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

Thursday December 16, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Washington County Courthouse

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9 Judge Joseph Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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11 Robert Dennis led prayer and the pledge.

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13 Members present were JP Lance Johnson, JP Shannon Marti, JP Sean Simons, JP Bill
14 Ussery, JP Patrick Deakins, JP Lisa Ecke, JP Sam Duncan, JP Shawndra Washington,
15 JP Eva Madison, JP Robert Dennis, JP Suki Highers, JP Evelyn Rios Stafford, JP Willie
16 Leming, JP Jim Wilson, and JP Butch Pond.

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18 A motion to move agenda by adding **Ordinance 21-O-124 AN ORDINANCE**
19 **APPROPRIATING \$501,324.10 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE**
20 **ROAD FUND (2000) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT**
21 **BUDGET (20000200) FOR 2022** to the agenda. A roll call vote was called and the votes
22 were tallied as follows:

23 JP Lance Johnson -No
24 JP Shannon Marti – No
25 JP Sean Simons – No
26 JP Bill Ussery – No
27 JP Patrick Deakins – No
28 JP Lisa Ecke – No
29 JP Sam Duncan – No
30 JP Shawndra Washington – Yes
31 JP Eva Madison – Yes
32 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
33 JP Suki Highers – Yes
34 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
35 JP Willie Leming – Yes
36 JP Jim Wilson - No
37 JP Butch Pond – Yes
38 The motion failed

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40 A motion was made to move item 11 behind item 9 was made by JP Leming and
41 seconded by JP Madison. A voice vote was called and all members unanimously voted
42 to approve the motion. A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was made by JP
43 Deakins and seconded by JP Simons. A voice vote was called and all members
44 unanimously voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

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46 A motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only was
47 made by JP Leming and seconded by JP Wilson. A voice vote was called and all
48 members unanimously voted to approve the motion.

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50 During citizen's comments, Richard Tiffany spoke about ADA access to public
51 meetings. Asa Hutchinson, Charles Savage, Renee Oelschlaeger and Nathan Crouch
52 spoke about the ER Mobile Services CUP request. Evelyn Rios Stafford spoke about a
53 Quorum Court inclusive environment and Beth Coger, Maeve Corteau made comments
54 on the spending of the American Rescue Plan Act funds

66 AND ZONING BOARD” a motion was made by JP Johnson and seconded by JP
67 Duncan to move to the Final Reading, motion passed with a voice vote. County Attorney
68 Brian Lester read the ordinance final time by title only. A motion was made to adopt the
69 ordinance by JP Leming and seconded by JP Johnson. Public comments were made by
70 David Sparks, Nancy Hayes, Nathan Crouch, Renee Oelschlaeger and Charles
71 Savage. JP Ponder made a Point of order regarding the mentioning of names by
72 citizens comments. A roll call vote was called and the votes were tallied as follows:

- 73 JP Lance Johnson -Yes
- 74 JP Shannon Marti – Yes
- 75 JP Sean Simons -Yes
- 76 JP Bill Ussery – Yes
- 77 JP Patrick Deakins – No
- 78 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes
- 79 JP Sam Duncan – No
- 80 JP Shawndra Washington – No
- 81 JP Eva Madison – No
- 82 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
- 83 JP Suki Highers – Yes
- 84 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
- 85 JP Willie Leming – No
- 86 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
- 87 JP Butch Pond – No
- 88 The motion was approved.

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90 Judge Joseph Wood introduced consent agenda items 9.1 through 9.7 and County
91 Attorney Brian Lester read each ordinance by title only; 9.1 21-O-140 “AN ORDINANCE
92 CHANGING THE TITLE AND GRADES OF VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE TAX
93 COLLECTOR BUDGET FOR 2022” sponsored by JP Lisa Ecke.

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95 9.2 21-O-136 “AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE LEAD DEPUTY
96 CORONER POSITION IN THE CORONER BUDGET FOR 2022” Sponsored by JP Lisa
97 Ecke.

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99 9.3 21-O-146 “AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE GRADES OF TWO POSITIONS IN
100 THE PROSECUTOR BUDGET FOR 2022; AND APPROPRIATING \$9,833.91 TO
101 VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE PROSECUTOR BUDGET FOR 2022” Sponsored by
102 JP Lisa Ecke

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104 9.4 21-O-137 “AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE
105 AMOUNT OF \$600; AND, ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT
106 OF \$300; AND, APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,106.74 FROM THE
107 GENERAL FUND (1000) AND EMERGENCY 911 FUND (3020) TO VARIOUS LINE
108 ITEMS IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET (1000.0500) AND THE
109 EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET (3020.0501) FOR 2021” sponsored by JP Patrick Deakins

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111 9.5 21-O-144 “AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$904,275
112 IN THE DEM GRANT FUND; AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$904,275 IN
113 THE DEM GRANT FUND TO VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGETS FOR
114 2021” sponsored by JP Patrick Deakins

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116 9.6 21-O-147 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-97 TO

128 JP Sam Duncan – Yes
129 JP Shawndra Washington – Yes
130 JP Eva Madison – Yes
131 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
132 JP Suki Highers – Yes
133 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
134 JP Willie Leming – Yes
135 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
136 JP Butch Pond – Yes
137 The motion was approved.

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139 **Ordinance 2021-110, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TITLE AND GRADES OF**
140 **VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE TAX COLLECTOR BUDGET FOR 2022, was adopted**

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142 **Ordinance 2021-111, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE LEAD**
143 **DEPUTY CORONER POSITION IN THE CORONER BUDGET FOR 2022, was**
144 **adopted**

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146 **Ordinance 2021-112, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE GRADES OF TWO**
147 **POSITIONS IN THE PROSECUTOR BUDGET FOR 2022; AND APPROPRIATING**
148 **\$9,833.91 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE PROSECUTOR BUDGET FOR 2022,**
149 **was adopted**

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151 **Ordinance 2021-113, AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN**
152 **THE AMOUNT OF \$600; AND, ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE**
153 **AMOUNT OF \$300; AND, APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,106.74**
154 **FROM THE GENERAL FUND (1000) AND EMERGENCY 911 FUND (3020) TO**
155 **VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET (1000.0500)**
156 **AND THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET (3020.0501) FOR 2021, was adopted**

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158 **Ordinance 2021-114, AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF**
159 **\$904,275 IN THE DEM GRANT FUND; AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF**
160 **\$904,275 IN THE DEM GRANT FUND TO VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY**
161 **BUDGETS FOR 2021, was adopted**

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163 **Ordinance 2021-115, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-97 TO**
164 **INCORPORATE AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE SHERIFF AND JAIL BUDGETS**
165 **FOR 2022, was adopted**

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168 Judge Joseph Wood brought agenda item 11.1 to the table sponsored by JP Leming,
169 and County Attorney Brian Lester read ordinance by title only “AN ORDINANCE
170 APPROPRIATING \$5,392,750 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
171 (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH PAYMENTS LINE ITEM IN THE 2022 AMERICAN
172 RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (30460568.3014) FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
173 RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION”
174 JP Leming made a motion to suspend rules and take to passage and seconded by JP
175 Pond, comments from various members of the court. JP Wilson moved to call the
176 question, second by JP Johnson voice call and passed. During public comments Gladys
177 Tiffany, Josh Moody, Maeve Corteau, Sarah Moore and Stacey Harper spoke. A roll call
178 vote was called and the votes were tallied as follows:

190 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
191 JP Willie Leming – Yes
192 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
193 JP Butch Pond – Yes
194 The motion was approved.

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196 **Ordinance 2021-116, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,392,750 FROM THE**
197 **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH**
198 **PAYMENTS LINE ITEM IN THE 2022 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET**
199 **(30460568.3014) FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION,**
200 **was adopted.**

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202 JP Leming introduced agenda item 10.1-10.2 and County Attorney Brian Lester read
203 ordinance by title only, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-13 TO
204 CHANGE CONDITIONS FOR JACKSON HWY TOWER SITE CUP” JP Leming made a
205 motion to suspend rules and advance ordinance to second reading and seconded by JP
206 Pond, a voice vote was and called and all members unanimously voted to approve the
207 motion. County Attorney Brian Lester read the ordinance by title only, “AN ORDINANCE
208 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-13 TO CHANGE CONDITIONS FOR JACKSON HWY
209 TOWER SITE CUP” JP Leming made a motion to suspend rules and move to Third and
210 Final reading, seconded by JP Pond. A voice vote was called and members
211 unanimously voted to approve the motion. Ordinance was read a Third and Final time
212 by County Attorney Brian Lester by title only, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
213 ORDINANCE 2013-13 TO CHANGE CONDITIONS FOR JACKSON HWY TOWER
214 SITE CUP” JP Leming made a motion to pass ordinance, seconded by JP Pond and a
215 roll call vote call was taken and passed unanimously to adopt the ordinance.

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217 **Ordinance 2021-117, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-13 TO**
218 **CHANGE CONDITIONS FOR JACKSON HWY TOWER SITE CUP, was adopted**

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220 JP Deakins introduced agenda item 12.1 County Attorney read the ordinance by title
221 only, “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,155,871 FROM THE AMERICAN
222 RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH PAYMENTS LINE ITEM
223 IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (30460568.3014) FOR 2022”. A
224 motion to adopt the ordinance was made by JP Deakins and seconded by JP Leming.
225 There were no public comments. A roll call vote was called and the votes were tallied as
226 follows:

227 JP Lance Johnson -Yes
228 JP Shannon Marti – Yes
229 JP Sean Simons -Yes
230 JP Bill Ussery – Yes
231 JP Patrick Deakins – Yes
232 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes
233 JP Sam Duncan – Yes
234 JP Shawndra Washington – No
235 JP Eva Madison – Abstain
236 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
237 JP Suki Highers – No
238 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
239 JP Willie Leming – Yes
240 JP Jim Wilson - Yes

252 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (30460568.3014) FOR UPSKILL NWA. JP
253 Duncan made a motion to pass item 13.1 and was seconded by JP Simons. Comments
254 were made by several members of the court and Jeff Foster, Stacey Harper, Carol
255 Morales, Robin Eazin were heard from with public comments. A roll call vote was called
256 and the votes were tallied as follows:

257 JP Lance Johnson -Yes
258 JP Shannon Marti – Yes
259 JP Sean Simons -Yes
260 JP Bill Ussery – Yes
261 JP Patrick Deakins – Yes
262 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes
263 JP Sam Duncan – Yes
264 JP Shawndra Washington – Abstain
265 JP Eva Madison – No
266 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
267 JP Suki Highers – Abstain
268 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – No
269 JP Willie Leming – No
270 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
271 JP Butch Pond – Yes
272 The motion was approved.

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274 **Ordinance 2021-119, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,900,000 FROM THE**
275 **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH**
276 **PAYMENTS LINE ITEM IN THE 2022 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET**
277 **(30460568.3014) FOR UPSKILL NWA, was adopted**

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279 Agenda item 14.1 sponsored by JP Deakins was introduced and County Attorney Brian
280 Lester read the ordinance by title only “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING
281 \$862,265.64 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO VARIOUS
282 LINE ITEMS IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 2022” A motion was made
283 by JP Deakins and seconded by JP Ussery, discussion by members of court were made
284 and JP Rios Stafford made a motion to amend the ordinance for the \$862,265.64 to be
285 taken of the unappropriated reserve funds of the Road Department instead of the
286 American Rescue Plan Act Fund, second was made by JP Highers. A roll call vote was
287 called the votes were tallied as follows:

288 JP Lance Johnson -No
289 JP Shannon Marti – No
290 JP Sean Simons -No
291 JP Bill Ussery – No
292 JP Patrick Deakins – No
293 JP Lisa Ecke – No
294 JP Sam Duncan – No
295 JP Shawndra Washington – Yes
296 JP Eva Madison – Yes
297 JP Robert Dennis – Abstain
298 JP Suki Highers – Yes
299 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
300 JP Willie Leming – Abstain
301 JP Jim Wilson - No
302 JP Butch Pond – Abstain

- 314 JP Patrick Deakins – Yes
- 315 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes
- 316 JP Sam Duncan – Yes
- 317 JP Shawndra Washington – Abstain
- 318 JP Eva Madison – Abstain
- 319 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
- 320 JP Suki Highers – Abstain
- 321 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – No
- 322 JP Willie Leming – Abstain
- 323 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
- 324 JP Butch Pond – Yes

325 The motion is approved.

326 **Ordinance 2021-120, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$862,265.64 FROM THE**
327 **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE**
328 **ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 2022, was adopted**
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330 JP Deakins introduced agenda item 15.1 and County Attorney Brian Lester read
331 ordinance by title only “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,974,898.20 FROM THE
332 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN
333 VARIOUS BUDGETS FOR 2022. A motion was made by JP Deakins to approve
334 ordinance and seconded by JP Ecke. Comments from JP Leming and JP Madison
335 made along with public comments from Josh Moody and Gladys Tiffany. A roll call vote
336 was called the votes were tallied as follows:

- 337 JP Lance Johnson -Yes
- 338 JP Shannon Marti – Yes
- 339 JP Sean Simons -Yes
- 340 JP Bill Ussey – Yes
- 341 JP Patrick Deakins – Yes
- 342 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes
- 343 JP Sam Duncan – No
- 344 JP Shawndra Washington – Yes
- 345 JP Eva Madison – Yes
- 346 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
- 347 JP Suki Highers – Abstain
- 348 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
- 349 JP Willie Leming – Yes
- 350 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
- 351 JP Butch Pond – Yes

352 The motion was approved.

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354 **Ordinance 2021-121, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,974,898.20 FROM THE**
355 **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN**
356 **VARIOUS BUDGETS FOR 2022, was adopted**
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358 Agenda items 16.1-16.4 were presented by Committee chairs, JP Duncan for County
359 Services Committee, JP Deakins with Finance & Budget Committee, JP Johnson with
360 Jails/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee and JP Ecke chair of Personnel Committee
361 referred members of court to the report being in the packet.
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363 The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm
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365 *Mura Collins*