

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on May 21, 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 Sam Strain.

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 Strain made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved as is and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock 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 have numerous Ordinances and a Resolution under New Business. Discussed a long term plan for salary ranges.

Courts & Public Safety: No report.

Personnel: Met last week and have 3 ordinances to present to Budget & Finance next month and one (1) tonight.

Infrastructure & Roads: No Report.

Public Comments: None

Special Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 24-04. This is a Resolution by Faulkner County to appropriate funds for the implementation of a time clock system. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 24-04 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a voice vote for Proposed Resolution 24-04 and Proposed Resolution was unanimously passed.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-13. This is an Ordinance to create a full-time position in the Faulkner County Library Department, and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-13 and such motion was seconded by Justice Coats. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-13 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-13. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-13 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-14. This is an Ordinance to reclassify a job title in the Faulkner County Road Department, and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-14 and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-14 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-14. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-14 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-15. This is an Ordinance to reclassify a job title, to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-15 and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-15 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-15. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-15 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-16. This is an appropriation Ordinance to reclassify a job title, to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-16 and such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-16 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-16. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-16 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-17. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-17 and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-17 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-17. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-17 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-18. This is an appropriation Ordinance for full-time county employees of the Assessor's office in accordance with Act 357 of the 2023 fiscal Session of the Arkansas Legislature, and to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-85 and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-18 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-18. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-18 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-19. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-19 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-19 by

title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-19. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-19 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-20. This is an Ordinance to establish the Federal COVID 19 Programs Interest Fund, and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-20 and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-20 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-20. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-20 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-21. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), to create a new position in the Public Defender's Office, and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-21 and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-21 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-21. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-21 passed with a voice vote of 11-2, with Justices Lachowsky and Tyler voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 24-26. This is an Ordinance to transfer from Fund to Fund, and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 24-26 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 24-26 by title only. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to table Proposed Ordinance 24-26 and Justice Allison seconded such motion. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky withdrew his motion. After further discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 24-26. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 24-26 failed with a voice vote of 6-5, with Justice Lachowsky and Justice Pearson voting, and Justices Kendrick, Lyon, Shock, Strain and Tyler voting no.

Appointment: Melinda Reynolds was appointed to the EQ Board as a representative for the Mayors of Faulkner County.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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