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

Thursday, June 16, 2022
6:00 PM
Washington County Courthouse

2022 JUL 25 PM 9:05
BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

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10 In Judge Joseph Wood's absence, JP Sean Simons called the meeting to order at 6:00
11 PM.

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

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17 First order of business was to elect a chair to preside over the meeting, JP Deakins
18 made a motion to elect JP Simons to chair the meeting with a second by JP Leming. All
19 in favor and motion passed.

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21 Prayer and Pledge was led by JP Johnson.

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23 JP Deakins moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by JP Wilson. The
24 agenda was adopted by voice vote.

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26 JP Deakins made a motion to suspend the rules and read ordinances and resolutions
27 by title only. JP Ussery seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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29 Citizen Comments were heard from Lowell Taylor, Lisa Davison, Attorney Jacob
30 Newcomb, Megan Hammerack, and Mark Scalise with time running out for public
31 comments, JP Washington made a motion to extend public comment time by 9 minutes.
32 JP Pond seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote. Public comments were
33 made by Earnest Overton, Jim McDowell and Terry Davis.

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35 Minutes from May 26, 2022 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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37 A County Judge Report was presented. The report included a Monthly Disposal report
38 and a recommendation to appoint Ruby Wells to the County Library Board. JP Pond
39 made a motion with a second from JP Deakins. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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41 JP Simons introduced item 8 under new business which was the consent agenda.
42 County Attorney, Brian Lester read ordinances by title only. JP Deakins made a motion
43 to approve the Consent Agenda. JP Wilson seconded the motion. There was no
44 discussion or public comment.

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46 A roll call vote was taken for the consent agenda and votes were tallied as follows:

47 JP Johnson-Yes
48 JP Marti-Yes
49 JP Simons-Yes
50 JP Ussery-Yes
51 JP Deakins-Yes

63 COURT GRANT FUND (3513) FOR 2022; AND, APPROPRIATING SAID REVENUE
64 TO VARIOUS BUDGETS WITHIN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND (3513) FOR
65 2022 Item 22-O-057 (8.1) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-053

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67 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$904,275 IN THE
68 DEM GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$904,275 FROM
69 THE DEM GRANT FUND (35117109) TO VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY
70 BUDGETS FOR 2022 Item 22-O-058 (8.2) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-054

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72 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE PAY OF AN EMPLOYEE IN THE BUILDINGS
73 AND GROUNDS BUDGET; AND, APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
74 \$6,804.42 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND (1000)
75 VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET (10000108)
76 FOR 2022 Item 22-O-059 (8.3) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-055

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78 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE GRADE OF THE DEM EXECUTIVE
79 ADMINISTRATOR/EOC MANGER POSITION IN THE DEM BUDGET; AND,
80 APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,366.69 FROM THE
81 UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEM BUDGET
82 FOR 2022 Item 22-O-061 (8.4) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-056

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84 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TITLE OF CORPORAL AND ADULT DETENTION
85 OFFICER/DEPUTY FIRST CLASS TO ADO/DFC/CORPORAL FLEX SLOT IN THE
86 SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR 2022 Item 22-O-062 (8.5) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-057

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88 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE PAY OF ONE POSITION IN THE SHERIFF'S
89 BUDGET FOR 2022; AND, APPROPRIATING \$2,164.27 FROM THE
90 UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SHERIFF'S
91 BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-064 (8.6) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-058

92 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TITLE OF DEPUTY FIRST CLASS TO DEPUTY
93 FIRST CLASS/CORPORAL FLEX SLOT IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR 2022
94 Item 22-O-065 (8.7) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-059

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96 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE PAY OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER;
97 AND, APPROPRIATING \$4,095.15 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN
98 THE GENERAL FUND TO THE TREASURER'S BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-066
99 (8.8) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-060

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101 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TITLE OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE
102 TECHNICIAN IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET TO FACILITIES HVAC
103 TECHNICIAN FOR 2022 Item 22-O-067 (8.9) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-061

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105 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE PAY OF AN EMPLOYEE IN THE BUILDINGS
106 AND GROUNDS BUDGET; AND, APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
107 \$8,607.41 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND (1000)
108 VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET (10000108)
109 FOR 2022 Item 22-O-068 (8.10) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-062

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111 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-028 TO CORRECT AN
112 ACCOUNTING ERROR Item 22-O-069 (8.11) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-063
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125 from Clint Schnekloth, Sarah Moore and Lowell Taylor.

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

128 JP Johnson-Yes

129 JP Marti-Yes

130 JP Simons-Yes

131 JP Ussery-Yes

132 JP Deakins-Yes

133 JP Ecke-Yes

134 JP Washington-Yes

135 JP Dennis-Yes

136 JP Rios Stafford-Yes

137 JP Leming-Yes

138 JP Wilson-Yes

139 JP Pond-Yes

140 JP Duncan, JP Madison and JP Higher-Absent

141 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING THE**

142 **DETENTION AND COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL SALARY ADMINISTRATION**

143 **PROGRAM WITHIN DETENTION AND SHERIFFS BUDGETS FOR 2022; AND,**

144 **CHANGING THE PAY RANGE STRUCTURE FOR DETENTION AND**

145 **COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL** Item 22-O-060 (9.1) was ADOPTED **ORD 2022-065**

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147 Item 10.1 was introduced by JP Simons and read by title only by County Attorney

148 Lester. AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LEGAL ADVISOR POSITION IN THE

149 SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-063 (10.1) JP Pond made a motion with a

150 second by JP Leming there was no discussion among the court. Public comments were

151 made by Beth Coger. JP Washington brought questions from a Washington County

152 constituent and Sheriff Helder addressed the questions. With no further discussion a roll

153 call vote was taken and votes were tallied as follows:

154 JP Johnson-Yes

155 JP Marti-Yes

156 JP Simons-Yes

157 JP Ussery-Yes

158 JP Deakins-Yes

159 JP Ecke-Yes

160 JP Washington-Abstain

161 JP Dennis-Yes

162 JP Rios Stafford-No

163 JP Leming-Yes

164 JP Wilson-Yes

165 JP Pond-Yes

166 JP Duncan, JP Madison and JP Higher-Absent

167 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LEGAL ADVISOR POSITION**

168 **IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-063 (10.1) was ADOPTED **ORD**

169 **2022-066**

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171 Item 11 on the agenda was Committee reports. County Services did not meet for the

172 month of June.

173 JP Deakins, Chair of The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

174 There were reports given on the Treasurer, Employees' Insurance and Comptroller. The

175 Committee Chairman JP Deakins gave reminder comments for the 2023 Budget

187 7:11PM.

188 The Personnel Committee met on Monday, June 6, 2022. Vice Chair JP Butch Pond
189 presided over the meeting. JP Dennis led prayer and pledge. There were 10
190 ordinances passed on to Finance & Budget. There were no public comments.

191 With no further business the Quorum Court was adjourned at 6:52PM

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193 *Myra Collins*

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195 Quorum Court Coordinator

196 *Approved MC*

197 *July 21, 2022*