

## WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS County Courthouse

# MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 2, 2020 6:00 P.M. Washington County Courthouse - Room 115/Via Zoom

Susan Cunningham Derek Thomas Suki Highers

**Chair Andrea Jenkins** 

Vice-Chair Willie Leming Ann Harbison Butch Pond

### AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
- 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

At the beginning of each meeting, the agenda shall be approved. Any JP may request an item be added or removed from the agenda subject to approval of the Committee.

- 4. <u>UPDATE ON WASHINGTON COUNTY ROADS</u> (4.1)
- 5. UPDATE ON ANIMAL SERVICES (5.1)
- 6. UPDATE ON JOHNSON CONTROLS
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Twelve-minute comment period with a three-minute limit for each individual to comment on items on the agenda.

8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Joseph Wood County Judge



Charles Ward
Road Superintendent

# WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS Road & Bridge Department

10/30/2020

#### Washington County Road Department:

We have completed 10.83 miles of new construction. The following roads where brought up to hard surface county road standards from gravel or dirt: Vanzant (1.1 miles), Hardwood (1.3 miles), Garrison (1 mile), Shumate Crossing (.85 mile), Sheehan (.9 mile), Nickels (.3 mile), Ed Edwards (2.3 miles), Wallin Mountain (1.7 miles), and Pearson Ranch (.8 mile).

We also completed new construction on .65 mile of Jess Anderson Road via the unpaved roads grant. This road was brought up to our road standards with drainage improvement as our main goal. We will conclude this project with clean up and grass seeding. Once this is completed we will move to the intersection of Adams and Weir to replace a significant drainage structure and correct the drainage issues in this area. This construction on this will continue through 2021.

Our Asphalt overlays this year totaled 6.3 miles on the following roads: Parsons (.8 mile), Trace Branch (4 miles), Kirksey (1 mile), and Sassafras Hill (.5 mile). Our chip and seal maintenance completed 20 miles to date.

The Bridge Construction crew has focused on maintenance and repairs. We did completed a low water concrete crossing to improve access across the river on Ten High Gun Club Road connecting to Orr Road. We are currently designing plans to repair the Kinion Lake Road Bridge to be completed in 2021.

The crusher at our Morrow Quarry has crushed 28,000 tons of limestone for road maintenance and construction around the County.

Our Road Graders have graded 1,704 miles of road and are still grading. Our Brush Hogs have mowed 1,764 miles and are preparing to switch over to the dirt roads.

The ½ cent sales tax has been the main contributor to the ability to complete our paving program this year. Also, the new road fuel tax paid for the construction and overlay project for Trace Branch and Wallin Mountain Roads. These tax funds are a great asset to the county roads in our County.

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### Permitting:

- We have an active STAA (Short Term Activity Authorization) permit for the Dye Creek repair project. This project will repair the flood damaged western approach to the bridge.
- We have contracted Garver Engineering to complete the application process for the Army Corp of Engineering Nationwide 43 permit for the Winslow Dirt Pit. Currently the application is completed and is awaiting final review and signatures. We anticipate approval of the application by the Corp of Engineers without any mitigation.
- We have applied and are waiting for approval from ADEQ for a STAA (Short term Activity Authorization) for the Adams/Weir Road project.

Should you have questions, please contact the Washington County Road Department at 479-444-1610.

Thank you,

Charles Ward Road Superintendent 2615 S Brink Drive Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-444-1610 479-444-1893 Joseph Wood
County Judge



Angela Ledgerwood Director, WCAS

# WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS Animal Shelter

10/30/2020

Washington County Animal Shelter

The Washington County Animal Shelter Team has continued to work through the unknowns of COVID-19, shelter closure, and personnel changes.

We have had over 180 spay and neuter surgeries take place despite the Veterinarian Tech position being unfilled since March 9<sup>th</sup>. The shelter staff is very versatile and cross-trained. The staff stepped up to provide the same level of care to the shelter animals and the same services to county citizens, as when the Vet Tech position was filled. The shelter has maintained compliance with all laws governing shelter standards.

COVID-19 suspended the State and County inmate labor programs which constitutes 50% of the shelter workforce. Our team worked hard and pulled together to manage in the absence of inmate labor. Our hope is that this labor will return in early 2021.

During the six weeks the County Animal Shelter shut down due to COVID-19, the shelter staff was able to move all the animals to rescue. This allowed us to clean every surface of the shelter. Walls, floors, and kennels were thoroughly scrubbed and sanitized. A fresh coat of paint was applied to all walls and paintable floors. Outside areas where animals frequent were also scrubbed and sanitized. We were able to update the cat rooms with the grant money received in December 2019 with the help of the Buildings and Grounds Team.

### Washington County Animal Shelter by the numbers:

The shelter has received in **802** dogs and cats from 1/1/2020 through 10/29/2020. We disbursed a total 805:

- 93- Adoptions
- 67- Reclaimed by Owner
- 33- Euthanized for severe sickness/injury
- 74- Euthanized because of surrender for euthanasia, rabies testing with the majority falling under the dangerous animal ordinance
- 538- Transferred to other Rescue organizations: mostly through the ASPCA Relocation Initiative.

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THANKS,

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