

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

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

Thursday March 17, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Washington County Courthouse

2022 APR 25 PM 1:34
FILED
BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO., AR

9 Judge Joseph Wood called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

10
11 JP Willie Leming led the prayer and the pledge.

12
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 Evelyn Rios Stafford, JP Willie Leming, JP Jim
16 Wilson, and JP Butch Pond, members absent was JP Suki Highers.

17
18 A motion was made by JP Dennis to Approve the Agenda and second by JP Leming.
19 Motion passed and Agenda was adopted.

20
21 JP Duncan made a motion to suspend rules and read ordinances and resolutions by
22 title only. Second was made by JP Ecke motion unanimously approved.

23
24 Citizen's comments were taken from Quinn Foster, Britney Melton and Sarah Minion.

25
26 A motion to approve the February 17, 2022 minutes was made by JP Ecke and
27 seconded by JP Leming. A voice vote was called and all members unanimously voted
28 to approve the minutes.

29
30 Judge Wood presented to the Court a Purchasing Department Report of the Disposal of
31 County Property for January.

32 Judge Wood recognized Essie Belle Helm of Lincoln, AR for her 102 birthday. She has
33 6 children, 20 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren and 25 great great grandchildren.

34
35 Judge Wood also recognized the passing of former Washington County Sheriff, Bud
36 Dennis.

37
38 Judge Joseph Wood introduced item 8.1, sponsored by JP Willie Leming and was on
39 the third reading. County Attorney Brian Lester read by title only, "AN ORDINANCE
40 RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY
41 THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD" for the Sqwyr'l's Paradise CUP Item 22-O-010
42 JP Leming asked that owners speak about the CUP. After questions were taken from
43 the Quorum Court and discussion, JP Duncan called the question to the court with a
44 voice call, all approved.

45 There were no public comments.

46
47 A roll call vote was called and the votes were tallied as follows:

48 JP Lance Johnson -Yes
49 JP Shannon Marti – Yes
50 JP Sean Simons-Yes
51 JP Bill Ussery – Yes
52 JP Patrick Deakins – Yes
53 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes
54 JP Sam Duncan – Yes
55 JP Shawndra Washington – Abstain
56 JP Eva Madison – Yes
57 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
58 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
59 JP Willie Leming-Yes
60 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
61 JP Butch Pond – Yes
62 JP Suki Highers – Absent

63
64 Motion passed and "AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

65 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD” for**
66 **the Sqwyr’s Paradise CUP Item 22-O-010 was adopted ORD 2022-024.**
67

68
69 Judge Wood moved on to item 9.1 which was also on the third reading and was read by
70 title only by County Attorney Brian Lester, “AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A
71 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING**
72 **AND ZONING BOARD” Premier Storage Item 22-O-013, JP Deakins, recommended to**
73 **pass ordinance.**

74 No public comments.

75
76 A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

77 **“AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED**
78 **FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD” Premier Storage Item**
79 **22-O-013 was adopted ORD 2022-25.**
80

81 Judge Wood introduced item 10.1, which Sita Nanthavon, Senior Planner, from
82 Washington County Planning gave a presentation regarding the Nazareth Retreat
83 Center CUP Appeal. Jorge DuQuesne with Blew & Associates speaking in behalf of the
84 owner Cruz Ortiz.

85
86 JP Deakins made a motion to affirm the denial, “AN ORDINANCE DENYING A
87 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING**
88 **AND ZONING BOARD” Item 22-O-039 (12.1) with a second from JP Ecke.**

89
90 There were discussions among the board and public comments were heard from Cindy
91 and Clint Harp, Scott Phillips and James Key.

92
93 County Attorney, Brian Lester read the ordinance by title only for the first reading.
94 JP Ecke made a motion to suspend rules and move to the second reading a second
95 was made by JP Deakins and a roll call vote was taken and votes tallied as follows:

96 JP Lance Johnson -No

97 JP Shannon Marti – Yes

98 JP Sean Simons-Yes

99 JP Bill Ussery – Yes

100 JP Patrick Deakins – Yes

101 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes

102 JP Sam Duncan – Absent

103 JP Shawndra Washington – No

104 JP Eva Madison – No

105 JP Robert Dennis – Yes

106 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes

107 JP Willie Leming-Yes

108 JP Jim Wilson - Yes

109 JP Butch Pond – No

110 JP Suki Highers – Absent

111 Motion to move on the second reading failed. Ordinance will move to second reading for
112 April Quorum Court Meeting.

113
114 Consent Agenda Items 13.1-13.8 were read by title only by County Attorney, Brian
115 Lester. JP Deakins made a motion to adopt the ordinances in the consent agenda with
116 a second from JP Ussery, a roll call vote was taken and was unanimously passed and
117 the following ordinances were adopted.

118
119 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$61,784.63 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED**
120 **RESERVES OF THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE CIRCUIT**
121 **COURT IV BUDGET (1000404) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-016 (13.1) ORD 2022-026**
122

123 **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE GRADE OF THE GIS MAPPING SPECIALIST**
124 **POSITION IN THE IT BUDGET; AND APPROPRIATING \$57,544.06 FROM VARIOUS**
125 **FUNDS TO VARIOUS BUDGETS FOR 2022 Item 22-O-021 (13.2) ORD 2022-027**
126

127 **AN ORDINANCE PROJECTING REVENUES AND CARRYOVER TOTALING**
128 **\$7,496,055.79 IN VARIOUS FUNDS; AND APPROPRIATING EXPENDITURES OF**
129 **\$7,496,055.79 TO VARIOUS FUNDS AND BUDGET LINE ITEMS FOR 2022** Item 22-
130 O-026 (13.1-13.3A&B) ORD 2022-028

131
132 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$88,546.30 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED**
133 **RESERVES IN THE GENERAL (1000) AND JAIL (3017) FUNDS FOR THE**
134 **PURCHASE OF TASERS** Item 22-O-030 (13.4) ORD 2022-029

135
136 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$109,386.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED**
137 **RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND (1000) TO THE VEHICLES LINE ITEM IN THE**
138 **ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BUDGET (10000702) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-031 (13.5)
139 ORD 2022-030

140
141 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$33,020 FROM THE ANIMAL SHELTER**
142 **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE ANIMAL SHELTER**
143 **SPECIAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-032 (13.6) ORD 2022-031

144
145 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$134,118.65; AND,**
146 **APPROPRIATING \$134,118.65 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE**
147 **GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET (0400)**
148 **AND JAIL BUDGET (0418) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-034 (13.7) ORD 2022-032

149
150 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,550.00 IN THE**
151 **ANIMAL SHELTER GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$19,550.00 FROM THE**
152 **ANIMAL SHELTER GRANT FUND (3515) TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER GRANT FUND**
153 **BUDGET (35150308) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-035 (13.8) ORD 2022-033

154
155 Judge Wood introduced item 14.1 and Brian Lester read by title only, "AN ORDINANCE
156 APPROPRIATING \$335,785.55 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
157 (3046) TO THE ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE LINE ITEM IN THE AMERICAN
158 RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (30460568.3004) FOR 2022" Item 22-O-033.

159
160 JP Deakins made a motion to pass item 14.1 and a second by JP Ecke. There were
161 discussions among the court and JP Rios Stafford made a motion to amend the
162 ordinance to come out of Replacement Fund instead of The American Rescue Plan Act
163 Fund.

164 A roll call vote was taken and votes tallied as follows:

165 JP Lance Johnson -No
166 JP Shannon Marti – No
167 JP Sean Simons-No
168 JP Bill Ussery – No
169 JP Patrick Deakins – No
170 JP Lisa Ecke – No
171 JP Sam Duncan – No
172 JP Shawndra Washington – Yes
173 JP Eva Madison – Yes
174 JP Robert Dennis – No
175 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – Yes
176 JP Willie Leming-No
177 JP Jim Wilson - No
178 JP Butch Pond – No
179 JP Suki Highers – Absent

180 The motion to amend failed, and original motion back on the floor.

181
182 No further discussion from court. Public comments were heard by Quinn Foster, Josh
183 Moody, Kathy Short, Gladys Tiffany, Dawn Cannon, Cindy Harp, and Sarah Moore.

184
185 A roll call vote was taken and votes tallied as follows:

186 JP Lance Johnson -Yes
187 JP Shannon Marti – Yes
188 JP Sean Simons-Yes

189 JP Bill Ussery – Yes
190 JP Patrick Deakins – Yes
191 JP Lisa Ecke – Yes
192 JP Sam Duncan – Yes
193 JP Shawndra Washington – No
194 JP Eva Madison – No
195 JP Robert Dennis – Yes
196 JP Evelyn Rios-Stafford – No
197 JP Willie Leming-Yes
198 JP Jim Wilson - Yes
199 JP Butch Pond – Yes
200 JP Suki Highers – Absent

201
202 The motion passed and item 14.1 **“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$335,785.55**
203 **FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE**
204 **ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE LINE ITEM IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**
205 **BUDGET (30460568.3004) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-033 (14.1) **ADOPTED ORD 2022-034**
206

207 Judge Wood introduced item 15.1 and County Attorney, Brian Lester read by title only, “AN
208 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$15,883.80 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES
209 OF THE GENERAL FUND (1000) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE VETERAN
210 SERVICES BUDGET (10000800) FOR 2022” item 22-O-036 (15.1)

211
212 JP Deakins made a motion to pass item 15.1 with a second from JP Ussery.
213 There were no discussion or public comments.

214 A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously and **“AN ORDINANCE**
215 **APPROPRIATING \$15,883.80 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE**
216 **GENERAL FUND (1000) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE VETERAN SERVICES**
217 **BUDGET (10000800) FOR 2022”** item 22-O-036 (15.1) **was adopted ORD 2022-035.**
218

219 Item 16.1 was introduced and read by title only, AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING
220 REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$404,265; AND, APPROPRIATING SAID \$404,265 TO
221 VARIOUS FUNDS IN VARIOUS BUDGETS FOR 2022. Item 22-O-037 (16.1)

222 JP Deakins made a motion to pass ordinance and a second by JP Ussery, there was
223 discussion among the board. There were no public comments.
224

225 A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously and **“AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING**
226 **REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$404,265; AND, APPROPRIATING SAID \$404,265 TO**
227 **VARIOUS FUNDS IN VARIOUS BUDGETS FOR 2022.** Item 22-O-037 (16.1) **was adopted**
228 **ORD 2022-036.**
229

230 A report was given by Chair Patrick Deakins on Finance & Budget Committee.
231

232 The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday, March 8, 2022. There were reports given
233 on the Treasurer, Employees’ Insurance and Comptroller. The Committee revisited
234 Unfinished Business on three ordinances, two were passed on to Quorum Court and one
235 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$256,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
236 FUND (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH PAYMENTS LINE ITEM IN THE 2021
237 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (30460568.3014) FOR THE HOMESTEAD
238 SUBDIVISION Item 21-O-098 was tabled indefinitely. There were nine ordinances on new
239 business that were passed on to Quorum Court.
240

241 Committee Reports were given for Jails/LE/Courts by Chair Lance Johnson.
242

243 The Jails/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee met on Monday, March 7, 2022. There were
244 Statistic Reports given by the Juvenile Detention Center Director, along with reports from
245 the Sheriff’s Enforcement, and Detention. Chief Deputy Jay Cantrell gave information on an
246 incident from the previous week that required the Sheriff’s office to be in the Morrow area
247 for an extended amount of time. He spoke of the generosity of the Morrow Store owners,
248 Clark and Jackie Reed, and how much they were appreciated. The Committee was given
249 updates from Drew Smith, Matt Durrett and Nick Robbins from the Criminal Justice
250 Coordinating Committee.
251
252

253 There were no County Services or Personnel Committee Meetings for the month of March.

254

255 The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM

256

257 *Myra Collins*

258 Myra Collins

259 Quorum Court Coordinator

260 *Approved MC*

261 *April 21, 2022*