lachowsky voting no.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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