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

Thursday, December 15, 2022
6:00 PM
Washington County Courthouse

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10 Judge Joseph Wood called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

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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 Madison, JP Dennis, JP Highers, JP
14 Rios Stafford, JP Leming, JP Wilson, and JP Pond.

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16 Prayer and Pledge was led by Quorum Court Coordinator Myra Collins.

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18 JP Washington made a motion to amend the agenda and add a Resolution 22-R-019
19 Expression Appreciation to Tim Helder and 22-O-135 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
20 ORIDNANCE 2016-65 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY HOLIDAY IN
21 OBSERVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE
22 UNITED STATES as items 23 & 24 second from JP Dennis, motion was passed with a
23 voice vote. JP Ecke made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended and JP Leming
24 second, with a voice vote the motion passed.

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26 JP Duncan made a motion to suspend rules and read ordinances and resolutions by
27 title only, second from JP Rios Stafford, motion passed with voice vote.

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29 Citizen's Comments were heard from Richard Billingsley, Beth Cogger and Becky Trever.

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31 JP Ecke made a motion to adopt the Minutes from November 17, 2022 and a second
32 was made by JP Leming. Motion passed with a voice vote.

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34 A County Judge report was presented. The Monthly Disposal Report was in the packet.
35 Judge Wood had two appointments to the Planning board, Maria Banks and Joseph
36 Maynard. Motion by JP Deakins and second from JP Duncan passed with a voice vote.
37 Judge Wood noted that the Legislative Audit from 2020 would have been emailed out
38 earlier in the year and if the court has any questions to reach out. The Law Library
39 submitted their report and will be emailed out to the court.
40 Washington County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report should be
41 getting done and will be sent out as well.

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43 Judge Wood introduced items 8 through 14 along with Resolution for Sheriff Helder and
44 County Attorney Lester read each by title only.

45 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
46 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO BILL USSERY

47 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
48 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SHANNON MARTI

49 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
50 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PATRICK DEAKINS

51 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
52 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SAM DUNCAN

53 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
54 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO EVA MADISON

55 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
56 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JIM WILSON

57 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
58 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH K. WOOD

59 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
60 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO TIM HELDER FOR SERVICE AS THE COUNTY
61 SHERIFF FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

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63 Each Resolution was read by Judge Wood. County Attorney Lester read the Resolution
64 for Joseph Wood.

65 The following Resolutions were adopted:

66 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
67 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO BILL USSERY RES 2022-08**

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69 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
70 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SHANNON MARTI RES 2022-09**

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72 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
73 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PATRICK DEAKINS RES 2022-10**

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75 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
76 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SAM DUNCAN RES 2022-11**

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78 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
79 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO EVA MADISON RES 2022-12**

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81 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
82 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JIM WILSON RES 2022-13**

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84 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
85 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH K. WOOD RES 2022-14**

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87 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
88 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO TIM HELDER FOR SERVICE AS THE COUNTY**
89 **SHERIFF FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY RES 2022-15**

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91 Judge Wood introduced item 15 and Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
92 ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL AND
93 CALENDAR YEAR 2023 Item 22-O-091(15.1) JP Deakins made a motion to suspend the rules
94 and move to second reading with a second by JP Ecke, passed with a voice vote. County
95 Attorney Lester read ordinance for the second reading. JP Deakins made a motion to suspend
96 the rules and move ordinance to the third and final reading with a second from JP Ecke, passed
97 with a voice vote and the ordinance was read for third and final reading by County Attorney. JP
98 Deakins made a motion to pass the ordinance with a second from JP Pond. There was
99 discussion among the court. And there were no public comments.

100 A roll call vote tallied as follows:

- 101 JP Johnson-Yes
- 102 JP Marti-Yes
- 103 JP Simons-Yes
- 104 JP Ussery-Yes
- 105 JP Deakins-Yes
- 106 JP Ecke-Yes
- 107 JP Duncan- Yes
- 108 JP Washington-Yes
- 109 JP Madison- No
- 110 JP Dennis-Yes
- 111 JP Highers-No
- 112 JP Rios Stafford- Yes
- 113 JP Leming-No
- 114 JP Wilson-Yes
- 115 JP Pond-Yes

116 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY**
117 **ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL AND CALENDAR YEAR 2023** Item 22-O-091(15.1)
118 **was ADOPTED ORD 2022-107**

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120 Judge Wood introduced Item 16.1 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, AN
121 ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR
122 DENIAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD - J&J Concrete item 55-O-114 (16.1)
123 ordinance is on second reading. Ordinance was left on second reading and will move to January
124 Quorum Court.

126 Item 17.1-17-12 Consent agenda was introduced and read by title only by County Attorney Lester,
127
128 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$156,755.62; AND,
129 APPROPRIATING \$156,755.62 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE GENERAL
130 FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET (0400) AND JAIL BUDGET
131 (0418) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-109 (17.1)
132
133 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$74,400 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE
134 GENERAL FUND (1000) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT VIII BUDGET
135 (10000408) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-121 (17.2)
136
137 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$14,144.56 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN
138 THE CIRCUIT COURT AUTO FUND TO SMALL EQUIP LINE ITEM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
139 AUTO BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-122 (17.3)
140
141 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING \$3,098.56 AND RECOGNIZING \$3,018.61 ADDITIONAL
142 REVENUE; AND, APPROPRIATING \$6,117.17 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF
143 THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE DEM BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-
144 123 (17.4)
145
146 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$805,300 IN THE DEM GRANT
147 FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$805,300 FROM THE DEM GRANT FUND
148 (35117109) TO VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGETS FOR 2023 Item 22-O-125 (17.5)
149
150 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES
151 OF THE GENERAL FUND (1000) TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND (1001) IN THE
152 WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-126 (17.6)
153
154 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO DO BUSINESS WITH
155 COUNTY EMPLOYEE CASSANDRA FIELDS Item 22-O-127 (17.7)
156
157 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,587,815.08 FROM THE
158 UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE RADIO SALES TAX FUND (4800) TO VARIOUS LINE
159 ITEMS IN THE RADIO SALES TAX BUDGET (48000512) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-128 (17.8)
160
161 AN ORDINANCE DE-APPROPRIATING SURPLUS AMOUNTS FROM FULL-TIME SALARIES
162 FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND RESTORING TO UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES, AS
163 REQUIRED BY THE 2022 BUDGET CONTROLS, FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2022 Item
164 22-O-129 (17.9)
165
166 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,600 IN THE
167 AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$2,600 FROM THE AOC
168 JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519) TO the computer services LINE ITEM IN THE AOC
169 JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET (35191402) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-130 (17.10)
170
171 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$260,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE
172 GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET
173 FOR 2022 Item 22-O-133 (17.11)
174
175 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN
176 THE FLEX SPENDING FUND TO THE FLEX SPENDING BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-134
177 (17.12)
178 JP Deakins made a motion to pass consent agenda and second was made by JP Duncan, there
179 was no discussion or public comment. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously, the
180 following ordinances were adopted.
181
182 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$156,755.62; AND,**
183 **APPROPRIATING \$156,755.62 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE GENERAL**
184 **FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET (0400) AND JAIL BUDGET**
185 **(0418) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-109 (17.1) ORD 2022-108**
186
187 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$74,400 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE**
188 **GENERAL FUND (1000) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT VIII BUDGET**
189 **(10000408) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-121 (17.2) ORD 2022-109**
190
191 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$14,144.56 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN**
192 **THE CIRCUIT COURT AUTO FUND TO SMALL EQUIP LINE ITEM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**

193 **AUTO BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-122 (17.3) ORD 2022-110
194
195 **AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING \$3,098.56 AND RECOGNIZING \$3,018.61 ADDITIONAL**
196 **REVENUE; AND, APPROPRIATING \$6,117.17 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF**
197 **THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE DEM BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-
198 **O-123 (17.4) ORD 2022-111**
199
200 **AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$805,300 IN THE DEM**
201 **GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$805,300 FROM THE DEM GRANT**
202 **FUND (35117109) TO VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGETS FOR 2023** Item 22-O-125
203 **(17.5) ORD 2022-112**
204
205 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES**
206 **OF THE GENERAL FUND (1000) TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND (1001) IN THE**
207 **WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-126 (17.6) ORD 2022-113
208
209 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO DO BUSINESS WITH**
210 **COUNTY EMPLOYEE CASSANDRA FIELDS** Item 22-O-127 (17.7) ORD 2022-114
211
212 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,587,815.08 FROM THE**
213 **UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE RADIO SALES TAX FUND (4800) TO VARIOUS**
214 **LINE ITEMS IN THE RADIO SALES TAX BUDGET (48000512) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-128 (17.8)
215 **ORD 2022-115**
216
217 **AN ORDINANCE DE-APPROPRIATING SURPLUS AMOUNTS FROM FULL-TIME SALARIES**
218 **FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND RESTORING TO UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES, AS**
219 **REQUIRED BY THE 2022 BUDGET CONTROLS, FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2022** Item
220 **22-O-129 (17.9) ORD 2022-116**
221
222 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,600 IN**
223 **THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$2,600 FROM THE**
224 **AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519) TO the computer services LINE ITEM IN THE**
225 **AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET (35191402) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-130 (17.10) ORD
226 **2022-117**
227
228 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$260,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE**
229 **GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET**
230 **FOR 2022** Item 22-O-133 (17.11) ORD 2022-118
231
232 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN**
233 **THE FLEX SPENDING FUND TO THE FLEX SPENDING BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-134
234 **(17.12) ORD 2022-119**
235
236 Judge Wood introduced item 18 and Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
237 LEVYING THE COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022
238 Item 22-O-115 (18.1) JP Deakins made a motion to pass ordinance with a second from JP
239 Highers. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.
240 **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES FOR**
241 **THE YEAR 2022** Item 22-O-115 (18.1) was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-120
242 Item 19 was introduced by Judge Wood and read by title only by County Attorney Lester, AN
243 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
244 FUND (3046) TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (3046) FOR 2023
245 Item 22-O-120.1 (19.1) JP Duncan made a motion to pass ordinance with JP Ecke making a
246 second. Discussion was heard from the court and citizens.
247 A roll call vote was tallied as follows:
248 JP Johnson-Yes
249 JP Marti-Yes
250 JP Simons-Yes
251 JP Ussery-Yes
252 JP Deakins-Yes
253 JP Ecke-Yes
254 JP Duncan- Yes
255 JP Washington-No
256 JP Madison- No
257 JP Dennis-Yes
258 JP Highers-No

259 JP Rios Stafford-No
260 JP Leming-Yes
261 JP Wilson-Yes
262 JP Pond-Yes
263 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN**
264 **RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET**
265 **(3046) FOR 2023** Item 22-O-120.1(19.1) was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-121
266
267 Judge Wood introduced item 20 and County Attorney Lester read ordinance by title only, AN
268 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
269 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK 11-2018 Item 22-O-124 (20.1) JP Ecke made a motion to pass
270 ordinance with a second from JP Pond. There was comments from JP Duncan, JP Dennis and
271 JP Leming. No public comments were made. A roll call vote was and taken and passed
272 unanimously.
273 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY**
274 **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK 11-2018 Item 22-O-124 (20.1) was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-122**
275
276 Item 21 was introduced by Judge Wood and read by title only by County Attorney Lester, AN
277 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$8,812,332.75 FROM THE AMERICAN
278 RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO AMERICAN RESCUE BUDGET FOR 2023
279 Item 22-O-131.1 (21.1) JP Johnson made a motion to pass ordinance with JP Ecke making a
280 second. Discussion among the court was heard and public comments as well. There was a
281 motion from JP Madison to extend public comment time for 3 minutes each for 3 more citizens,
282 was second by JP Highers and passed with a voice vote. Citizens were heard, and a roll call
283 vote was tallied as follows:
284 JP Johnson-Yes
285 JP Marti-Yes
286 JP Simons-Yes
287 JP Ussery-Yes
288 JP Deakins-Yes
289 JP Ecke-Yes
290 JP Duncan- Yes
291 JP Washington-No
292 JP Madison- No
293 JP Dennis-Yes
294 JP Highers-No
295 JP Rios Stafford-No
296 JP Leming-Yes
297 JP Wilson-Yes
298 JP Pond-Yes
299 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$8,812,332.75 FROM**
300 **THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO AMERICAN RESCUE BUDGET FOR**
301 **2023** Item 22-O-131.1 (21.1) was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-123
302
303 Judge Wood introduced item 22 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
304 APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 FROM THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND (1006)
305 TO THE BUILDINGS LINE ITEM (4002) IN THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT BUDGET
306 FOR 2023 Item 22-O-132.1 (22.1) JP Deakins made a motion to pass ordinance with second
307 from JP Duncan. JP Madison made comments from the court and public comments were heard.
308 A roll call vote was tallied as follows:
309 JP Johnson-Yes
310 JP Marti-Yes
311 JP Simons-No
312 JP Ussery-Yes
313 JP Deakins-Yes
314 JP Ecke-Yes
315 JP Duncan- Yes
316 JP Washington-No
317 JP Madison- No
318 JP Dennis-Yes
319 JP Highers-No
320 JP Rios Stafford-No
321 JP Leming-Yes
322 JP Wilson-Yes

323 JP Pond-Yes
324 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 FROM THE ARPA**
325 **REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND (1006) TO THE BUILDINGS LINE ITEM (4002) IN THE**
326 **ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT BUDGET FOR 2023** Item 22-O-132.1 (22.1) was
327 ADOPTED as ORD 2022-124
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329 Agenda item that was added was introduced by Judge Wood and read by title only County
330 Attorney Lester, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-65 TO ADD AN**
331 **ADDITIONAL COUNTY HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE**
332 **END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES 22-O-135**, JP Washington made a motion to
333 pass ordinance with JP Madison making a second. JP Washington made a motion to suspend
334 the rules and move to second reading with a second. A voice vote was passed and JP
335 Washington made a motion to suspend the rules and read for the third and final reading with a
336 second and County Attorney Lester read by title only. A roll call vote was taken and passed
337 unanimously. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-65 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL**
338 **COUNTY HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE END OF**
339 **SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES 22-O-135** was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-125
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341 Committee Reports were as follows:

342 The County Services Committee met on Monday November 28, 2022. The Committee
343 amended the agenda, with A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON
344 COUNTY ARKANSAS SUPPORTING EXCEPTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS TRIGGER LAW IN
345 CASES OF RAPE AND INCEST to be tabled until the first County Services Meeting of 2023 and
346 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND
347 (3046) TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE DEM BUDGET FOR
348 2022 was stricken from the agenda. Agenda was adopted as amended. The Committee heard
349 an update on ARPA application process. There have been about 46 applications with request of
350 25-30 million dollars from ARPA Fund. The Committee asked to have a written amount of
351 highest and lowest ARPA application. The Committee passed AN ORDINANCE
352 APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO
353 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL MAINTENANCE FUND on to Finance & Budget Committee.
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355 The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday, December 6, 2022. The Committee heard
356 reports from the Treasurer and Employees' Insurance, the Comptroller's report was in the
357 packet. There was one ordinance struck from the agenda. There were twelve ordinances put
358 into a consent agenda, three amended and one additional ordinance passed to the Quorum
359 Court. Public comments were heard and meeting adjourned.
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361 The Jails/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee met on Monday, December 5, 2022. There was
362 an amendment to the agenda to change the wording of AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A
363 TOTAL OF \$8,812,332.75 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUN (3046) TO THE
364 SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL MAINTENCE FUND (30170127) FOR 2022 TO THE AMERICAN
365 RESCUE PLAN BUDGET FOR 2023. Item 22-O-131, which was passed on to the Finance &
366 Budget Committee. Many Public comments were heard.
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368 The Personnel Committee met on Monday December 5, 2022. The agenda was amended to
369 add pay scale proposal "Plan A Hybrid" as an item. Chair, JP Ecke gave a chair report regarding
370 Salary process and information. The Committee heard a request from Assessor Russell Hill to
371 change the title of Chief Deputy Assessor to Chief of Staff. There was AN ORDINANCE
372 AMENDING THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE
373 HANDBOOK 11-2018 Item 22-O-124 that was passed to the Quorum Court. There was
374 discussion regarding the pay scale proposal Plan C "Assessor Hill's Plan". There was
375 discussion regarding policy controls and third party reviews of both salary plans. The motions
376 fail to send either plan to a third party for review and Plan C failed to be sent on to Quorum
377 Court.
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379 Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM
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381 *Myra Collins*

382 Myra Collins
383 Quorum Court Coordinator

384 *Approved MC*

385 *January 19, 2023*