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

Thursday, October 20, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Washington County Courthouse

BECKY LEWALLEN  
CO. & PROBATE CLERK  
WASHINGTON CO. AR

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10 Judge Joseph Wood called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

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

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16 Prayer and Pledge was led by Springdale Mayor, Doug Sprouse.

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

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21 JP Deakins made a motion to suspend rules and read ordinances and resolutions by  
22 title only, second from JP Ecke, motion passed with voice vote.

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24 Citizen Comments were heard from Dwight Gonzales, Angela Ledgerwood, Ben Dykes,  
25 Russell Hill, Alyssa Mason, Kathy Giddens and Beth Coger

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27 JP Ecke made a motion to adopt the Minutes from September 15, 2022 and a second  
28 was made by JP Dennis. Motion passed with a voice vote.

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30 A County Judge report was presented. The Monthly Disposal Report was in the packet.  
31 Judge Wood recognized that on October 17th was Washington County's 194<sup>th</sup> birthday  
32 as a county. All mayors from the cities of Washington County were invited and in  
33 attendance was Springdale Mayor Doug Sprouse, Tontitown Mayor, Angela Russell and  
34 Prairie Grove Mayor, Sonny Hudson. Judge Wood thanked all of the Elected Officials  
35 and Justice of the Peace along with the employees of Washington County. Judge  
36 presented a book about the history of all of the Judges of Washington County.

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38 Judge introduced item 8.1 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, AN  
39 ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR  
40 APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD - Lodge at Water's Edge 22-O-  
41 112. JP Deakins made a motion to suspend rules and move the ordinance to the  
42 second reading. A second was made by JP Duncan and the motion passed with a voice  
43 vote. County Attorney Lester gave a second reading by title only. JP Deakins made a  
44 motion to move ordinance to a third and final reading with JP Leming second and  
45 passing with a voice vote. County Attorney Lester read for the third and final time. JP  
46 Deakins made a motion to approve ordinance and a second from JP Simons. There  
47 was no discussion or Public comments.

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

49 JP Johnson-Yes

50 JP Marti-Yes

51 JP Simons-Yes

52 JP Ussery-Yes

53 JP Deakins-Yes

54 JP Ecke-Yes

55 JP Washington-Yes

56 JP Dennis-Yes

57 JP Highers-Yes

58 JP Rios Stafford-Yes

59 JP Leming-Yes

60 JP Wilson-Yes

61 JP Pond-Yes

62 JP Duncan and JP Madison-Absent

63 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**  
64 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD -**  
65 **Lodge at Water's Edge 22-O-112 was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-88**  
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67 Item 9.1 was introduced and a presentation was given by Blake Chapman on J&J  
68 Concrete. Attorney Andrew Myers represented client, Jessica Serrano of J&J Concrete  
69 CUP. Discussion was heard from the Court. Sam Ata with Planning gave some more  
70 information of CUP process. Attorney Doug Brammel spoke, represented the Meltons.  
71 Comments were heard by neighbors.

72 JP Deakins made a motion to approve the denial of ordinance with a second from JP  
73 Leming and County Attorney Lester read ordinance by title only, AN ORDINANCE  
74 APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE  
75 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD - J&J Concrete Pumping 22-O-113 (11.1) on the first  
76 reading and will move to the next month for the second reading.  
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78 Judge Wood introduced item 12.1-12.10, the consent agenda and County Attorney Lester  
79 read all ordinances by title only, 12.1 22-O-093 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING  
80 REVENUE TOTALING \$1,082,000 IN THE CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT (CSU)  
81 GRANT FUND TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE CSU  
82 GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR 2022  
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84 12.2 22-O-094 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING AND, APPROPRIATING \$14,804  
85 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE JAG GRANT BUDGET FOR  
86 2022  
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88 12.3 22-O-097 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$31,167  
89 IN THE JDC GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$31,167 FROM THE JDC GRANT  
90 FUND TO THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER GRANT-IN-AID 2022-2023 BUDGET  
91 FOR 2022  
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93 12.4 22-O-099 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF  
94 \$18,115.62 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO  
95 VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET FOR 2022  
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97 12.5 22-O-100 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE  
98 AMOUNT OF \$13,410 IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND,  
99 APPROPRIATING \$13,410 FROM THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519)  
100 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET  
101 (35191401) FOR 2022  
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103 12.6 22-O-101 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE  
104 AMOUNT OF \$21,450 IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND,  
105 APPROPRIATING \$21,450 FROM THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519)  
106 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET  
107 (35191400) FOR 2022  
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109 12.7 22-O-102 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF  
110 \$135,259.70 IN THE FEMA COVID 19 PROJECT FUND (3400); AND, APPROPRIATING  
111 \$135,259.70 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE FEMA GRANT FUND (3400) FOR 2022  
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113 12.8 22-O-103 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF  
114 \$120,091.37 IN THE FEMA COVID 19 PROJECT FUND (3400); AND, APPROPRIATING  
115 \$120,091.37 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE FEMA GRANT FUND (3400) FOR 2022  
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117 12.9 22-O-104 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING REVENUES OF \$95,000 IN THE  
118 ARKANSAS HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM (AHPP) GRANT FUND  
119 (35180634); AND, APPROPRIATING \$95,000 TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
120 LINE ITEM IN THE AHPP BUDGET FOR 2022-2023  
121

122 12.10 22-O-105 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INNOVATION GRANT FUND;  
123 AND, APPROPRIATING REVENUE FROM SAID FUND TO THE OTHER  
124 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

125 BUDGET FOR 2022

126 JP Deakins made a motion to pass Consent Agenda with a second from JP Simons.

127 A roll call vote was taken and 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 Duncan-Yes

135 JP Washington-Yes

136 JP Dennis-Yes

137 JP Highers-Yes

138 JP Rios Stafford-Yes

139 JP Leming-Yes

140 JP Wilson-Yes

141 JP Pond-Yes

142 JP Madison- Absent

143 Motion passed and the following ordinances were approved.

144 **AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING REVENUE TOTALING \$1,082,000 IN THE CRISIS**  
145 **STABILIZATION UNIT (CSU) GRANT FUND TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL**  
146 **SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE CSU GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR 2022 item 22-O-093**  
147 **was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-89**

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149 **AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING AND, APPROPRIATING \$14,804 FROM THE LAW**  
150 **ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE JAG GRANT BUDGET FOR 2022 item 22-O-**  
151 **094 was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-90**

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153 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$31,167 IN THE**  
154 **JDC GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$31,167 FROM THE JDC GRANT FUND**  
155 **TO THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER GRANT-IN-AID 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR**  
156 **2022 item 22-O-097 was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-91**

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158 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$18,115.62 FROM THE**  
159 **UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS**  
160 **IN THE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET FOR 2022 item 22-O-099 was ADOPTED**  
161 **as ORD 2022-92**

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163 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
164 **\$13,410 IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING**  
165 **\$13,410 FROM THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519) TO VARIOUS LINE**  
166 **ITEMS IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET (35191401) FOR 2022 item**  
167 **22-O-100 was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-93**

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169 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
170 **\$21,450 IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING**  
171 **\$21,450 FROM THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519) TO VARIOUS LINE**  
172 **ITEMS IN THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET (35191400) FOR 2022 item**  
173 **22-O-101 was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-94**

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175 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,259.70 IN THE**  
176 **FEMA COVID 19 PROJECT FUND (3400); AND, APPROPRIATING \$135,259.70 TO**  
177 **VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE FEMA GRANT FUND (3400) FOR 2022 item 22-O-102**  
178 **was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-95**

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180 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,091.37 IN THE**  
181 **FEMA COVID 19 PROJECT FUND (3400); AND, APPROPRIATING \$120,091.37 TO**  
182 **VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE FEMA GRANT FUND (3400) FOR 2022 item 22-O-103**  
183 **was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-96**

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185 **AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING REVENUES OF \$95,000 IN THE ARKANSAS**  
186 **HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM (AHPP) GRANT FUND (35180634); AND,**

187 **APPROPRIATING \$95,000 TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN**  
188 **THE AHPP BUDGET FOR 2022-2023** item 22-O-104 was **ADOPTED** as ORD 2022-97

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190 **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INNOVATION GRANT FUND; AND,**  
191 **APPROPRIATING REVENUE FROM SAID FUND TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL**  
192 **SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET FOR 2022** item  
193 **22-O-105 was ADOPTED** as ORD 2022-098

194  
195 Item 13 was introduced and read by title only by County Attorney Lester, AN  
196 **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR**  
197 **THE FISCAL AND CALENDAR YEAR 2023 13.1 22-O-09.** JP Deakins made a motion  
198 to amend the budget to include \$50,000 for the Coroners 2023 budget, with a second  
199 from JP Ussery, passed with a voice vote.

200 JP Duncan made a motion to amend the budget to include mobile video recorders for  
201 the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$336,000, second by JP Wilson and passed with a  
202 voice vote.

203 JP Rios Stafford made a point of order that the salary administration would have to be  
204 amended to add to budget

205 JP Ecke made a point of order that the movement of the salary administration was not  
206 clear and the recommendation was that the elected officials got with HR to make  
207 collaborative amendments before court would hear a proposal. JP Ecke made a motion  
208 that the presentation be moved back to Personnel and Finance and Budget and Elected  
209 Officials and HR to see an error free proposal. Second was made by JP Highers. Court  
210 had discussion. A voice vote was taken and passed to pull out the Salary Proposal from  
211 the budget.

212 JP Rios Stafford made a motion to add special legal line items into budget for Sheriff,  
213 Collector and Circuit Clerk. Question was made by JP Deakins that the Sheriff's office  
214 had their own legal. JP Rios Stafford made an amendment to her amendment to add  
215 \$20,000 special legal for Collector and \$75,000 for Circuit Clerk, JP Highers made  
216 second to the amended amendment. Voice vote was taken and failed and JP Rios  
217 Stafford withdrew original amendment.

218 Ordinance will move to next month's Quorum Court for second reading.

219  
220 Item 14.1 was introduced by Judge Wood and County Attorney Lester read ordinance  
221 by title only, **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING \$96,191 FROM**  
222 **THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE SCAAP FY2020 BUDGET FOR**  
223 **2022** item 22-O-095 (14.1) JP Deakins made a motion to approve the ordinance and  
224 second by JP Ecke. Discussion was heard by the court from JP Rios Stafford and JP  
225 Ecke called a Point of order to stick to the ordinance. Public comments were heard.  
226 A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

227 JP Johnson-Yes

228 JP Marti-Yes

229 JP Simons-Yes

230 JP Ussery-Yes

231 JP Deakins-Yes

232 JP Ecke-Yes

233 JP Duncan-Yes

234 JP Washington-No

235 JP Dennis-Yes

236 JP Highers-No

237 JP Rios Stafford-No

238 JP Leming-Yes

239 JP Wilson-Yes

240 JP Pond-Yes

241 JP Madison- Absent

242 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING \$96,191**  
243 **FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE SCAAP FY2020 BUDGET**  
244 **FOR 2022** item 22-O-095 was **ADOPTED** as ORD 2022-99

245  
246 Judge Wood introduced item 15 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, **AN**  
247 **ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$9,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES**  
248 **OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BUDGET FOR 2022**

249 item 22-O-096 JP Deakins made a motion to pass ordinance with a second from JP  
250 Leming. No discussion.

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

252 JP Johnson-Yes

253 JP Marti-Yes

254 JP Simons-Yes

255 JP Ussery-Yes

256 JP Deakins-Yes

257 JP Ecke-Yes

258 JP Duncan-Yes

259 JP Washington-Yes

260 JP Dennis-Yes

261 JP Highers-Yes

262 JP Rios Stafford-Yes

263 JP Leming-Yes

264 JP Wilson-Yes

265 JP Pond-Yes

266 JP Madison- Absent

267 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$9,000 FROM THE**  
268 **UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PROSECUTING**  
269 **ATTORNEY BUDGET FOR 2022** item 22-O-096 was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2022-100**

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271 Judge Wood introduced item 16 and County Attorney Lester read ordinance by title  
272 only, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,634,400 FROM THE AMERICAN  
273 RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH PAYMENTS LINE ITEM  
274 IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (30460568.3014) FOR 2022 item  
275 22-O-098, JP Duncan made a motion to pass the ordinance with a second by JP  
276 Ussery. Discussion was heard among the Court and Public comments were heard.

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

278 JP Johnson-Yes

279 JP Marti-Yes

280 JP Simons-Yes

281 JP Ussery-Yes

282 JP Deakins-Yes

283 JP Ecke-Yes

284 JP Duncan-Yes

285 JP Washington-No

286 JP Dennis-Yes

287 JP Highers-Yes

288 JP Rios Stafford-Yes

289 JP Leming-Yes

290 JP Wilson-Yes

291 JP Pond-Yes

292 JP Madison- Absent

293 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,634,400 FROM THE**  
294 **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH**  
295 **PAYMENTS LINE ITEM IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET**  
296 **(30460568.3014) FOR 2022** item 22-O-098 was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2022-101**

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298 Judge Wood introduced item 17 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT  
299 OF \$545,140 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE GENERAL FUND  
300 (1000) TO THE MEDICAL/DENTAL/HOSPITAL LINE ITEM IN THE AMBULANCE  
301 SERVICE BUDGET FOR 2022 item 22-O-106, JP Deakins made a motion with a  
302 second from JP Dennis. No discussions.

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

304 JP Johnson-Yes

305 JP Marti-Yes

306 JP Simons-Yes

307 JP Ussery-Yes

308 JP Deakins-Yes

309 JP Ecke-Yes

310 JP Duncan-Yes

311 JP Washington-Yes  
312 JP Dennis-Yes  
313 JP Highers-Yes  
314 JP Rios Stafford-Yes  
315 JP Leming-Yes  
316 JP Wilson-Yes  
317 JP Pond-Yes  
318 JP Madison- Absent

319 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$545,140**  
320 **FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE GENERAL FUND (1000) TO**  
321 **THE MEDICAL/DENTAL/HOSPITAL LINE ITEM IN THE AMBULANCE SERVICE**  
322 **BUDGET FOR 2022** item 22-O-106 was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2022-102**

323  
324 Agenda item 18 was introduced by Judge Wood and County Attorney Lester read  
325 ordinance by title only, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-  
326 FUND TO BE CALLED THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND  
327 (LATC); AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY item 22-O-108, JP Deakins made a  
328 motion to pass with a second from JP Duncan. No Discussion.

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

330 JP Johnson-Yes  
331 JP Marti-Yes  
332 JP Simons-Yes  
333 JP Ussery-Yes  
334 JP Deakins-Yes  
335 JP Ecke-Yes  
336 JP Duncan-Yes  
337 JP Washington-Yes  
338 JP Dennis-Yes  
339 JP Highers-Yes  
340 JP Rios Stafford-Yes  
341 JP Leming-Yes  
342 JP Wilson-Yes  
343 JP Pond-Yes  
344 JP Madison- Absent

345 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-**  
346 **FUND TO BE CALLED THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND**  
347 **(LATC); AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY** item 22-O-108 was **ADOPTED** as  
348 **ORD 2022-103**

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350 Judge Wood introduced item 19 and County Attorney Lester read ordinance by title  
351 only, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$60,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED  
352 RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE VEHICLES LINE ITEM IN THE  
353 CORONER'S BUDGET FOR 2022 item 22-O-110. JP Deakins made a motion to pass  
354 ordinance and thanked Coroner Roger Morris for looking at his budget to help cut  
355 expense, JP Dennis second motion. There was no discussion.

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

357 JP Johnson-Yes  
358 JP Marti-Yes  
359 JP Simons-Yes  
360 JP Ussery-Yes  
361 JP Deakins-Yes  
362 JP Ecke-Yes  
363 JP Duncan-Yes  
364 JP Washington-Yes  
365 JP Dennis-Yes  
366 JP Highers-Yes  
367 JP Rios Stafford-Yes  
368 JP Leming-Yes  
369 JP Wilson-Yes  
370 JP Pond-Yes  
371 JP Madison- Absent

372 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$60,000 FROM THE**  
373 **UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE VEHICLES LINE**  
374 **ITEM IN THE CORONER'S BUDGET FOR 2022** item 22-O-110 was **ADOPTED as**  
375 **ORD 2022-104**

376  
377 Judge Wood recognized the help from Washington County Extension along with Betty  
378 Napier for the serving refreshments for the 194<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and Julie Harris  
379 with Renee Oelschlaeger for contributions to the Washington County Judges History  
380 book.

381 Committee Reports were given.

382 Chair JP Duncan over County Services

383 The County Services Committee met on Monday October 3, 2022. The Committee  
384 heard an update on ARPA application process. The Committee postponed a Resolution  
385 until the next County Services Meeting. Public comments were heard and meeting was  
386 adjourned  
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389 Chair JP Deakins over Finance & Budget

390 The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday, October 11, 2022. The agenda was  
391 amended to add an item of discussion. Reports were given on the Treasurer,  
392 Employees' Insurance and Comptroller. HR Director, Patty Burchett and IT Director,  
393 Sidney Reynolds gave a presentation on a revised Salary proposal. The board had a lot  
394 of good discussion. There were 15 ordinances moved to the Quorum Court, with 10 of  
395 those as a consent agenda. Public comments were heard and meeting adjourned.

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397 Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

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399 *Myra Collins*

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401 Quorum Court Coordinator

402 *Approved MC*

403 *November 17, 2022*

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