

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on October 17, 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 Shock.

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, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Lyon, Moss, Pearson, Roberts, Shock, Strain and Tyler.

Approval of the Journal: Justice Coats made a motion to amend the Journal and make several corrections, such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Justice Kendrick made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved with the corrections made and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock and unanimously approved.

County Officer's Report: Treasurer Scott Sanson reported to the Court on the financial standing of the County and a copy of the report was provided to all members and one is on file.

Standing Committees Reports

Budget & Finance: Met last week and has four (4) appropriation Ordinances and one (1) Resolution under New Business. Also, the committee discussed multiple raises, and several were passed to the 2024 budgeting process.

Courts & Public Safety: Met last week for a question and answer for the jail and animal shelter.

Personnel: Met last week and passed several committee resolutions to Budget and Finance and have three (3) Ordinances for the first reading under New Business.

Infrastructure & Roads: Met last week to discuss a petition for flood plain variance appeal. The committee could not find any error in the denial of the variance by OEM/911 Director and therefore the committee denied the request to overturn such decision.

Public Comments: None

Special Reports: None

Old Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-27. This is an Ordinance providing for the election, at the next election, for those voting within the geographical boundaries (more specifically described as area ESN 318 within Faulkner County, Arkansas; and prescribing other

matters pertaining thereto. Justice Strain made a motion to bring Proposed Ordinance 23-27 to the table and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-27 for the second reading by title only. After discussion, and because of changes made, Justice Strain made a motion to waive the first reading of Proposed Ordinance 23-27 and such motion was seconded. Judge Dodson asked for the vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and the motion to waive the first reading passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Amended 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 Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-26 and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-26 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-26. The roll was called and Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-26 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Amended 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 Amended Ordinance 23-28 and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Amended Ordinance 23-28 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Amended 23-28. The roll was called and Proposed Amended 23-28 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-29. 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 23-29 and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-29 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-29. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-29 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-31. This is an Ordinance to amend and supplement the Faulkner County Personnel Manual. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-31 and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-31 for the first reading by title only.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-32. This is an Ordinance to repeal and replace Faulkner County Ordinance 12-05 and 07-16 to establish reimbursements for travel expense and/or meetings or training sponsored by Faulkner County entities and for other lawful purposes. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-32 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-32 for the first reading by title only.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-33. This is an Ordinance to amend and supplement the Faulkner County Personnel manual. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-33 and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-33 for the first reading by title only.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 23-34. 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 amend Proposed Ordinance 23-34 by correcting several errors. Such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick and unanimously approved. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 23-34 with such changes and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 23-34 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 23-34. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 23-34 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 23-09. This is a Resolution of Faulkner County certifying local government endorsement of United Parcel Service, Inc. to participate in the tax back program (as authorized by Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003). Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 23-09 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 23-09 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Resolution 23-09. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 23-09 passed with a voice vote of 11-0, with Justice Moss abstaining.

Appointment: None

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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