



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
County Courthouse

MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 01, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Washington County Quorum Court Room/Via Zoom

Robert Dennis
Suki Highers
Butch Pond

Sam Duncan - Chair

Sean Simons
Evelyn Rios Stafford
Jim Wilson – Vice-Chair

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. **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE TO BE USED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

JP JIM WILSON Item 21-O-022 (4.1 - 4.2)

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE TO BE USED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the proper introduction of ordinances is of vital concern to the Quorum Court of Washington County; and,

WHEREAS, the rules previously adopted by the Quorum Court are not clear regarding the proper procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court desires to adequately set the procedures for the introduction of ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. All general ordinances shall be presented to the County Attorney by the member of the Quorum Court introducing that ordinance, in rough draft form, at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the Committee Meeting at which the member of the Quorum Court wishes to introduce the ordinance.

ARTICLE 2. The County Attorney shall review the ordinance in rough draft form for legal sufficiency and prepare it in proper legal form and forward to the Court Secretary for meeting scheduling.

ARTICLE 3. The Court Secretary shall cause to be sent to each member of the Quorum Court a copy of the meeting agenda and ordinances the Friday preceding the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE 4. Any general ordinance that does not comply with the requirements herein shall be deemed to be out of order if presented at a meeting of the Quorum Court, provided, however, that by a 2/3 vote of the members of the Quorum Court, the requirements herein may be suspended.

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ARTICLE 5. Once an ordinance is placed on an agenda, Robert’s Rules of Order, in its most recent version, shall govern, except where they are in conflict with the general laws of the County and the State.

ARTICLE 6. An ordinance shall not be reintroduced in less than one year if it once fails adoption by the Quorum Court, unless it relates specifically to the annual budget.

ARTICLE 7. Resolution 1979-01 is hereby repealed.

JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

DATE

BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: **JP Jim Wilson**
Date of Adoption:
Members Voting For:
Members Voting Against:
Members Abstaining:
Members Absent:

Committee History:
Quorum Court History:

FILED

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RESOLUTION NO. 79-1

COUNTY CLERK
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARK.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON; STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE TO BE USED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the proper introductions of ordinances is of vital concern to the Quorum Court of Washington County; and,

WHEREAS, there exists the need to have legal review of ordinances before they are presented at a meeting of the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, an efficient method for the introduction of ordinances is needed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Article 1. That the Quorum Court of Washington County recognizes the need for an efficient manner in which ordinances shall be introduced.

Article 2. That all general ordinances shall be presented to the Prosecuting Attorney, or his Deputy, by the member of the Quorum Court sponsoring that ordinance, in rough draft form at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Quorum Court meeting at which the member of the Quorum Court wishes to introduce the ordinance. The Prosecuting Attorney, or his Deputy, shall review the ordinance in rough draft form for legal sufficiency and prepare it in proper legal form.

Article 3. That the Prosecuting Attorney, or his Deputy, shall be responsible for presenting the ordinance in proper legal form to the County Clerk at least eight days prior to the meeting of the Quorum Court at which the ordinance is to be presented. The County Clerk shall cause to be sent to each member of the Quorum Court a copy of the said ordinance prior to the meeting of the Quorum Court at which the ordinance is to be presented.

Article 4. That appropriation ordinances shall be exempt from the requirements of this resolution; however, the member of the Quorum Court sponsoring the introduction of an appropriation ordinance shall be responsible for the preparation of that appropriation ordinance in proper form.

Article 5. That any ordinance that does not comply with the requirements herein, shall be deemed to be out of order if presented at a meeting of the Quorum Court; provided however, that by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Quorum Court, the requirements herein may be suspended.

Article 6. That resolutions shall also be subject to the requirements enumerated herein.

Article 7. That Resolution 77-2 is hereby repealed

DATED: 2-9-79

APPROVED: Charles A. Johnson
County Judge

ATTEST: Marilyn Edwards
County Clerk