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MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

Thursday March 21, 2024
6:00 PM

Washington County Courthouse

Judge Patrick Deakins called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

The following members were present: Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Taylor, Dean, Washington, Cogger, Dennis, Rios Stafford, Leming, and Pond, and Ecke. Highers and Ricker were absent.

JP Wilson led the Prayer and Pledge.

JP Simons made a motion to add item 24-0-024 to the agenda, seconded by JP Dennis. Item 24-0-024 was added to the agenda via voice vote as item 13A. JP Lyons made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by JP Dean and passed via voice vote.

JP Dean made a motion to read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, JP Rios Stafford seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Citizen Comments were heard from Dianna Scott.

The judge presented Item 6, (Approval of Minutes) and asked if there were corrections needed. JP Rios Stafford advised the name on line 27 should have been Mac Mayfield not Matt Mayfield. The amended minutes from 2-21-2024, 2024, were approved.

Judge Deakins presented the Judge's report, which included February's Disposal of County Property Report. Judge Deakins spoke about Lester C Howick and his wife Elizabeth T Howick both of whom have passed on but left \$228,000 to the animal shelter, Judge Deakins thanked them for their donation as well as discussing proclamations and updating the QC on the status of new comptroller Paul Sherman.

Old Business

Judge Deakins moved to item 8 under old business, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD. (CDS MOTORSPORTS)** Item 23-0-009.1 (8.1) (On Second Reading) County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. Director Ata spoke and JP Pond recommended leaving the item on it's second reading for the next QC meeting. The item will move to a third reading at the April QC meeting.

New Business

Judge Deakins moved to Item 9: **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,329.45 IN THE JAIL FUND FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-018 (9.1)

County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Lyons made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Leming. No discussion or public comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows.

JP Taylor-Yes
JP Wilson-Yes
JP Simons-Yes
JP Lyons-Yes
JP Ecke-Yes
JP Dean-Yes

63 JP Highers-Absent
64 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
65 JP Leming-Yes
66 JP Ricker-Absent
67 JP Pond-Yes

68 **Motion passed: AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL**
69 **REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,329.45 IN THE JAIL FUND FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-018
70 was adopted as **ORD-2024-015.**

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72 Judge Deakins moved to item 10, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPTROLLER**
73 **BUDGET FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-022 (10.1)

74 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Lyons made a motion to
75 pass, seconded by JP Dean. There was no discussion or public comments. A roll call
76 vote was taken and tallied as follows:

77 JP Taylor-Yes
78 JP Wilson-Yes
79 JP Simons-Yes
80 JP Lyons-Yes
81 JP Ecke-Yes
82 JP Dean-Yes
83 JP Washington-Yes
84 JP Coger-Yes
85 JP Dennis-Yes
86 JP Highers-Absent
87 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
88 JP Leming-Yes
89 JP Ricker-Absent
90 JP Pond-Yes

91 Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPTROLLER BUDGET FOR**
92 **2024.** Item 24-0-022 was adopted as **ORD 2024-016.**

93 Judge Deakins moved to item 11, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JDC BUDGET**
94 **FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-023 (11.1)

95 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Lyons made a motion to
96 pass, seconded by JP Dean. There was no discussion or public comments. A roll call
97 vote was taken and tallied as follows:

98 JP Taylor-Yes
99 JP Wilson-Yes
100 JP Simons-Yes
101 JP Lyons-Yes
102 JP Ecke-Yes
103 JP Dean-Yes
104 JP Washington-Yes
105 JP Coger-Yes
106 JP Dennis-Yes
107 JP Highers-Absent
108 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
109 JP Leming-Yes
110 JP Ricker-Absent
111 JP Pond-Yes

112 Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JDC BUDGET FOR 2024.** Item 24-
113 0-022 was adopted as **ORD-2024-017.**

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115 Judge Deakins moved to item 12, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JAIL BUDGET**
116 **FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-026.2 (12.1)

117 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Lyons made a motion to
118 pass, seconded by JP Dean. Discussion was had among members of the court. There
119 were no public comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

120 JP Taylor-Yes
121 JP Wilson-Yes
122 JP Simons-Yes
123 JP Lyons-Yes
124 JP Ecke-Yes

125 JP Dean-Yes
126 JP Washington-Yes
127 JP Cogger-Yes
128 JP Dennis-Yes
129 JP Highers-Absent
130 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
131 JP Leming-Yes
132 JP Ricker-Absent
133 JP Pond-Yes
134 Motion Passed. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JAIL BUDGET FOR 2024.**
135 Item 24-0-026.2 was adopted as **ORD 2024-018.**
136

137 Judge Deakins moved to item 13, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IT BUDGET FOR**
138 **2024.** Item 24-0-029 (13.1)

139 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Dennis made a motion to
140 pass, seconded by JP Lyons. Discussion was had among members of the court. There
141 were no public comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

142 JP Taylor-Yes
143 JP Wilson-Yes
144 JP Simons-Yes
145 JP Lyons-Yes
146 JP Ecke-Yes
147 JP Dean-Yes
148 JP Washington-Yes
149 JP Cogger-Yes
150 JP Dennis-Yes
151 JP Highers-Absent
152 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
153 JP Leming-Yes
154 JP Ricker-Absent
155 JP Pond-Yes

156 Motion Passed. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IT BUDGET FOR 2024.**
157 Item 24-0-029 was adopted as **ORD 2024-019.**
158

159 Judge Deakins move to item 13A, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IT BUDGET**
160 **FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-024. County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP
161 Simons made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Lyons. There was no discussion or
162 public comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

163 JP Taylor-Yes
164 JP Wilson-Yes
165 JP Simons-Yes
166 JP Lyons-Yes
167 JP Ecke-Yes
168 JP Dean-Yes
169 JP Washington-Yes
170 JP Cogger-Yes
171 JP Dennis-Yes
172 JP Highers-Absent
173 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
174 JP Leming-Yes
175 JP Ricker-Absent
176 JP Pond-Yes

177 Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IT BUDGET FOR 2024.** Item
178 24-0-024 was adopted as **ORD 2024-020**
179

180 Judge Deakins moved to item 14, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASING**
181 **BUDGET FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-025 (14.1)

182 County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Washington spoke
183 encouraging passage, no additional discussion or public comments. JP Washington
184 made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Cogger. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as
185 follows:

186 JP Taylor-No

187 JP Wilson-Yes
188 JP Simons-Yes
189 JP Lyons-No
190 JP Ecke-Yes
191 JP Dean-Yes
192 JP Washington-Yes
193 JP Cogger-Yes
194 JP Dennis-Yes
195 JP Highers-Absent
196 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
197 JP Leming-No
198 JP Ricker-Absent
199 JP Pond-Yes
200 Motion fails and will move to a second reading at the April QC meeting.

201
202 Judge Deakins moved to item 15, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROAD**
203 **DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-027 (15.1)

204 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. Discussion was had. There
205 were no public comments. JP Washington made a motion to pass, seconded by JP
206 Pond. Discussion was had among members of the court. There were no public
207 comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

208 JP Taylor-Yes
209 JP Wilson-Yes
210 JP Simons-Yes
211 JP Lyons-No
212 JP Ecke-Yes
213 JP Dean-Yes
214 JP Washington-Yes
215 JP Cogger-Yes
216 JP Dennis-Yes
217 JP Highers-Absent
218 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
219 JP Leming-No
220 JP Ricker-Absent
221 JP Pond-Yes

222 Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET**
223 **FOR 2024.** Item 24-0-027 was adopted as **ORD 2024-021.**

224
225 Judge Deakins moved to item 16, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL**
226 **USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR**
227 **THE OAK PLACE PROPERTIES PROJECT.** Item 24-0-019 (16.1)

228 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Rios Stafford made a motion
229 to suspend the rules and move to a second reading, seconded by JP Taylor. A roll call
230 vote was taken and tallied as follows:

231 JP Taylor-Yes
232 JP Wilson-Yes
233 JP Simons-Yes
234 JP Lyons-Yes
235 JP Ecke-Yes
236 JP Dean-Yes
237 JP Washington-Yes
238 JP Cogger-No
239 JP Dennis-Yes
240 JP Highers-Absent
241 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
242 JP Leming-Yes
243 JP Ricker-Absent
244 JP Pond-Yes

245 Motion passed.

246
247 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the second time. JP Rios
248 Stafford made a motion to suspend the rules and move to a third reading, seconded by

249 JP Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

250 JP Taylor-Yes
251 JP Wilson-Yes
252 JP Simons-Yes
253 JP Lyons-Yes
254 JP Ecke-Yes
255 JP Dean-Yes
256 JP Washington-Yes
257 JP Coger-No
258 JP Dennis-Yes
259 JP Highers-Absent
260 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
261 JP Leming-Yes
262 JP Ricker-Absent
263 JP Pond-Yes
264 Motion passed.

265
266 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the third and final time.
267 Discussion was had and Director Ata spoke. JP Rios Stafford made a motion to pass,
268 seconded by JP Taylor. Discussion continued. Three were no public comments. A roll
269 call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

270 JP Taylor-Yes
271 JP Wilson-Yes
272 JP Simons-Yes
273 JP Lyons-Yes
274 JP Ecke-Yes
275 JP Dean-Yes
276 JP Washington-Yes
277 JP Coger-No
278 JP Dennis-Yes
279 JP Highers-Absent
280 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
281 JP Leming-Yes
282 JP Ricker-Absent
283 JP Pond-Yes

284 Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
285 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE OAK**
286 **PLACE PROPERTIES PROJECT.** Item 24-0-019 was adopted as **ORD 2024-022.**

287
288 Judge Deakins moved to item 17, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL**
289 **USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR**
290 **THE LEHMAN FISHING BAIT WAREHOUSE PROJECT.** Item 24-0-020 (17.1)

291 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. JP Leming made a motion to
292 suspend the rules and move to a second reading, seconded by JP Dennis. Discussion
293 was had, Director Ata spoke. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

294 JP Taylor-Yes
295 JP Wilson-Yes
296 JP Simons-Yes
297 JP Lyons-Yes
298 JP Ecke-Yes
299 JP Dean-Yes
300 JP Washington-Yes
301 JP Coger-No
302 JP Dennis-Yes
303 JP Highers-Absent
304 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
305 JP Leming-Yes
306 JP Ricker-Absent
307 JP Pond-Yes
308 Motion passed.

309
310 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the second time. JP Leming

311 made a motion to suspend the rules and move to a third reading, seconded by JP
312 Lyons. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:
313 JP Taylor-Yes
314 JP Wilson-Yes
315 JP Simons-Yes
316 JP Lyons-Yes
317 JP Ecke-Yes
318 JP Dean-Yes
319 JP Washington-Yes
320 JP Cogger-No
321 JP Dennis-Yes
322 JP Highers-Absent
323 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
324 JP Leming-Yes
325 JP Ricker-Absent
326 JP Pond-Yes
327 Motion passed.

328
329 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the third time and final time.
330 JP Leming made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Dean. There was no discussion or
331 public comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

332 JP Taylor-Yes
333 JP Wilson-Yes
334 JP Simons-Yes
335 JP Lyons-Yes
336 JP Ecke-Yes
337 JP Dean-Yes
338 JP Washington-Yes
339 JP Cogger-Yes
340 JP Dennis-Yes
341 JP Highers-Absent
342 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
343 JP Leming-Yes
344 JP Ricker-Absent
345 JP Pond-Yes

346 Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
347 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD-THE LEHMAN**
348 **FISHING BAIT WAREHOUSE PROJECT.** Item 24-0-020 was adopted as ORD 2024-023.

349
350 Judge Deakins moved to Item 18, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL**
351 **USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR**
352 **THE SONORA OVERSIZED STORAGE PROJECT.** Item 24-0-021 (18.1)

353 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only. Discussion was had, public
354 comments were heard by Clint Karstetter. JP Lyons made a motion to suspend the rules
355 and move to a second reading, seconded by JP Taylor. Discussion was had. A roll call
356 vote was taken and tallied as follows:

357 JP Taylor-Yes
358 JP Wilson-Yes
359 JP Simons-Yes
360 JP Lyons-Yes
361 JP Ecke-Yes
362 JP Dean-Yes
363 JP Washington-Yes
364 JP Cogger-Yes
365 JP Dennis-Yes
366 JP Highers-Absent
367 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
368 JP Leming-Yes
369 JP Ricker-Absent
370 JP Pond-Yes

371 Motion passed.
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373 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for a second time. JP Lyons
374 made a motion to suspend the rules and move to a third reading, seconded by JP Dean.
375 There was no discussion or public comment. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as
376 follows:
377 JP Taylor-Yes
378 JP Wilson-Yes
379 JP Simons-Yes
380 JP Lyons-Yes
381 JP Ecke-Yes
382 JP Dean-Yes
383 JP Washington-Yes
384 JP Cogger-Yes
385 JP Dennis-Yes
386 JP Highers-Absent
387 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
388 JP Leming-Yes
389 JP Ricker-Absent
390 JP Pond-Yes
391 Motion passed.
392 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the third time and final time.
393 JP Lyons made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Dean. No discussion or public
394 comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:
395 JP Taylor-Yes
396 JP Wilson-Yes
397 JP Simons-Yes
398 JP Lyons-Yes
399 JP Ecke-Yes
400 JP Dean-Yes
401 JP Washington-Yes
402 JP Cogger-Yes
403 JP Dennis-Yes
404 JP Highers-Absent
405 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
406 JP Leming-Yes
407 JP Ricker-Absent
408 JP Pond-Yes
409 Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
410 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE**
411 **SONORA OVERSIZED STORAGE PROJECT.** Item 24-021 was adopted as
412 **ORD 2024-024.**
413 Judge Deakins moved to item 19,
414 **Kindness in Motion CUP (19.1)**
415 ***Conditional Use Permit Request***
416 Location: Section 08, Township 16, Range 31 Applicant: Sandie Wood
417 Location Address: 15570 Quail Road, Fayetteville, AR 72704
418 Proposed Use: Mobile Pet Hospital-Commercial JP District: District 7 – Charles Dean
419 Approximately: +/- 2.22 acres / 1 parcel
420 **Project #: 2023-382** Item 19.1
421
422 JP Leming requested a five minute break, there were no objections.
423
424 Judge Deakins called the meeting back to order at 7:07pm.
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426 Director Ata gave the staff report. Applicant Sandie Wood made a statement and took
427 questions. Heavy discussion was had. Representative of the opposition, Joe Michie
428 made a statement and took questions. Intense discussion was had. Joe Michie depleted
429 his time. JP Cogger made a motion to extend Mr. Michie's time by five minutes,
430 seconded by JP Washington. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:
431 JP Taylor-Yes
432 JP Wilson-Yes
433 JP Simons-Absent
434 JP Lyons-Yes

435 JP Ecke-Absent
436 JP Dean-Yes
437 JP Washington-Yes
438 JP Cogger-Yes
439 JP Dennis-No
440 JP Highers-Absent
441 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
442 JP Leming-Yes
443 JP Ricker-Absent
444 JP Pond-Yes
445 Motion passed and additional time was granted. Discussion and questions continued.

446
447 Judge Deakins moved to item 20, **APPEAL HEARING DISCUSSION BY QUORUM**
448 **COURT.** (20.1)

449
450 Discussion was had. County Attorney Lester read the conditions for a CUP at the
451 request of JP Cogger. Discussion continued.

452
453 Judge Deakins moved to item 21, **QUORUM COURT ACTION ON KINDNESS IN**
454 **MOTION APPEAL** (21.1-21.2) Item 24-0-30A or 24-0-30B

455
456 JP Dean introduces item 24-0-030A, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL**
457 **USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF**
458 **ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE KINDNESS IN MOTION PROJECT.**

459 County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the first time. JP Dean made
460 a motion to suspend the rules and move to a second reading, seconded by JP Taylor. A
461 roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows.

462 JP Taylor-Yes
463 JP Wilson-Yes
464 JP Simons-Absent
465 JP Lyons-Yes
466 JP Ecke-Absent
467 JP Dean-Yes
468 JP Washington-No
469 JP Cogger-No
470 JP Dennis-No
471 JP Highers-Absent
472 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
473 JP Leming-Yes
474 JP Ricker-Absent
475 JP Pond-Yes

476 Motion failed. Ordinance will move to a second reading at the April QC meeting.

477
478 Judge Deakins moved to item 22, Committee Reports

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480 **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH**

481
482 The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00PM. Members
483 present were: Coleman Taylor, David Wilson, Lisa Ecke, Charles Dean, Shawndra
484 Washington, Beth Cogger, Robert Dennis, Suki Highers, Evelyn Rios Stafford, Willie
485 Leming, Gary Ricker, Kyle Lyons, Sean Simons and Butch Pond. JP Washington led
486 prayer and pledge. The Committee heard reports from Treasurer Hill, Employee's
487 Insurance Report from Charles Angel, Sheriff's report from Jay Cantrell and
488 Comptroller's report from Paul Sherman. Seven ordinances were passed on to the
489 Quorum Court. A consent agenda was not agreed upon. No public comments were
490 heard and meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

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492 Meeting Adjourned at 8:23pm.

493 *David Allen*

494 Quorum Court Coordinator
495 Approved 04/19/2024 DA