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**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

Monday, December 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.
Washington County Courthouse/
Via Video Zoom Conference

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County Judge Joseph K. Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

JP Willie Leming led the prayer and pledge.

Members present were JP Lance Johnson, JP Susan Cunningham, JP Derek Thomas, JP Judith Yanez, JP Patrick Deakins, JP Lisa Ecke, JP Sam Duncan, JP Shawndra Washington, JP Eva Madison, JP Andrea Jenkins, JP Suki Highers, JP Sue Madison, JP Willie Leming, JP Ann Harbison, and JP Butch Pond.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by JP Harbison and seconded by JP Pond. A voice vote was called and all members unanimously voted to adopt the agenda.

A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only was made by JP Leming and seconded by JP Deakins. A voice vote was called and all members unanimously voted to approve the motion.

During citizen's comments, Sarah Moore spoke about the CARES Act money and the budget. Lou Sharp encouraged the Court to look at solutions to help people facing evictions. Beth Coger provided the Court with statistics about evictions. Jon Comstock and Allie Brown spoke about people being evicted. Sherry Main spoke about the CARES Act money.

Judge Joseph Wood introduced agenda item 6.1. County Attorney Brian Lester read the ordinance by title only, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET AND BUDGET CONTROLS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021". A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by JP Harbison and seconded by JP Pond. There were comments made by various members of the Court. There were no public comments. A roll call vote was called and the votes were tallied as follow:

- JP Johnson: Yes
- JP Cunningham: Yes
- JP Thomas: Yes
- JP Yanez: No
- JP Deakins: Yes
- JP Ecke: Yes
- JP Duncan: Yes
- JP Washington: No
- JP E Madison: No
- JP Jenkins: No
- JP Highers: No
- JP S Madison: No
- JP Leming: No
- JP Harbison: Yes
- JP Pond: Yes

The motion failed to receive the super-majority vote required to pass with one reading. A motion to suspend the rules and advance the ordinance to second reading was made by JP Harbison and seconded by JP Duncan. A roll call vote was called and the votes were tallied as follow:

- JP Johnson: Yes
- JP Cunningham: Yes
- JP Thomas: Yes
- JP Yanez: No

61 JP Deakins: Yes
62 JP Ecke: Yes
63 JP Duncan: Yes
64 JP Washington: No
65 JP E Madison: No
66 JP Jenkins: No
67 JP Highers: No
68 JP S Madison: No
69 JP Leming: Yes
70 JP Harbison: Yes
71 JP Pond: Yes
72 The motion failed to receive the super-majority vote required to advance the ordinance.
73 There were comments made by various members of the Court. A motion to adjourn the
74 meeting was made by JP E Madison and seconded by JP S Madison. A roll call vote
75 was called and the votes were tallied as follow:
76 JP Johnson: No
77 JP Cunningham: No
78 JP Thomas: No
79 JP Yanez: Yes
80 JP Deakins: No
81 JP Ecke: No
82 JP Duncan: No
83 JP Washington: Yes
84 JP E Madison: Yes
85 JP Jenkins: Yes
86 JP Highers: Yes
87 JP S Madison: Yes
88 JP Leming: No
89 JP Harbison: No
90 JP Pond: No
91 The motion failed. There were comments made by various members of the Court. A
92 motion to adjourn was made by JP Duncan and seconded by JP Pond. A roll call vote
93 was called and the votes were tallied as follow:
94 JP Johnson: Yes
95 JP Cunningham: Yes
96 JP Thomas: No
97 JP Yanez: Yes
98 JP Deakins: No
99 JP Ecke: No
100 JP Duncan: Yes
101 JP Washington: Yes
102 JP E Madison: Yes
103 JP Jenkins: Yes
104 JP Highers: Yes
105 JP S Madison: Yes
106 JP Leming: No
107 JP Harbison: No
108 JP Pond: Yes
109 The motion was approved.
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111 The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.
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113 *Patty Burnett*
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115 Quorum Court Coordinator
116 *Approved pb*
117 *January 21, 2021*