

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on February 25, 2025, in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Justice Coats.

Attendance: County Judge Allen Dodson, 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, Meeks, Pearson, Shock, Strain, Tyler and Yorgey.

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

County Officer's Report: The Treasurer's report 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 a couple of weeks ago and have one Ordinance to present under "New Business."

Courts & Public Safety: Did meet this month and I gave an update on the Animal Shelter.

Personnel: Met couple of weeks ago and have two (2) Ordinances to present under "New Business."

Infrastructure & Roads: No report.

Public Comments: None

Special Reports: Carol Crews, Prosecuting Attorney, gave her report on the Hot Check fund. Kevin Lawson gave a report on the Agriculture Demonstration Project.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-04. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 24-52 (November 20, 2024), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-04, and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-04 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-04. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-04 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-05. This is an Ordinance to reclassify two (2) department titles and change two (2) positions within the Prosecuting Attorney's office, to

declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-05, and Justice Lyon seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-05 by title only. Justice Yorgey made a motion to amend the language, and such motion failed for a lack of a second. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-05. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-05 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-06. This is an Ordinance to reclassify two (2) titles and change two (2) positions within the County Clerk's office, and to declare an emergency. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-06, and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-06 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-06. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-06 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-07. This is an Ordinance to transfer ExpressVote machines from the Faulkner County Clerk to Montgomery, and to declare an emergency. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-07, and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-07 by title only. Justice Allison made a motion to table and Justice Pearson seconded such motion. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call on the motion. The motion failed with a to get a majority of the vote with 6 -5, with Justices Coats, Knight, Meeks, Shock and Yorgey voting no. After further discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-07. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-07 failed to get 2/3rds with a vote of 7-5, with Justices Allison, Kendrick, Lachowsky, Pearson and Tyler voting no.

Appointment: The Court confirmed the appointments of Jessica Freeman – Coroner; Daniel Hollinger to the Public Facility Board; and Glen Spears & Jason Booth to the Hilltop VFD Board

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:25 PM

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