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

Thursday, August 18, 2022
6:00 PM
Washington County Courthouse

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

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11 The following members were present, JP Johnson, JP Marti, JP Simons, JP Ussery, JP
12 Deakins, JP Ecke, JP Duncan, JP Washington, JP Dennis, JP Highers, JP Rios
13 Stafford, JP Leming, JP Wilson, and JP Pond. JP Madison was absent.

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15 Prayer and Pledge was led by JP Ecke.

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17 JP Leming made a motion to adopt the agenda and second from JP Washington,
18 motion was passed with a voice vote.

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20 JP Leming made a motion to suspend rules and read ordinances and resolutions by title
21 only, second from JP Dennis. Motion passed with voice vote.

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23 Citizen Comments were heard from Richard Tiffany, Danielle Howerton and Sarah
24 Moore.

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26 JP Leming made a motion to adopt the Minutes from July 21, 2022 and a second was
27 made by JP Rios Stafford. Motion passed with a voice vote.

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29 A County Judge report was presented. In the report was a Monthly Disposal Report and
30 Judge Wood highlighted a couple of items, one was recognizing the Sheriff, Tim Helder
31 for his role in School Safety Law Enforcement Task force with the Governor's Office. An
32 update was given on the Crisis Stabilization Unit. Lastly the Judge recognized the IT
33 department winning 5th place for their population at the National County Awards for the
34 Digital County Survey.

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36 Judge Wood introduced item 8 and County Attorney Lester read it by title only, AN
37 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED
38 RESERVES IN THE ROAD FUND (20000200) TO THE FUELS, OIL, AND
39 LUBRICANTS LINE ITEM IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET (20000200.2007)
40 FOR 2022 Item 22-O-083(8.1) JP Duncan made a motion to approve ordinance with a
41 second from JP Pond. There were discussions among the board and no public
42 comments.

43 The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote and **AN ORDINANCE**
44 **APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE**
45 **ROAD FUND (20000200) TO THE FUELS, OIL, AND LUBRICANTS LINE ITEM IN**
46 **THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET (20000200.2007) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-083(8.1)
47 was **ADOPTED ORD 2022-79**

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49 Item 9 was presented by Judge Wood with County Attorney Lester reading by title only,
50 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED
51 RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
52 LINE ITEM IN THE COUNTY ASSESSOR BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-084(9.1) JP
53 Simons made a motion to approve ordinance and second was made by JP Leming.
54 There was no discussion.

55 A roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously and **AN ORDINANCE**
56 **APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE**
57 **GENERAL FUND TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE**
58 **COUNTY ASSESSOR BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-084(9.1) was **ADOPTED ORD**
59 **2022-80**

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61 Judge Wood introduced item 10 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, AN
62 ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TITLES OF VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE HUMAN

63 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR Item 22-O-085(10.1) JP Lisa Ecke made a motion
64 to approve ordinance with a second from JP Dennis.

65 There was no discussion.

66 The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote and **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING**
67 **THE TITLES OF VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES**
68 **DEPARTMENT FOR Item 22-O-085(10.1) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-81**

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70 Item 11 was introduced by Judge Wood and read by County Attorney Lester by title
71 only, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-97, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET
72 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO AMEND SHERIFF BUDGET (0400) AND JAIL (0418)
73 FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STIPEND Item 22-O-086(11.1) JP Lance Johnson made a
74 motion to amend the ordinance to change wording from “is anticipating” to “hereby recognizes”
75 and the money reflect instead of “\$885,384” that “\$528,771” from General Fund(1000) and
76 “\$356,613” from unappropriated reserves in the Jail Fund (3017). Motion was seconded by JP
77 Duncan. There was no discussion and motion passed with a voice vote.

78 JP Johnson made a motion to pass the ordinance as amended with JP Deakins making a
79 second. There was no discussion.

80 Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote and **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING**
81 **ORDINANCE 2021-97, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022**
82 **TO AMEND SHERIFF BUDGET (0400) AND JAIL (0418) FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT**
83 **STIPEND Item 22-O-086(11.1) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-82**

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85 Judge Wood introduced item 12 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, AN
86 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$482,313.27 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN
87 THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE
88 EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-087(12.1). JP Johnson made a motion to
89 approve the ordinance with a second. JP Deakins made a motion to amend the ordinance to
90 have funds come out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with a second from JP Ecke.
91 Discussion was heard among the court, no public comment. The motion to amend ordinance
92 passed with a voice vote. JP Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended
93 and was seconded. There was no discussion or public comments.

94 A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

95 JP Johnson-Yes

96 JP Marti-Yes

97 JP Simons-Yes

98 JP Ussery-Yes

99 JP Deakins-Yes

100 JP Ecke-Yes

101 JP Duncan-Yes

102 JP Washington-No

103 JP Dennis-Yes

104 JP Highers-Yes

105 JP Rios Stafford-Abstain

106 JP Leming-Yes

107 JP Wilson-Yes

108 JP Pond-Yes

109 JP Madison- Absent

110 Motion passed as amended and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$482,313.27**
111 **FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND TO THE OTHER**
112 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET FOR**
113 **2022 item22-O-087 (12.1) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-83**

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115 Item 13 was introduced and read by County Attorney Lester by title only, AN
116 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$640,000 FROM THE
117 UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LEASE –
118 MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM IN THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET FOR
119 2022 Item 22-O-088 (13.1). JP Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance with
120 a second. During court discussion JP Deakins made a motion to amend and have funds
121 appropriated from the American Rescue Plans Act Funds. Second was made by JP
122 Ecke motion passed with a voice vote. JP Johnson made a motion to approve
123 ordinance as amended with second from JP Deakins. There was no discussion among
124 the court. Public comments were heard.

125 A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

- 126 JP Johnson-Yes
- 127 JP Marti-Yes
- 128 JP Simons-Yes
- 129 JP Ussery-Yes
- 130 JP Deakins-Yes
- 131 JP Ecke-Yes
- 132 JP Duncan-Yes
- 133 JP Washington-No
- 134 JP Dennis-Yes
- 135 JP Highers-No
- 136 JP Rios Stafford-No
- 137 JP Leming-Yes
- 138 JP Wilson-Yes
- 139 JP Pond-Yes
- 140 JP Madison- Absent

141 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF**
142 **\$640,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND TO THE LEASE –**
143 **MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM IN THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET**
144 **FOR item 22-O-088 (13.1) was ADOPTED ORD 2022-84 .**

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146 County Services Chair JP Sam Duncan with committee reports. The County Services
147 Committee met on Thursday July 28, 2022. The Committee passed AN ORDINANCE
148 APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE
149 ROAD FUND (20000200) TO THE FUELS, OIL, AND LUBRICANTS LINE ITEM IN THE
150 ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET (20000200.2007) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-083 on to
151 Finance & Budget. The Committee also had discussion on ARPA Fund Guidelines.

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153 JP Deakins, Chair of Finance & Budget gave reports on the Committee. The Finance &
154 Budget Committee met Tuesday, July 26, 2022. There were budget reviews on the
155 Collector, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Circuit Court II, and Circuit Court III.
156 The Finance & Budget Committee met Thursday July 28, 2022. There were budget
157 reviews on the Assessor, Circuit Court I, Circuit Court V, Circuit Court VI and Public
158 Defender.
159 The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday August 9, 2022. Reports given on the
160 Treasurer, Employees' Insurance and Comptroller. There was one budget review with
161 Circuit Court VIII. The Committee passed 6 ordinances to the Quorum Court. Public
162 comments were heard and meeting was adjourned.

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164 Chair of Jails/Law Enforcement/Courts JP Lance Johnson reported The Jails/Law
165 Enforcement/Courts Committee met on Monday, August 8, 2022. Statistic Reports were
166 given by the Juvenile Detention Center Director, along with reports from the Sheriff's
167 Enforcement, and Detention. The Committee heard updates from the Criminal Justice
168 Coordinating Committee and gave a target date of the Crisis Stabilization Unit starting
169 up of August 16, 2022. Under New Business there were three ordinances passed on to
170 Finance & Budget

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172 Chair JP Lisa Ecke reported The Personnel Committee met on Monday, August 8,
173 2022. The Committee amended the agenda to add two items. One was a request from
174 Circuit Court Division III- Judge Zimmerman, and the other was from Circuit Court
175 Division VIII-Judge Warren. These request only needed to go through JESAP and
176 Personnel. One ordinance was sent on to Finance & Budget. During Chairman's report
177 it was stated in the future meetings the Committee was going to be looking at updating
178 the Washington County Employee handbook.

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180 With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:44PM

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182 Myra Collins
183 Quorum Court Coordinator
184 *Approved MC*
185 *September 15, 2022*