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

Thursday, January 19, 2023
6:00 PM
Washington County Courthouse

2023 FEB 21 PM 2:39
BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

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8 Judge Patrick Deakins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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10 The following members were present, Wilson, Simons, Anderson, Lyons, Ecke, Dean,
11 Washington, Cogger, Dennis, Highers, Rios Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond.

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13 Prayer and Pledge was led by JP Simons.

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15 JP Ecke made a motion to amend the agenda to add an update from Assessor Hill as
16 item 8 and second from JP Leming, motion was passed with a voice vote. JP Cogger
17 made a motion to amend the agenda and Postpone item 19, 23-O-008 AN
18 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ONLINE POSTING OF ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY
19 RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND CONTRACTS until March Quorum Court
20 Meeting. Second by JP Simons and passed with a voice vote.

21 JP Cogger made a motion to add a 30 minute general discussion at end of meeting. JP
22 Highers second motion. A voice vote was taken and a roll call vote was taken and tallied
23 as follows:

24 JP Wilson-No

25 JP Simons-No

26 JP Anderson-No

27 JP Lyons-No

28 JP Ecke-No

29 JP Dean-No

30 JP Washington-Yes

31 JP Cogger-Yes

32 JP Dennis-No

33 JP Highers-Yes

34 JP Rios Stafford-Yes

35 JP Leming-No

36 JP Ricker-No

37 JP Pond-No

38 Motion fails. JP Leming made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended with a second
39 from JP Ecke and passed with a voice vote.

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41 JP Ecke made a motion to read all ordinances and resolutions by title only with a
42 second by JP Leming, motion passed with a voice vote.

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44 Citizen Comments were heard by Lou Reed Sharp

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46 JP Washington made a motion to correct line 112 on minutes from Regular Quorum
47 Court from 12-15-2022 with a missing vote for JP Rios Stafford. With no further
48 corrections, a voice vote was called and passed to adopt minutes.

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50 Judge Deakins gave County Attorney Lester time to go over Basic FOIA rules and
51 Roberts Rules 12th Edition. Judge Deakins thanked the public, the new Justice of the
52 Peace along with returning court. Judge made a commitment to work with the JP's and
53 challenged them to do the same to respect one another with order and robust debates.
54 Judge then gave updates on some flooding which occurred on Christmas Eve Day and
55 thanked the departments on the floor for their patience as cleanup work is being done.
56 Judge welcomed and thanked Chief of Staff, Lance Johnson for the role he will be
57 playing in the County. Washington County was recognized for and awarded one of the
58 topmost transparent counties in the state of Arkansas by the Arkansas Center for
59 Research in Economics (ACRE) at the University of Central Arkansas. Judge also
60 appointed members for Rural Development Authority Board as follows: Mike Overton,
61 Steve Gunderson, Jim Wilson, Jeff Hawkins, Larry Walker. There were appointments
62 made for the Washington Water Authority Board as follows: John Everett, David

63 Bolinger, Bo Speed, Larry Delozier, Doug Chambers, Nathan Prince and Mick Wagner.
64 JP Simons made a motion to accept appointments with a second from JP Dennis and
65 passed with a voice vote.

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67 Item 8 was introduced by JP Ecke with Assessor Russell Hill recognizing Dan Cypert for
68 receiving the Marvin C Russell Award and his excellent contribution to the state of
69 Arkansas. JP Ecke also thanked the Washington County Extension office for the
70 snacks.

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72 Judge introduced item 9 which is the review of the Prosecuting Attorney's Hot Check
73 Fee Report for 2022 by Prosecuting Attorney Matt Durrett.

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75 Judge Deakins introduced agenda item 10 AN ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL
76 USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
77 - J&J Concrete item 22-O-114 (10.1) ordinance is on third reading, JP Lyons made a motion
78 to pass the ordinance. There was discussion among the court and public comments were
79 heard. JP Pond made a motion to allow JP Cogger to speak for a third time with a second by
80 JP Highers and passed with a voice vote. County Attorney Lester read ordinance by title
81 only and JP Lyons made a motion and JP Anderson with a second. A roll call vote was
82 taken and tallied as follows:

83 JP Wilson-Yes
84 JP Simons-Yes
85 JP Anderson-Yes
86 JP Lyons-Yes
87 JP Ecke-No
88 JP Dean-Yes
89 JP Washington-No
90 JP Cogger-No
91 JP Dennis-Yes
92 JP Highers-No
93 JP Rios Stafford-No
94 JP Leming-Abstain
95 JP Ricker-Yes
96 JP Pond-Yes

97 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
98 **RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD - J&J**
99 **Concrete item 22-O-114 (10.1) was ADOPTED as ORD 2023-001**

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101 Judge Deakins introduced item 11 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, A
102 RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
103 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE VOTING CENTER FACILITIES IN
104 WASHINGTON COUNTY Item 22-R-018 (11.1). JP Washington introduced the resolution
105 and made a motion to pass with a second from JP Leming, public comments from Jennifer
106 Price, director over Election Commission also wanted to thank Prairie Grove Telephone
107 Company as well. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously and **A RESOLUTION**
108 **OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS EXPRESSING**
109 **APPRECIATION TO THE VOTING CENTER FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**
110 **Item 22-R-018 (11.1) was ADOPTED as RES 2023-001**

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112 Agenda item 12 was read by title only by County Attorney Lester, A RESOLUTION
113 DECLARING A VACANCY IN QUORUM COURT DISTRICT 1 Item 23-R-001 (12.1) JP
114 Simons introduce the resolution and made a motion to move to Governor Sanders to
115 appoint with a second by JP Leming. Discussion was heard among the board and public
116 comments were heard by Sarah Hampton, Lou Reed Sharp, Annie Langston, Leah Garrett,
117 Gideon and Dawn Cannon. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously and **A**
118 **RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN QUORUM COURT DISTRICT 1** Item 23-R-
119 **001 (12.1) was ADOPTED as RES 2023-002**

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121 Judge Deakins introduced item 13 and County Attorney Lester read ordinance by title only,
122 AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR
123 APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD Henderson Project CUP Item 23-
124 O-009 (13.1-13.2) JP Ricker introduced ordinance and made motion to suspend rules and
125 move to second reading with second by JP Leming this was passed with a voice vote and

126 County Attorney Lester read by title only. JP Ricker made a motion to suspend rules and
127 move to the third and final reading with second by JP Lyons passing with a voice vote.
128 Attorney Lester read ordinance by title only and JP Ricker made a motion to pass ordinance
129 with second by JP Lyons there was comments heard by JP Cogger and JP Highers along
130 with public comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

131 JP Wilson-Yes
132 JP Simons-Yes
133 JP Anderson-Yes
134 JP Lyons-Yes
135 JP Ecke-Yes
136 JP Dean-Yes
137 JP Washington-Yes
138 JP Cogger-Yes
139 JP Dennis-Yes
140 JP Highers-Yes
141 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
142 JP Leming-Abstain
143 JP Ricker-Yes
144 JP Pond-Yes

145 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
146 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**
147 **Henderson Project CUP** Item 23-O-009 (13.1-13.2) was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2023-002**
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149 Agenda item 14 was introduced by Judge and read by title only by Attorney Lester, AN
150 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
151 QUORUM COURT; AND, REPEALING ORDINANCES 2017-01 AND 2021-01
152 Item 23-O-001 JP Simons made a motion to adopt ordinance with second by JP Dennis.
153 Comments were heard from court and public. A roll call vote was called and passed
154 unanimously and **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDING**
155 **COMMITTEES OF THE QUORUM COURT; AND, REPEALING ORDINANCES 2017-01**
156 **AND 2021-01** Item 23-O-001 (14.1) was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2023-003**
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158 Agenda item 15 was introduced by Judge and Attorney Lester read by title only, AN
159 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
160 FOR SERVICES WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES; AND
161 APPROPRIATING \$6,517 TO BE PAID FOR MEMBERSHIP THEREIN Item 23-O-002
162 (15.1) Judge requested JP Ecke to introduce ordinance and a motion was made to pass
163 ordinance with a second by JP Lyons. Discussion was heard from JP Cogger and JP
164 Anderson, there were no public comments. A roll call vote was taken and passed
165 unanimously. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO A**
166 **CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES;**
167 **AND APPROPRIATING \$6,517 TO BE PAID FOR MEMBERSHIP THEREIN** Item 23-O-
168 002 (15.1) was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2023-004**
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170 Judge introduced item 16 and Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
171 AMENDING ORDINANCE 1982-07 TO CHANGE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SEAL
172 Item 23-O-003 (16.1-16.2) JP Simons introduced ordinance and made a motion to suspend
173 the rules and move to the second reading with a second made by JP Lyons a voice vote
174 was called and a roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

175 JP Wilson-Yes
176 JP Simons-Yes
177 JP Anderson-Yes
178 JP Lyons-Yes
179 JP Ecke-Yes
180 JP Dean-Yes
181 JP Washington-No
182 JP Cogger-No
183 JP Dennis-Yes
184 JP Highers-No
185 JP Rios Stafford-No
186 JP Leming-Yes
187 JP Ricker-Yes
188 JP Pond-Yes

189 Motion passed to suspend the rules and read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE
190 1982-07 TO CHANGE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SEAL_Item 23-O-003 (16.1-16.2) for
191 a second reading. Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for second reading. JP
192 Simons made a motion to suspend the rules and be read for third and final reading with
193 second by JP Anderson. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

194 JP Wilson-Yes
195 JP Simons-Yes
196 JP Anderson-Yes
197 JP Lyons-Yes
198 JP Ecke-Yes
199 JP Dean-Yes
200 JP Washington-No
201 JP Coger-No
202 JP Dennis-Yes
203 JP Highers-No
204 JP Rios Stafford-No
205 JP Leming-Yes
206 JP Ricker-Yes
207 JP Pond-Yes

208 Motion passed to suspend the rules and read for third and final time. Attorney Lester read
209 by title only, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1982-07 TO CHANGE THE
210 WASHINGTON COUNTY SEAL_Item 23-O-003 (16.1-16.2). JP Simons made a motion to
211 adopt ordinance with a second by JP Lyons. Court heard comments from JP Ecke, JP
212 Highers, JP Dennis, JP Leming and JP Coger. JP Ecke called a Point of Order. Discussion
213 was continued among the court by JP Coger, and JP Ecke called Point of Order a second
214 time. JP Washington, JP Ricker. JP Simons made a motion to end debate and call the
215 question. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

216 JP Wilson-Yes
217 JP Simons-Yes
218 JP Anderson-Yes
219 JP Lyons-Yes
220 JP Ecke-Yes
221 JP Dean-Yes
222 JP Washington-No
223 JP Coger-No
224 JP Dennis-Yes
225 JP Highers-No
226 JP Rios Stafford-No
227 JP Leming-Yes
228 JP Ricker-Yes
229 JP Pond-Yes

230 Motion passed and ended debate and call the question. Public comments were heard by
231 Sarah Moore, Evelyn Rios Stafford, Dawn Cannon, Sarah Hampton and Debbie Dean. With
232 motion to adopt by JP Simons on the floor and a second, a roll call vote was taken and
233 tallied as follows:

234 JP Wilson-Yes
235 JP Simons-Yes
236 JP Anderson-Yes
237 JP Lyons-Yes
238 JP Ecke-Yes
239 JP Dean-Yes
240 JP Washington-No
241 JP Coger-No
242 JP Dennis-Yes
243 JP Highers-No
244 JP Rios Stafford-No
245 JP Leming-Yes
246 JP Ricker-Yes
247 JP Pond-Yes

248 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1982-07 TO CHANGE**
249 **THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SEAL_Item 23-O-003 (16.1-16.2) was ADOPTED as ORD**
250 **2023-005**

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252 Agenda item 17 was introduced and Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
253 CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE COUNTY
254 JUDGE'S BUDGET FOR 2023 Item 23-O-005 (17.1) JP Dennis introduced ordinance and
255 made a motion to pass with JP Pond making a second. Discussion was heard among the
256 court and public comments were heard. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously
257 and **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF**
258 **COMMUNICATIONS IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S BUDGET FOR 2023** Item 23-O-005
259 (17.1) was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2023-006**

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261 Judge Deakins introduced item 18 and Attorney Lester read by title only AN ORDINANCE
262 ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF
263 ARKANSAS; REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING
264 CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
265 DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND
266 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Item 23-O-006 (18.1). JP Dennis made a motion to amend
267 and take out the Emergency Clause, JP Highers made a second and passed with a voice
268 vote. Ordinance will be amended and moved to the February Quorum Court.

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270 Judge Deakins introduced item 19 and Attorney Lester read by title only AN ORDINANCE
271 CREATING THE POSITION OF 911 DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE EMERGENCY 911
272 BUDGET FOR 2023 Item 23-O-007 (19.1) JP Leming introduced ordinance and made a
273 motion to pass with a second by JP Ecke, there was no discussion or public comments. A
274 roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously and **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE**
275 **POSITION OF 911 DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET FOR 2023**
276 Item 23-O-007 (19.1) was **ADOPTED** as **ORD 2023-007**

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278 With no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM

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280 *Myra Collins*

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282 Quorum Court Coordinator

283 *Approved MC*

284 *February 16, 2023*

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