

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
March 19, 2024, at 6:08 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:08 PM on March 19, 2024, 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 Coats.

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, Lyon, Moss, Pearson, Roberts, Shock, Strain and Tyler.

Approval of the Journal: Justice Kendrick made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved as is and such motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

County Officer's Report: The Treasurer's reported was provided 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) Ordinances under New Business.

Courts & Public Safety: Met last week and approved appropriation to Budget & Finance for Detention Center security system and LESO Notice.

Personnel: No Report.

Infrastructure & Roads: No Report.

Public Comments: None

Special Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-06. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-06 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-06 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-06. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-06 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-07. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 22-63 (December 20, 2022), and to declare an

emergency. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-07 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-07 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-07. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-07 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-08. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-08 and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-08 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-08. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-08 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-09. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-09 and such motion was seconded. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-09 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-09. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-09 passed with a voice vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 24-01. This is a Resolution to reaffirm the status of Faulkner County, Arkansas as a Pro-Life County; and to oppose the Proposed Arkansas Abortion Amendment in Accordance with the Policy of Faulkner County, Arkansas. Justice Allison made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 24-01 and such motion was seconded by Justice Strain. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 24-01 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote for Proposed Resolution 24-01. Proposed Resolution 24-01 passed with a voice vote of 9-2, with Justices Graddy and Pearson voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 24-02. This is a Resolution to advance effective, accountable policing and criminal justice practices to enhance public trust and public safety. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 24-02 and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 24-02 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote for Proposed Resolution 24-02. Proposed Resolution 24-02 was unanimously passed.

Appointment: None

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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