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MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

2024 MAY 17 AM 9:50

BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

Thursday April 18, 2024
6:00 PM

Washington County Courthouse

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

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

JP Rios Stafford led the Prayer and Pledge.

JP Lyons made a motion to add items 24-0-045 and 24-0-042 to the agenda, seconded by JP Coger. Item 24-0-042 was added to the agenda as the new item 8, item 24-0-045 was added to the agenda to be heard before item 9, motion passed via voice vote. JP Lyons made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by JP Dennis and passed via voice vote.

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

Citizen Comments were heard from Dianna Scott, Annie Littell, Lee Turner, Sherry Main and Terry Powell.

The judge presented Item 6, (Approval of Minutes) and asked if there were corrections needed. No corrections were needed. JP Leming made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by JP Ricker. The minutes from 3-21-2024, were approved via voice vote.

Judge Deakins presented the Judge's report, which included March's Disposal of County Property Report. Judge Deakins spoke about the Excellerate Foundation and affordable housing, road paving season starting, ARDOT and XNA as well as county construction updates. Judge Deakins proclaimed April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and discussed the Children's Safety Center.

Amended Agenda Items

Judge Deakins moved on to the new item 8, **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2023-26, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

County Attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only and discussed.

JP Pond made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by JP Dennis. Discussion was had, citizen comments were heard from Steve Zega.

A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows.

JP Taylor-Absent

JP Wilson-Yes

JP Simons-Yes

JP Lyons-Yes

JP Ecke-Yes

JP Dean-Yes

JP Washington-Abstain

JP Coger-Abstain

JP Dennis-Yes

JP Highers-Yes

JP Rios Stafford-Yes

JP Leming-Abstain

JP Ricker-Yes

JP Pond-Yes

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Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2023-26, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Item 24-0-042 was adopted as **ORD 2024-036**

Old Business

Judge Deakins moved to original agenda item 8, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASING BUDGET FOR 2024** Item 24-0-025 (On Second Reading) JP Washington introduced the ordinance and made a motion to suspend the rules and move it to a third reading, seconded by JP Dean and passed via voice vote. County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for a third time. JP Washington made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Coger. Judge Deakins spoke on the ordinance, discussion was had. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows

- JP Taylor-Absent
- JP Wilson-Yes
- JP Simons-Yes
- JP Lyons-Yes
- JP Ecke-Yes
- JP Dean-Yes
- JP Washington-Yes
- JP Coger-Yes
- JP Dennis-Yes
- JP Highers-Yes
- JP Rios Stafford-Yes
- JP Leming-Yes
- JP Ricker-Yes
- JP Pond-Yes

Motion passed. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASING BUDGET FOR 2024** Item 24-0-025 was adopted as **ORD 2024-025**

Judge Deakins moved to added item 24-0-045 **AN ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR CDS MOTORSPORTS**, which was added at the beginning of the meeting. County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the first time and discussion was had. JP Pond made a motion to suspend the rules and move the item to a second reading, seconded by JP Ricker, passed via voice vote. County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for a second time. JP Pond made a motion to suspend the rules and move the item to a third reading, seconded by JP Ricker, and passed via voice vote. County attorney Lester read the ordinance for a third time by title only. JP Pond made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by JP Ricker. Discussion was had. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows:

- JP Taylor-Absent
- JP Wilson-Yes
- JP Simons-Yes
- JP Lyons-Yes
- JP Ecke-Yes
- JP Dean-Yes
- JP Washington-Yes
- JP Coger-Yes
- JP Dennis-Yes
- JP Highers-Yes
- JP Rios Stafford-Yes
- JP Leming-Yes
- JP Ricker-Yes
- JP Pond-Yes

Item 24-0-045 passed. **AN ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR CDS MOTORSPORTS** Item 24-0-045 was adopted as **ORD 2024-037**

Judge Deakins moved to item 9 on the agenda, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A**

125 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE**
126 **PLANNING BOARD (CDS MOTORSPORTS)** Item 24-0-009 County attorney Lester
127 read the ordinance by title only, discussion was had. JP Leming made a motion to pass,
128 seconded by JP Lyons, no discussion or public comments. A roll call vote was taken
129 and tallied as follows

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131 JP Taylor-Absent
132 JP Wilson-No
133 JP Simons-No
134 JP Lyons-No
135 JP Ecke-No
136 JP Dean-No
137 JP Washington-No
138 JP Cogger-No
139 JP Dennis-No
140 JP Highers-No
141 JP Rios Stafford-No
142 JP Leming-No
143 JP Ricker-No
144 JP Pond-No

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146 Motion fails.

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148 Judge Deakins moved to item 10 on the agenda, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A**
149 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE**
150 **PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE KINDNESS IN MOTION**
151 **PROJECT** Item 24-0-030A. County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for
152 the second time. Discussion was had, JP Dean made a motion to suspend the rules and
153 move to a third reading, seconded by JP Lyons, passed via voice vote. County attorney
154 Lester read the ordinance by title only for a third time, JP Dean made a motion to pass,
155 seconded by JP Lyons. Discussion was had and public comments were heard from
156 Robin Rittle, Russell Powell and Sherry Main. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as
157 follows

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159 JP Taylor-Absent
160 JP Wilson- Yes
161 JP Simons-Yes
162 JP Lyons-Yes
163 JP Ecke-Yes
164 JP Dean-Yes
165 JP Washington-No
166 JP Cogger-No
167 JP Dennis-No
168 JP Highers-Yes
169 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
170 JP Leming-Absent
171 JP Ricker-Yes
172 JP Pond-Yes

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174 Motion passes. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
175 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF**
176 **ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE KINDNESS IN MOTION PROJECT** Item 24-0-030A was
177 adopted as **ORD 2024-026**

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179 Judge Deakins moved to item 11 (consent agenda). County attorney Lester read the
180 five consent agenda items by title only

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183 **11.1 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE**
184 **UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE 911 FUND FOR 2024** Item 24-0-031

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186 **11.2 AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING CARRYOVER REVENUES IN VARIOUS FUNDS**

187 **FOR 2024** Item 24-0-032

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189 **11.3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 2024**
190 **Item 24-0-033**

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192 **11.4 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BALLARD CREEK BRIDGE GRANT**
193 **FUND, AND MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO** Item 24-00035

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195 **11.5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL GRANT REVENUE IN THE**
196 **BRENTWOOD PLAYGROUND GRANT FUND FOR 2024**
197 **Item 24-0-036** Item 24-0-036

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199 JP Lyons made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Dean. Discussion was had, there
200 were no public comments. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows

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202 JP Taylor-Absent
203 JP Wilson-Yes
204 JP Simons-Yes
205 JP Lyons-Yes
206 JP Ecke-Yes
207 JP Dean-Yes
208 JP Washington-Yes
209 JP Coger-Yes
210 JP Dennis-Yes
211 JP Highers-Yes
212 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
213 JP Leming-Absent
214 JP Ricker-Yes
215 JP Pond-Yes

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217 Consent agenda passes

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219 **11.1 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE**
220 **UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE 911 FUND FOR 2024** adopted as
221 **ORD 2024-027**

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223 **11.2 AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING CARRYOVER REVENUES IN VARIOUS FUNDS**
224 **FOR 2024** adopted as **ORD 2024-028**

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226 **11.3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 2024**
227 **adopted as ORD 2024-029**

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229 **11.4 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BALLARD CREEK BRIDGE GRANT**
230 **FUND, AND MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO** adopted as **ORD 2024-030**

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232 **11.5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL GRANT REVENUE IN THE**
233 **BRENTWOOD PLAYGROUND GRANT FUND FOR 2024**
234 **Item 24-0-036** adopted as **ORD 2024-031**

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236 Judge Deakins moved to item 12 on the agenda, county attorney Lester read the
237 ordinance by title only **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
238 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE**
239 **HAIRSTREAM SALON PROJECT** Item 24-0-037, director Ata spoke, there were no
240 public comments. JP Ricker made a motion to suspend the rules and move to a second
241 reading, seconded by JP Lyons and passed via voice vote. County attorney Lester read
242 the ordinance by title only for the second time, JP Ricker made a motion to suspend the
243 rules and move to a third reading, seconded by JP Lyons and passed via voice vote.
244 County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the third time. JP Ricker
245 made a motion to pass the item, seconded by JP Lyons. A roll call vote was taken and
246 tallied as follows

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248 JP Taylor-Absent

249 JP Wilson-Yes
250 JP Simons-Yes
251 JP Lyons-Yes
252 JP Ecke-Yes
253 JP Dean-Yes
254 JP Washington-Yes
255 JP Cogger-Yes
256 JP Dennis-Yes
257 JP Highers-Yes
258 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
259 JP Leming-Absent
260 JP Ricker-Yes
261 JP Pond-Yes

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263 Motion passes. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
264 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE**
265 **HAIRSTREAM SALON PROJECT** Item 24-0-037 was adopted as ORD 2024-032.

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267 Judge Deakins moved to item 13 on the agenda. County attorney Lester read the
268 ordinance by title only for the first time **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL**
269 **USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR**
270 **THE SUPERIOR EQUIPMENT SERVICE PROJECT.** Item 24-0-038

271 Director Ata spoke, there were no public comments heard. JP Ricker made a motion to
272 suspend the rules and move to a second reading, seconded by JP Lyons and passed
273 via voice vote. County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the second
274 time. JP Ricker made a motion to suspend the rules and move to a third reading,
275 seconded by JP Lyons. County attorney Lester read the ordinance by title only for the
276 third time. JP Ricker made a motion to pass, seconded by JP Lyons. Discussion was
277 had. A roll call vote was taken and tallied as follows

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279 JP Taylor-Absent
280 JP Wilson-Yes
281 JP Simons-Yes
282 JP Lyons-Yes
283 JP Ecke-Yes
284 JP Dean-Yes
285 JP Washington-Yes
286 JP Cogger-Yes
287 JP Dennis-Yes
288 JP Highers-Yes
289 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
290 JP Leming-Absent
291 JP Ricker-Yes
292 JP Pond-Yes

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294 Motion passes. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
295 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE**
296 **SUPERIOR EQUIPMENT SERVICE PROJECT** was adopted as ORD 2024-033

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298 Judge Deakins moved to item 14, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL**
299 **USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR**
300 **THE ROCKIN' P JIGS & OUTDOORS PROJECT** Item 24-0-039. County attorney
301 Lester read the ordinance by title only for the first time, Director Ata spoke, and
302 discussion was had. JP Pond made a motion to suspend the rules and move to a
303 second reading, seconded by JP Lyons and passed via voice vote. County attorney
304 Lester read the ordinance by title only for a second time. JP Pond made a motion to
305 suspend the rules and move to a third reading. County attorney Lester read the
306 ordinance by title only for the third time. JP Pond made a motion to pass, seconded by
307 JP Lyons, discussion was had, there were no public comments heard. A roll call vote
308 was taken and tallied as follows

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310 JP Taylor-Absent

311 JP Wilson-Yes
312 JP Simons-Yes
313 JP Lyons-Yes
314 JP Ecke-Yes
315 JP Dean-Yes
316 JP Washington-Yes
317 JP Cogger-Yes
318 JP Dennis-Yes
319 JP Highers-Yes
320 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
321 JP Leming-Absent
322 JP Ricker-Yes
323 JP Pond-Yes

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325 Motion passes. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
326 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE ROCKIN'**
327 **P JIGS & OUTDOORS PROJECT** was adopted as ORD 2024-034

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329 Judge Deakins moved to item 15, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL**
330 **USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR**
331 **THE OL' CABIN FOOD TRAILER PROJECT** Item 24-0-040. County attorney Lester
332 read the ordinance by title only for the first time. Director Ata spoke, JP Ricker made a
333 motion to suspend the rules and move to a second reading, seconded by JP Highers
334 and passed via voice vote. County attorney Lester read the ordinance for a second
335 time, JP Ricker made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the third reading,
336 seconded by JP Highers and passed via voice vote. County attorney Lester read the
337 ordinance by title only for the third time, JP Ricker made a motion to pass, seconded by
338 JP Washington. Public comments were heard from Sherry Main. A roll call vote was
339 taken and tallied as follows

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341 JP Taylor-Absent
342 JP Wilson-Yes
343 JP Simons-Yes
344 JP Lyons-Yes
345 JP Ecke-Yes
346 JP Dean-Yes
347 JP Washington-Yes
348 JP Cogger-Yes
349 JP Dennis-Yes
350 JP Highers-Yes
351 JP Rios Stafford-Yes
352 JP Leming-Absent
353 JP Ricker-Yes
354 JP Pond-Yes

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356 Motion passes, **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
357 **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE OL'**
358 **CABIN FOOD TRAILER PROJECT** was adopted as ORD 2024-035

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360 JP Ecke made a report and Judge Deakins advised the committee reports are in the
361 agenda packets.

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364 **COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 2024**

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Judge Deakins

366 The County Services Committee met Monday, April 1, at 6:00PM. Committee members
367 present were: Coleman Taylor, David Wilson, Sean Simons, Kyle Lyons, Charles Dean,
368 Shawndra Washington, Beth Cogger, Robert Dennis, Lisa Ecke, Suki Highers, Evelyn

369 Rios Stafford, Willie Leming, Gary Ricker, Butch Pond. JP Dennis led prayer and
370 pledge.

371 The agenda was amended with 1 discussion item being added. Reports were heard
372 from the JDC and Sheriff's office.

373 One ordinance was discussed and postponed to action until the May county services
374 meeting. Two other items were discussed but not acted upon.

375 County Attorney Lester and Director Ata presented an amendment for discussion to
376 update and consolidate several planning ordinances. Director Burchett presented and
377 answered questions on an ordinance to update the county hiring policy concerning
378 drugs

379 Public comments were heard and meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

380 **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL**

381 **Judge Patrick Deakins**

382 The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00PM. Members
383 present were: David Wilson, Lisa Ecke, Charles Dean, Shawndra Washington, Beth
384 Coger, Robert Dennis, Suki Highers, Evelyn Rios Stafford, Willie Leming, Kyle Lyons,
385 Sean Simons and Butch Pond. JP's Coleman Taylor and Gary Ricker were absent. JP
386 Leming led prayer and pledge. The Committee passed five items on to the Quorum
387 Court consent agenda via voice vote. JP Coger motioned to add an item to the
388 agenda, seconded by JP Highers and added via voice vote. She then presented a
389 study supporting the continuation of the county CSU, discussion was had amongst the
390 JP's and no public comments were heard. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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392 Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 pm.

393 *David Allen*

394 Quorum Court Coordinator

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