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**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**  
**County Courthouse**

June 13, 2014

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

Thursday, June 19, 2014  
6:00 p.m.  
Washington County Quorum Court Room

**A G E N D A**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** **JUDGE EDWARDS**
2. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
3. **ROLL CALL.**
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA.** At the beginning of each meeting, the agenda shall be approved. Any JP may request an item be added to the agenda subject to approval of the Quorum Court.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Approval of the minutes of the May 15 regular meeting of the Quorum Court. (5.1)
6. **A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MIKE AND TERESA YOUNG.**  
This resolution is being brought to the Quorum Court by JP Butch Pond. (6.1) **BUTCH POND**
7. **FINANCE REPORT.** **CANDY CLARK**
  - 7.1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE WHEELER RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
  - 7.2 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDGE TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE ARKANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE RHEAS MILL COMMUNITY.**

- 7.3 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING MONIES OF \$79,991 WITHIN THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR 2014.**
- 7.4 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$7,204 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DISTRICT COURT ELKINS BUDGET FOR 2014.**
- 7.5 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$325,000 IN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND; AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$325,000 FROM THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND TO THE SAMHSA-3 GRANT BUDGET FOR 2014.**
- 7.6 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$16,012 IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND FOR 2014; AND APPROPRIATING \$16,012 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE 2014 JAG GRANT BUDGET.**
- 7.7 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$35,000 FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT FUND TO THE SHERIFF BUDGET FOR 2014.**
- 8. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT. JUDGE EDWARDS**
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS. (9.1-9.3)**
- 10. AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS GRANTED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.** The Planning Board granted Conditional Use Permits on May 29 for JRD United Church of Christ. This ordinance contains an emergency clause making it effective immediately upon passage. **(10.1, 10.2)** **TOM LUNDSTRUM**
- 11. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE 9-12 PERTAINING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.** This ordinance is on first reading and is being recommended by the County Services Committee. **(11.1)** **TOM LUNDSTRUM**

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- 12. A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE VETERANS HOSPITAL OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS.**  
This resolution is being brought to the Quorum Court by JP Butch Pond. (12.1)
- 13. OTHER BUSINESS.**
- 14. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS.** Fifteen-minute comment period with a three-minute limit for each individual to comment on items on the agenda or other items
- 15. ADJOURNMENT.**

**BUTCH POND**

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

Thursday, May 15, 2014  
6:00 p.m.  
Washington County Quorum Court Room

- 45.1 The Washington County Quorum Court met in regular session on Thursday, May 15, 2014. The meeting was called to order by County Judge Marilyn Edwards.
- 45.2 J. Patterson led the Quorum Court in a prayer and in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 45.3 MEMBERS PRESENT: Rex Bailey, Harvey Bowman, Diane Bryant, Candy Clark, Rick Cochran, John Firmin, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Ann Harbison, Tom Lundstrum, Eva Madison, Jimmy Mardis, Joe Patterson, Butch Pond, and Bill Ussery.
- 45.4 MEMBER ABSENT: Ron Aman.
- 45.5 OTHERS PRESENT: County Judge Marilyn Edwards, County Chief of Staff Dan Short, County Comptroller Cheryl Bolinger; Interested Citizens; and Members of the Press.
- 45.6 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Judge Edwards asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
- 45.7 **A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote by those present. The agenda was adopted as presented.**
- 45.8 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Judge Edwards asked for approval of the minutes of the April 17 regular meeting of the Washington County Quorum Court.
- 45.9 **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote by those present. The minutes were approved.**
- 45.10 FINANCE REPORT: C. Clark stated that she had one resolution and eleven appropriation ordinances from the Finance and Budget Committee to address tonight.
- 45.11 A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PARTICIPATION OF STABIL-LOC, INC., IN THE SALES AND USE TAX REFUND PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003 AND ARK. CODE ANN. §15-4-2706(d): C. Clark introduced **A Resolution Endorsing The**

- 46.1 **Participation Of Stabil-Loc, Inc., In The Sales And Use Tax Refund Program Authorized By The Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003 And Ark. Code Ann. §15-4-2706(d)**, and County Attorney George Butler read the resolution.
- 46.2 C. Clark stated that they did not hear about this at the Finance and Budget Committee meeting so hopefully a representative from the Springdale Chamber of Commerce is present tonight.
- 46.3 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the resolution. E. Madison seconded.**
- 46.4 Scott Edmondson, Director of Business Development with the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Quorum Court, stating that Stabil-Loc, Inc. is currently leasing a facility and has purchased land in the Springdale Industrial Park with plans to build a 33,000 sq. ft. facility. He further stated that the company manufactures foundation piers to repair and stabilize home and commercial construction foundations. Mr. Edmondson stated that Stabil-Loc, Inc. currently has seven employees and will be looking to add five additional employees and further expand in 2015. He stated that the total investment by the company is going to be a little over \$1 million.
- 46.5 R. Bailey reported that there were a lot of exciting things currently going on in Springdale, including plans for the downtown area. He pointed out that the city government, from the mayor on down to the Chamber of Commerce, work really hard to recruit business to the City of Springdale, and he appreciates the excellent job they are doing.
- 46.6 In response to a question from B. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Edmondson stated that the average salary will be \$12 to \$13 an hour for the new positions created.
- 46.7 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 46.8 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the resolution.**
- 46.9 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05, BOOK NO. 3, PAGE NO. 69**

47.1 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,710 FROM GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES TO THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Appropriating \$10,710 From General Fund Unappropriated Reserves To The Buildings & Grounds Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

47.2 C. Clark explained that there were some unpaid bills related to the Sheriff's Department, and this is pretty much budget neutral.

47.3 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. R. Bailey seconded.**

47.4 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

47.5 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-19, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 371**

47.6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$15,294 FROM GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Appropriating \$15,294 From General Fund Unappropriated Reserves To The Public Defender's Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

47.7 C. Clark explained that this is for a voice over telephone system which will save the County money.

47.8 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. E. Madison seconded.**

47.9 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

47.10 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 372**



48.1 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$4,327 IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS GRANT FUND; AND APPROPRIATING \$4,327 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS GRANT FUND TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Recognizing Additional Revenue Of \$4,327 In The Environmental Affairs Grant Fund; And Appropriating \$4,327 From The Environmental Affairs Grant Fund To The Environmental Affairs Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

48.2 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. D. Bryant seconded.**

48.3 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

48.4 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-21, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 373**

48.5 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING REVENUE OF \$50,312 IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS GRANT FUND FOR 2014; AND APPROPRIATING \$50,312 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS GRANT FUND TO THE BMT05-14EW BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Anticipating Revenue Of \$50,312 In The Environmental Affairs Grant Fund for 2014; And Appropriating \$50,312 From The Environmental Affairs Grant Fund To The BMT05-14EW Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

48.6 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. R. Cochran seconded.**

48.7 Responding to a question, Grant Administrator Wayne Blankenship stated that this grant is to address electronic waste.

48.8 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

48.9 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-22, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 374**

49.1 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING REVENUE OF \$27,500 IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS GRANT FUND FOR 2014; AND APPROPRIATING \$27,500 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS GRANT FUND TO THE BMT04-14EW BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Anticipating Revenue Of \$27,500 In The Environmental Affairs Grant Fund for 2014; And Appropriating \$27,500 From The Environmental Affairs Grant Fund To The BMT04-14EW Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

49.2 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. R. Cochran seconded.**

49.3 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

49.4 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-23, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 375**

49.5 AN ORDINANCE APROPRIATING \$12,000 FROM THE 9-1-1 FUND TO THE ACT 442 OF 2013 PSAP BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Appropriating \$12,000 From The 9-1-1 Fund To The Act 442 Of 2013 PSAP Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

49.6 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. R. Cochran seconded.**

49.7 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

49.8 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-24, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 376**

49.9 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$15,321 IN THE VOTING SYSTEMS GRANT FUND FOR 2014; AND APPROPRIATING \$15,321 FROM THE VOTING SYSTEMS GRANT FUND TO THE VOTING SYSTEMS GRANT 2014 BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Recognizing Additional Revenue Of \$15,321 From The Voting**



50.1 **Systems Grant Fund For 2014; And Appropriating \$15,321 From The Voting Systems Grant Fund To The Voting Systems Grant 2014 Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

50.2 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. A. Harbison seconded.**

50.3 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

50.4 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-25, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 377**

50.5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$140 FROM THE CIRCUIT CLERK COMMISSIONER FEES FUND TO THE CIRCUIT CLERK COMISSIONER FEE BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Appropriating \$140 From The Circuit Clerk Commissioner Fees Fund To The Circuit Clerk Commissioner Fee Budget for 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

50.6 C. Clark stated that this was a refund.

50.7 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. R. Cochran seconded.**

50.8 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

50.9 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-26, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 378**

50.10 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$185,819 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES TO VARIOUS BUDGETS FOR ANTICIPATED LONGEVITY PAY IN 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Appropriating \$185,819 From Unappropriated Reserves To Various Budgets For Anticipated Longevity Pay For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

- 51.1 C. Clark noted that the Finance Committee had asked to see a breakdown of the longevity pay, and it was included in the ordinance.
- 51.2 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. A. Harbison seconded.**
- 51.3 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 51.4 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-27, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 379**

- 51.5 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL CARRYOVER REVENUES OF \$142 IN THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY GRANT FUND FOR 2014; AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS TOTALLING \$33,520 IN VARIOUS FUNDS FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Recognizing Additional Carryover Revenues Of \$142 In The Courthouse Security Grant Fund For 2014; And Reducing Appropriations Totalling \$33,520 In Varlous Funds For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.
- 51.6 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. D. Bryant seconded.**
- 51.7 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 51.8 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-28, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 381**

- 51.9 COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT: Judge Edwards announced that Bill Bradley, President and CEO of Washington Regional Medical Center, was in attendance to provide WRMC Annual Report to the Quorum Court.
- 51.10 Bill Bradley, President and CEO of WRMC, addressed the Quorum Court and referred to his handout, the Special Report to the Community Edition of the Washington Regional Medical Center Your Health magazine, stating that the theme of this report is the amazing things that their 2,100 employees do. He

noted that as far as Fayetteville is concerned, they are the second largest employer next to the U of A. He stated in this annual report, they take a look at a typical day at WRMC and how their team achieves their goal to provide compassionate, high-quality care to the communities they serve. The report shows volumes during a typical day at WRMC to be 8 babies delivered, 70 surgeries performed, 376 imaging studies produced, 1,681 meals served, 6,500 electronic medical record logins completed to ensure accurate patient care information, 6,750 does of medication dispensed, and 145 patients reunited with their families.

- 52.1 Mr. Bradley reported that with a goal of expanding treatment options for patients with stroke and other brain disorders, WRMC began construction earlier this year on a neurosurgical hybrid operating suite. He explained that this revolutionary OR suite will be primarily dedicated to the treatment of brain disorders and will allow WRMC to bring an advanced treatment known as endovascular neurosurgery to Northwest Arkansas. He stated with two endovascular neurosurgeons set to join the medical staff later in 2014, WRMC will be the only hospital in the region, and one of only a few in the nation to offer patients this emerging specialty. He explained that through the use of catheter technology and radiological imaging, endovascular neurosurgery proves patients with minimally invasive treatment options from various disorders such as stroke, cerebral aneurysm and other vascular malformations that in the past have required complex open surgeries. Some conditions that had been considered untreatable using conventional surgery may be treatable using endovascular techniques which are much less invasive with much quicker recovery. Mr. Bradley reported that Arkansas is the number one state for stroke mortality which is an honor they do not want, and there are only 100 physicians trained to this level in the entire country so they feel very fortunate. He further pointed out that these endovascular neurosurgeons can do the brain stints or if necessary, they can do an open conventional procedure.
- 52.2 Mr. Bradley reported in the last year, WRMC added 19 new physicians to their medical staff in specialties including Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Practice, Hospitalist, Neonatology, Neurosurgery, OB/GYN, Psychiatry and Teleradiology and will be adding about the same number this year with 12 new physicians coming on August 1, 2014.
- 52.3 Mr. Bradley reported on the insurance exchange that is being run through the State noting that they are averaging somewhere between 250 and 300 exchange patients a month, and even though it is paying about 20% less than they expected, these patients do have some form of coverage whereas in the past, they had no coverage. He further pointed out that of the 250 to 300

exchange patients they see, about 90% are outpatients with only 10% actually admitted to the hospital.

- 53.1 Mr. Bradley stated that some of the biggest challenges that they are facing include healthcare reform which has created consequences. For WRMC, their annual revenues are down about \$8 million which is a significant amount for them to absorb; \$2 million of this can be attributed to healthcare reform. He noted that they are looking at their cost structure and everything that they can do to make sure that they can absorb this loss and continue to provide the services at the level that they want to provide them. He pointed out that this has been a problem common to all hospitals. Mr. Bradley explained when Medicare cuts reimbursement, the commercial insurers mimic that and drop their payments as well which attributes for another \$2 million; Medicaid has cut their reimbursement as well. At the same time, they are trying to do what they believe are great things for a hospital their size with a goal of bringing all that they can here so people do not have to leave the market to get healthcare services.
- 53.2 E. Madison stated that she has seen some statistics in recent days that perhaps one effect of the Affordable Care Act is a decline in emergency room visits; to which Mr. Bradley responded that WRMC is not seeing that in their ER and in fact, ER visits are up.
- 53.3 H. Bowman stated that though WRMC revenues are down \$8 million, they are appreciative that the private options provide them more business and compensation. In response to his question of where the \$ 8 million loss come from; to which Mr. Bradley responded that part of it was Medicare and cuts in reimbursement. He stated that they needed to keep in mind that healthcare reform is financed 20% by hospitals agreeing to lower reimbursement, so when Medicare drops their reimbursement, they have a big insurer and in this state, the biggest is Blue Cross who bases what they pay off of Medicare, so they cut what they are reimbursing which kind of compounds on itself. He stated that Medicaid has cut what they pay because the federal government is giving the state less. He noted that the other part of it is sequestration which is a budgetary act and does not really have anything to do with Medicare, so all the federal reimbursements were cut by 2%, in addition to reform.
- 53.4 H. Bowman stated that he had some family members who were medical doctors, and he has not heard one of them say a positive thing about the private option or Obamacare, but he knows that the hospitals have been supportive.



- 54.1 In response to a question from H. Bowman about what is going to happen to our doctor numbers and people who withdraw early from medical practice because of this; to which Mr. Bradley responded that he believes there will be a physician shortage, though he does not know whether it will be attributed to any of this, but rather will be attributed to just simple supply and demand. He noted that there are 10,000 people every day turning 65, and there are not that many more doctors every day, so at some point there will be a shortage of physicians, and there will probably be a lot more mid-level type providers such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners doing some of the primary care functions where physicians are only doing the functions that they need to do. He further stated that the reason hospitals may like the private option vs. physicians is that the hospitals take everyone and physicians can kind of manage their practice and do not have to take everybody who calls and wants an appointment but when they show up at the hospital, they are taken care of regardless which is one of their challenges.
- 54.2 H. Bowman stated that another challenge is that a lot of doctors are beginning to limit the number of Medicare patients that they will accept which will put some pressure on Medicare recipients.
- 54.3 Mr. Bradley responded to H. Bowman, stating as a result of this that is why they have a Senior Center at the hospital with fellowship trained geriatricians which is currently full. He stated that the problem for the hospital with that is they lose about \$1.5 million a year on that program because Medicare reimbursements are low. He stated this by no means solved the problem, it just mitigated the problem.
- 54.4 In response to a question from H. Bowman concerning the increase of E.R. visits, Mr. Bradley responded that he believes they are fortunate enough to live in an area that is growing; this is part of why the hospital is growing at 2% a year in this market. He added that many of these insurance plans try to direct patients to certain places, and WRMC is also the only level-two trauma center in the area.
- 54.5 A. Harbison addressed the \$8 million loss in revenue at WRMC, stating that they have \$16.8 million that was given to the community either in those people who cannot pay or services like the HIV Clinic and noted that WRMC's contribution to these services takes some of the pressure off of the County. She stated that regardless of the loss in revenue, WRMC is in a very sound financial situation and should be congratulated for running a really high quality institution.
- 54.6 Judge Edwards reported that her husband was in WRMC for four days with pneumonia, and they have never received better care anywhere.



- 55.1 Becky Stewart, Central EMS Chief, provided the Quorum Court with Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority's annual report. She referred to their 2013 Annual Report and stated that she would mirror everything stated by Mr. Bradley about the Affordable Care Act and how insurance and reimbursement has been affected, noting that it essentially affects them in the same manner; however, they have not quite seen specifically how their reimbursements and collections will be affected. She stated that their call volume has increased as far as emergency ambulance calls and the non-emergency ambulance is pretty steady.
- 55.2 Ms. Stewart stated that their fleet is second to none in the state with 16 ambulances that traveled 660,000 miles last year using over 56,000 gallons of fuel at \$4 a gallon. She noted that their ambulances are 2007 to 2014 vehicles, and they are on a pretty good schedule with that. She reported that they added one ambulance on south Crossover Road from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. which has helped improve their response time in the County, particularly on the east side of the County. She pointed out that their response time has improved in the unincorporated areas of the County where 88% of the time, they are to unincorporated areas in 20 minutes or less. She noted that they have not asked for an increase in dollars from the County or members of the interlocal agreement for ambulance service since 2009 when they formed the ambulance authority, and she believes that they have been a pretty good steward of the public money and provided a quality service.
- 55.3 In response to a question from E. Madison, Ms. Stewart stated that the location on south crossover that she referred to is at 210 South Crossover in a rental property on the east side just before Wyman Road.
- 55.4 C. Clark stated that this was across the street from Happy Hollow, and she is glad to know that there is an ambulance there because they are very busy.
- 55.5 In response to a question on the age of their ambulances and their life expectancy, Ms. Stewart stated that they trade their ambulances out every 5-7 years. She pointed out that they use the older ambulances for non-emergency double wheelchair runs. She further explained that many of their 16 ambulances are spare reserve and during the day they have 8 emergency ambulances and 2 non-emergency ambulances in service, and these front line units are 2010 and 2011, but they rotate them and manage the mileage.
- 55.6 R. Bailey stated that Central EMS is very respected by the Springdale Fire Department.
- 55.7 J. Patterson commended Central EMS on a wonderful job.

- 56.1 Ms. Stewart stated that Lloyd Swope served as the Washington County Representative to their Executive Committee for at least ten years and recently stepped down with Ron Wood accepting the appointment. She noted that this committee meets monthly and gives them direction on financial and operational issues.
- 56.2 Judge Edwards announced that Shawn Shrum was in attendance to give the Road Department report.
- 56.3 Shawn Shrum from the County Road Department addressed the Quorum Court and stated with the rough winter they had, they continue to incur costs in damage to roads and equipment. He noted that some roads were so bad that they took the paver out and asphalted over them instead of just patching holes. He stated as of yesterday, they have spent almost \$70,000 in asphalt patching roads with a few others to complete. He noted that they are on a 7-year chip-seal cycle and some of those roads will be moved up because of the shape that they are in. He reported that their Morrow crusher has been down in the southwest portion of the County and although it has saved them time and money, when it is down, it is expensive and to date this year they have spent just under \$50,000 in repairs.
- 56.4 Mr. Shrum stated that it is time to start chip-seals and they are beginning to clean shoulders and ditches if needed, and they will be starting those as soon as it warms up enough. He stated that they have two state aide projects this year; they are finishing the last section of Blue Springs Road, which will be paved from Goshen city limits to Highway 412. He noted another road they started last year with a mile of Bush Valley south of Lincoln, and they will be working to complete approximately four miles.
- 56.5 As far as bridge update, Mr. Shrum stated that they are still waiting to hear from the State Highway Department on Woolsey Bridge with this being in the design phase currently, after which they will be meeting with the County to figure out a location for this bridge. He stated that the Stonewall Bridge was the next bridge that the County will be replacing, and they are now waiting on ADEQ permits and will they start tearing it down with the designs nearly done.
- 56.6 Mr. Shrum stated that he wanted to give an update on the ½ cent sales tax and what the Road Department has spent out of that and what they have spent it on for this year-to-date. He reported that the majority has gone for asphalt for paving roads, the first being Wyman Road east of town which is now paved from the Fayetteville city limits to the Goshen city limits at a cost of \$126,117 for asphalt alone. He stated that they then finished Harvey Dowell Bridge and paved that from the Fayetteville city limits all the way to

- 57.1 Wyman Road which gets a lot of traffic, especially with the work being down on Hwy. 16 east at a cost of \$29,722 for asphalt alone. On these two roads, he noted that they further spent \$4,438 on tack oil. Mr. Shrum stated another asphalt job that they did was Lincoln/Cane Hill Road, CR436 which comes in behind the new Lincoln High School. He reported that they had chip-sealed that road and for whatever reason, had problems with it and had to go back and re-asphalt 1½ miles of that road at a cost of \$117,529 for the asphalt alone. He stated that they also completed a short section of road just out of Farmington for which he just received the bill today. Mr. Shrum stated that they will further plan on spending these funds on the Stonewall Bridge with \$10,000 to date on engineering services and a No Rise Certificate that they are required to have and \$200 for one of the permits from ADEQ. He further noted that their Ozark Regional Transit dues amounting \$51,237.50 for January through May of was also paid. He stated that the total of all projects mentioned is \$339,244.87 that they have spent to date of the ½ cent sales tax money.
- 57.2 H. Bowman asked if the salt and beet juice that was being used by Missouri was going to help the County to reduce the damage and cost of maintaining ice and snow on roads; to which Mr. Shrum responded that they do not use salt or beet juice but rather ½" limestone chips which gives them traction. He stated that he has talked to the State Highway Department and others to look into other alternatives for maintaining ice and snow. He explained that there are so many variables that go into a storm, noting that the storm they had in December hurt them because of the amount of sleet they received before the snow, and the temperature dropped with no sunshine for many days; and in that case, the beet juice would not have worked as this deep layer of ice and snow was not going to come off. Mr. Shrum stated that they did what they could and received many complaints, stating that they want to be at home during these times just like anyone else. He noted that there are conditions that the beet juice works perfectly on, but the County has 1000 miles of roads, and with the number of storms they had, supplies were hard to find; he does not believe beet juice is the magic solution.
- 57.3 In response to a question from H. Bowman, Mr. Shrum stated that the beet juice is mixed with salt to make a brine mixture and using the limestone chips is a whole lot less expensive.
- 57.4 R. Bailey commented that the jury is still out on the salt and beet juice, noting that the City of Springdale was using it this past winter.
- 57.5 Judge Edwards pointed out that it is a lot easier for urban people to use the salt and beet juice because they have so fewer miles than when you get out on over 1000 miles of county roads.



- 58.1 Mr. Shrum stated that over the years they have added buildings in Morrow and CR97 to store chips in because it does not take long to run out requiring them drive back into the shop in Fayetteville on the snow and ice, refill and return.
- 58.2 R. Cochran commended the County Road Department for the job well done on the roads over this past winter. He noted that it was a bad winter and our Road Department put in a lot of hour; he noted many County roads that were in a lot better shape than Fayetteville had on their main thoroughfare.
- 58.3 B. Pond stated that the County Road Department did an excellent job taking care of and staying ahead of the ice and slick roads, noting that he saw a difference where the ½" limestone chips stopped.
- 58.4 Judge Edwards noted from Mr. Shrum's ½ cent sales tax update, the jobs were not just in one portion of the County, but rather in every segment of the County and commended Mr. Shrum for a job well done.
- 58.5 D. Bryant stated that she lives in Farmington where there was a one-lane bridge on Highway 170 that was paved and is now a two-lane bridge. She asked what happened to the old one-lane bridge as she thought it was part of the Historic Registry; to which Mr. Shrum responded that this is a State highway in the City of Prairie Grove, and he is not sure what they did with the bridge. He explained in the case of an historic bridge, there is a process that you have to go through to try to sell or give away such a bridge and he is not sure whether this particular bridge fell under that or not. Mr. Shrum suggested she check with City of Prairie Grove or the Jeff Stroud with the State Highway Department who serves as the County's Resident Engineer.
- 58.6 Judge Edwards explained that the County has the option of appointing two different Equalization Board members, and one of those seats is becoming vacant due to an expired term. Mildred Runkle, a real estate agent, has been representing the Quorum Court on this board and has agreed to serve another term.
- 58.7 **A. Harbison made a motion to confirm the reappointment of Mildred Runkle to the Equalization Board. R. Bailey seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those present by voice vote. The reappointment was confirmed.**
- 58.8 COMMITTEE REPORTS: J. Patterson stated that the County Services Committee met on April 28 and heard a report from Courtney McNair, Senior Planner with the Washington County Planning Office who reported 6

exemption land splits, 1 family lot split, and 6 property line adjustments. She further reported that four land developments were approved and one conditional use permit was approved for Blue Springs RV, while the Gulley Additional Final Plat was tabled. She further noted that there are four conditional use permit hearings scheduled this month.

- 59.1 J. Patterson stated that although Director Angela Ledgerwood was unable to attend the committee meeting due to a family obligation, a report was distributed on the Animal Shelter statistics for the month of April, and R. Bailey asked that someone be present to represent the Animal Shelter every month.
- 59.2 J. Patterson stated that Sophia Stephenson, Environmental Affairs Director, reported to the Committee that during the first three months of the year with the cold and icy roads, a lot of services were compressed and only 2.5 tons were collected, in comparison to 5 tons last year. She further reported that in the first quarter there were 143 new customers at the HHW building with over 70 new customers in April alone. She reported that the numbers for the Spring Cleanup are not completed, but at Boston Mountain over 104 tons were collected. Ms. Stephenson stated that she would be willing to give quarterly reports, and T. Lundstrum complimented her on a fine job.
- 59.3 E. Madison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that this committee met on April 28 and heard a report from Ryan Parrish of CLEAResult, the energy advisors for SWEPCO who is doing all of the energy upgrades in county buildings. She noted that those upgrades have consisted primarily of lighting projects and replacing fixtures or types of lighting. She stated that this is obviously costing the County, but they are doing it based on current incentives and based just on what had been done in 2012 and 2013, they have saved \$28,000 a year in utility bills from these measures. Mr. Parrish noted that they also work with the Gas Company and he was asked a lot of questions about water usage and hot water heaters. E. Madison noted that there were a lot of options available for them to take advantage of in terms of incentives to help the County look at ways to save energy and money.
- 59.4 B. Pond, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that this committee did not meet this month due to lack of an agenda. He noted that Blair Johanson, Salary Consultant for Washington County, is compiling more information that members of the court had requested that presented in the near future.
- 59.5 T. Lundstrum, Chairman of the Jail/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee reported that this committee met on May 12, a week later than their normal



meeting because of the Sheriff's Annual Golf Tournament on May 5<sup>th</sup> and it is his understanding that they raised around \$30,000. The Committee heard monthly reports from Jeane Mack, Juvenile Detention Center Director and from the Sheriff's Office on enforcement and adult detention, everything is running normal.

- 60.1 T. Lundstrum reported the majority of the meeting was spent in discussion with Sheriff Tim Helder on medical care for the Adult Detention Center as he received a notice from the two doctors currently working at the Sheriff's Office that they will not be providing medical care to the detainees as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. In their letter, they stated the reason for this was due to the voluminous number of ridiculous lawsuits that seem to put forth without restraints and that these do not properly represent the excellent and conscientious medical service 24/7 that they and the nurses have provided. He noted that it was the consensus of the committee that Sheriff Helder pursue pricing and estimates for contracting out new doctors and try to maintain the three nurses that they currently have employed in that program and will report back to the court. T. Lundstrum stated that they saved about \$400,000 in food expenses, and they talked about using that to offset some of the additional costs in the doctor program. He further stated that this will cost them, but should be relatively budget neutral.
- 60.2 C. Clark, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, stated that County Treasurer Roger Haney reported that sales tax to jails is up which indicates a decline in earlier months due to weather; and in terms of the road sales tax, they are receiving about \$105,000 average every month which will exceed their projections if it continues; and all budgets are in good shape.
- 60.3 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GRANTED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: J. Patterson introduced **An Emergency Ordinance Ratifying A Conditional Use Permit Granted By The Planning And Zoning Board**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance. The Planning Board granted Conditional Use Permits on May 1 for Kerry Pitts, W. Wheeler Cell Tower, and B&R Meat Taxidermy Shop Expansion. This ordinance contains an emergency clause making it effective immediately upon passage.
- 60.4 **B. Pond made a motion to adopt the ordinance. A. Harbison seconded.**
- 60.5 C. Clark asked whether there had been any complaints from the public on this cell tower; to which Planning Director Juliet Richey replied that there have not been any complaints.
- 60.6 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

61.1 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

61.2 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-29, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 382**

61.3 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK OF THE ELKINS DISTRICT COURT AS THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION OF FINES IN THE ELKINS DISTRICT COURT: T. Lundstrum introduced **An Ordinance Designating The District Court Clerk Of The Elkins District Court As The Official Responsible For Collection Of Fines In The Elkins District Court**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance that is on first reading and being recommended by the Jail/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee.

61.4 **T. Lundstrum made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading by title only. A. Harbison seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those present by voice vote.**

61.5 County Attorney George Butler read **An Ordinance Designating The District Court Clerk Of The Elkins District Court As The Official Responsible For Collection Of Fines In The Elkins District Court** by title only.

61.6 **T. Lundstrum made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third and final reading by title only. C. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those present by voice vote.**

61.7 County Attorney George Butler read **An Ordinance Designating The District Court Clerk Of The Elkins District Court As The Official Responsible For Collection Of Fines In The Elkins District Court** by title only.

61.8 **T. Lundstrum made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Pond seconded.**

61.9 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

62.1 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

62.2 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-30, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 389**

62.3 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK OF THE PRAIRIE GROVE DISTRICT COURT AS THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION OF FINES IN THE PRAIRIE GROVE DISTRICT COURT: T. Lundstrum introduced **An Ordinance Designating The District Court Clerk Of The Prairie Grove District Court As The Official Responsible For Collection Of Fines In The Prairie Grove District Court**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance that is on first reading and being recommended by the Jail/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee.

62.4 **T. Lundstrum made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading by title only. R. Bailey seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those present by voice vote.**

62.5 County Attorney George Butler read **An Ordinance Designating The District Court Clerk Of The Prairie Grove District Court As The Official Responsible For Collection Of Fines In The Prairie Grove District Court** by title only.

62.6 **C. Clark made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third and final reading by title only. B. Pond seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those present by voice vote.**

62.7 County Attorney George Butler read **An Ordinance Designating The District Court Clerk Of The Prairie Grove District Court As The Official Responsible For Collection Of Fines In The Prairie Grove District Court** by title only.

62.8 **T. Lundstrum made a motion to adopt the ordinance. A. Harbison seconded.**

62.9 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

62.10 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**



- 63.1 VOTING FOR: D. Bryant, C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Bailey, and H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-31, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 390**

- 63.2 OTHER BUSINESS: E. Madison stated that she wanted to report from the Quorum Court Association meeting that she attended in Little Rock on April 26. She stated that they have no idea where the "Justice of the Peace" license plate came from, but it costs \$20 for any JP interested. She stated that she has decided that someone else should take this role next year because the majority of topics discussed have been the same at every meeting she has attended. E. Madison reported that the Ethics Commission reported on campaign finance, and there is an Attorney General's Opinion stating that JPs cannot charge to perform marriages and any fee would have to go into the General Fund. JPs also cannot accept donations because it then becomes an Ethics Commission issue in terms of declaring it.
- 63.3 E. Madison reported that they heard a very interesting presentation from the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care on the different kinds of Wellness Programs that they are implementing with counties. She stated that she found it very interesting that there is a foundation that would help you look at what kind of wellness measures can be used in the County. She noted they demonstrated that there are definitely cost savings in keeping people healthier. She further reported that the Foundation will do claims analysis to determine what is being paid out the most for and try to target those specific illnesses that are costing the most.
- 63.4 E. Madison stated that they heard a presentation on the Freedom Of Information Act from an attorney in the Attorney General's Office. They further heard a Legislative recap from Chris Villines, including the 9-1-1 funding that this court earlier passed. She explained that there was a \$2 million fund created in the 2013 Session to increase 9-1-1 funding to counties and the smaller rural towns are getting more, but we will get something.
- 63.5 E. Madison stated that primarily in the 2014 Fiscal Session, the Association of Counties work was devoted to fighting off changes in the turnback procedures and they managed to keep them as they were. The 2015 Legislative Packet will primarily focus on financial issues. There has been a lot of interest in looking at four-year terms for county officials and going to non-partisan. They discussed potentially changing the Justice of the Peace title to Commissioner because of the confusion that they are judges. E. Madison stated the report back is that there has not been a lot of interest shown in two-year terms

because the Legislature serves two years, and they are the ones that have to put it on the ballot which is unlikely given that they have two-year terms. She noted that the non-partisan title is gaining some traction for some offices, but likely not for the County Judge or JPs as Legislators tend to feel that those offices should remain partisan because of the nature of the work that they do. With respect to the title, the Constitution calls us "Justices of the Peace" so there is not really a likelihood that our title will change. She stated that some folks were interested in having an alternate title which she thinks would be more confusing. In closing, E. Madison stated that it appears that they will remain Justices of the Peace, serve 2-year terms and on a partisan basis.

- 64.1 E. Madison reported that they discussed what seems to be a concern to every county – the reimbursement from the State for housing state prisoners in county jails. She stated that while they think nothing is being done, the AAC says that they think it would be worse had they not been doing what they have been doing; that without the negotiations that have been taking place, there would be an even greater shortfall and while this is not fixing the problem, they have been able to mitigate it. She noted that there was some deal struck early on in Governor Beebe's tenure where they took money out of a property tax relief fund to fund some of the prisoners so it was like the counties were getting money in another way that was not seen as reimbursement. She stated that there was not a great outlook for a solution for this problem.
- 64.2 E. Madison stated that she did ask on Sheriff Helder's behalf why they do not have bunk beds in our State Prisons since they have them in our jails and she was told this is because prisons are accredited and the state prison system is very concerned about their prisons being accredited and this is something that causes them to lose accreditation, so the state has been very adamant about adding bunk beds.
- 64.3 E. Madison reported on retirement for JP's which they currently do not get, but some folks were very interested in this and they think it may be possible in the future because County Judge Mike Jacobs who currently serves as head of the Association of Counties Board is retiring as County Judge and running for JP Office and he sat on the APERS Board. She stated that they are doing a study for retirement options for Justice of the Peace.
- 64.4 E. Madison stated that the District Court Conversion Process which is a process started by the State where District Courts are being converted where the Clerk and Judge were going to be funded by the State instead of the current split between city and county which resulted in some cost savings to the counties. It was reported that Phase I already in place has been funded



and Washington County is due to be phased in during 2017, but as of yet the 2015 Courts slated for conversion have not been funded and were not funded in the 2014 Fiscal Session and it looks like that conversion is not likely to occur. She stated that that would put their 2017 conversion in jeopardy partly because of funding problems and the State is not willing to take that funding burden back from the counties quite yet.

- 65.1 E. Madison stated that the next general Association of Counties Meeting will be held in Little Rock on August 20 through 22. She noted that she also sits on the Association of Quorum Courts Board and therefore, she receives more information now. She reported that the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts has \$99,000 in their bank account and she has absolutely no idea what they do with that money, so she suggested that they pay mileage and expenses for those who attend the AAC meetings so that counties would have to. She noted that since being on the Association of Quorum Courts Board, they now pay her expenses to attend the meetings.
- 65.2 E. Madison reported that the AAC building is doing a 5,000 sq. ft. addition primarily for additional office space and will be renting out a portion of that to the Sheriff's Association.
- 65.3 Judge Edwards stated her only concern is if the State takes over funding for the District Courts, that they will turn around and take it out of the County's turn-back money.
- 65.4 CITIZEN COMMENTS: Barbara Landry, a resident in District 1, addressed the Quorum Court stating that her personal view of any governing body is basically to provide a safe, affordable place for her life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. She has enjoyed living here for the past 20 years. She addressed an article in last week's paper about the Washington County Animal Shelter, a shelter that was dedicated in 2012 to serve the needs of dogs and cats in Washington County by finding new homes and reuniting lost pets and owners. She stated that she can see the connection between providing a safe place for families to exist requires the management of homeless animals. The Washington County Animal Shelter is the first place she would go if her animal was lost. She has been reading about the Rescue Wagon Program that moves select animals to probable chance of adoption at whatever cost, but this seems to lead to needing "canine behavior assessment training", and she questions what that will cost the County.
- 65.5 Ms. Landry stated that seven years ago, she spoke her displeasure about the projected \$1 million Animal Shelter, and as they all know, that project grew to \$2.2 million. After reading this newspaper article, she sees that the annual cost continues to escalate, and that is her concern today. She stated that

there needs to be some more creative management of decreasing the operating expenses at the Animal Shelter. Ms. Landry stated that she has toured the Animal Shelter, and she believes that it is beautiful, classy, state of the art and something to be proud of. She stated that she is a very common sense person. She has a set budget at her house and finds ways to live comfortably without exceeding her budget or pulling from her reserves or she has to do without. She stated that she is only asking that the Quorum Court to manage their multiple departments in the same manner.

66.1 Ms. Landry stated that in discussions about this Animal Shelter's style and square footage, she heard the comment, "We have the money", and this attitude offends her when it comes to the way taxes are spent. She thanked the Quorum Court for lowering her taxes recently, but maybe now that our county reserve has dropped dramatically from \$12 million to \$5 million, the Quorum Court's priority list will shorten and their creativity will increase. She looks forward to reading those types of stories in the future.

66.2 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ims  
Quorum Court Coordinator/Reporter

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION  
TO BE ENTITLED:**

**A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE YOUNG FAMILY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mike and Teresa Young family have owned and operated a farm in Washington County for many years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Teresa Young grew up on a farm in Arkansas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Young family has had a turkey operation since 2002; and,

**WHEREAS**, the farming operation of Mike and Teresa Young and their sons, Mitchell and Tyler, has, with hard work, met with great success; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Young family has been named the Washington County Farm Family of the Year for 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

That Mike and Teresa Young and their sons, Mitchell and Tyler, are hereby honored and congratulated by the Washington County Quorum Court.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Butch Pond \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OR ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE WHEELER RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court has determined that the Wheeler Rural Fire Department meets eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the GIF Fire Protection Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Wheeler Rural Fire Department has presented plans to build a new fire station for the Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court recognizes the need for the project, concurs its importance, and supports the Wheeler Rural Fire Department in its efforts to proceed with the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. The County Judge is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for purposes of securing State grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 to aid and assist the Wheeler Rural Fire Department in executing the proposed project described herein.

ARTICLE 2. The County Judge is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Clark \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDGE TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE ARKANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE RHEAS MILL COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Quorum Court has determined that the Rheas Mill Community meets eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Rheas Mill Community has presented plans to restore the Rheas Mill Community Building; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Washington County recognizes the need for the project, concurs its importance, and supports the Rheas Mill Community in its efforts to proceed with the same; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. That the County Judge of Washington County is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for the purpose of securing state grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 to aid and assist the Rheas Mill Community in executing the proposed project described herein.

ARTICLE 2. That the County Judge of Washington County is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Clark

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_



ORDINANCE NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE  
TO BE ENACTED:**

**AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING MONIES OF  
\$79,991 WITHIN THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS  
BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR 2014.**

**ARTICLE 1.** The Parts & Repair Line Item of the Buildings & Grounds Budget in the General Fund (10000108-2023) is hereby reduced by \$79,991 for 2014.

**ARTICLE 2.** There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$79,991 from the General Fund to the Construction in Progress Line Item of the Buildings & Grounds Budget (10000108-4006) for 2014.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Clark

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$7,204 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DISTRICT COURT ELKINS BUDGET FOR 2014.

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$7,204 from the General Fund to the Other Professional Services Line Item of the District Court Elkins Budget (10000413-3009) for 2014.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Clark

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE  
TO BE ENACTED:**

**AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL  
REVENUES OF \$325,000 IN THE DRUG COURT  
GRANT FUND; AND APPROPRIATING THE  
AMOUNT OF \$325,000 FROM THE DRUG  
COURT GRANT FUND TO THE SAMHSA-3  
GRANT BUDGET FOR 2014.**

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby anticipated additional revenue of \$325,000 in the Other Federal Grants Revenue Line Item of the Drug Court Grant Fund (1903-7109) for 2014.

**ARTICLE 2.** There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$325,000 from the Drug Court Grant Fund to the following line items in the SAMHSA-3 Grant Budget for 2014:

<u>SAMHSA-3 Budget:</u>	
General Supplies (19030482-2001)	\$ 1,000
Medicine & Drugs (19030482-2004)	1,000
Medical/Dental/Hospital (19030482-3006)	254,373
Travel (19030482-3030)	500
Common Carrier (19030482-3031)	10,000
Dues and Membership (19030482-3090)	500
Meals and Lodging (19030482-3094)	20,627
Training and Education (19030482-3101)	32,000
Software Support Maint Agreement (19030482-3102)	<u>5,000</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b><u>\$ 325,000</u></b>

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Clark \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ORDINANCE NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

## APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE  
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL  
REVENUE OF \$16,012 IN THE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND FOR 2014; AND  
APPROPRIATING \$16,012 FROM THE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE 2014  
JAG GRANT BUDGET.

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby recognized additional revenue of \$16,012 in the Other Federal Grants Revenue Line Item of the Law Enforcement Grant Fund (1904-7109) for 2014.

**ARTICLE 2.** There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$16,012 to the following line items in the 2014 JAG Grant Budget:

<u>2014 JAG Grant</u>	
Small Equipment (19040466-2002)	\$ 5,753
Machinery & Equipment (19040466-4004)	<u>10,259</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	<u>\$ 16,012</u>

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: Candy Clark

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

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Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_



ORDINANCE NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$35,000 FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT FUND TO THE SHERIFF BUDGET FOR 2014.

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$35,000 from the Communications Facility and Equipment Fund to the Parts and Repairs Line Item of the Sheriff Budget (30140400-2023) for 2014.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Clark  
Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MARILYN EDWARDS**  
County Judge



280 North College, Suite 500  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

## WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

### County Courthouse

#### MEETING REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 2, 2014  
5:30 p.m.  
Courthouse Annex  
123 North College, Ste. 101, Fayetteville

Members Present: Joe Patterson, Tom Lundstrum, Rex Bailey, John Firmin, Barbara Fitzpatrick, and Eva Madison.

Members Absent: Ron Aman and Jimmy Mardis

Others Present: Bill Ussery, Diane Bryant, Ann Harbison, Rick Cochran, Harvey Bowman, Candy Clark, Butch Pond, George Butler, Glenda Audrain, Alan Roy, John Adams, Dan Short, Lanie Miller, Marilyn Edwards, Cheryl Bolinger, Jennifer Hinkle, Justin Hayes, Jerry Bolinger, Robin Thomas, Sue Madison, Berni Kurz, Juliet Richey, and Dan Holtmeyer (NWA Times).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Patterson at 5:30 p.m. The agenda was adopted as presented.

Review of An Ordinance Amending Washington County Code 9-12 Pertaining To The Washington County Library Board. County Librarian, Glenda Audrain, explained that in 2001 an Ordinance was adopted, which gave each municipal library a position on the County Library Board. Farmington joined the library system in 2005 and she is asking for a county at large position to be given to Farmington now, after having been with the county system for 9 years. She added that at some point down the road another library may come on board the ordinance will need to be looked at again.

Tom Lundstrum made a motion to forward the Ordinance to the full Quorum Court with a do pass recommendation. Rex Bailey seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from the Washington County Planning Office. Planning Director, Juliet Richey reported that twelve items were approved administratively for the month. A Large Scale Development for Sassafras Springs Vineyard Final was approved.

Three Conditional Use Permits were also recommended for approval by the Planning Board. One of those was a Personal Shop Building, one was a Meat Taxidermy Expansion and the last was a cell tower. There have not been any objections to the projects that the Staff is aware of at this time.

Next, she informed the Committee that she attended the National Planning Association Conference in April and has come back with good information and will be discussing the ordinances with the County Attorney to ensure the County is where it needs to be. She was able to meet with other County Planners across the country and has several ideas for working on a Zoning Ordinance update.

She also informed the Committee that the Planning Application database that was funded by the Quorum Court in 2013 was officially completed May 30<sup>th</sup>. It is very helpful for the staff, and she gave examples of time savings that the new application has provided.

There will be a June 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop meeting with the Planning Board and she invited the Quorum Court to attend as well.

Update from the Lester C. Howick Animal Shelter. Angela Ledgerwood, Shelter Director, presented the monthly reports for the Animal Shelter. The shelter is full.

Rex Bailey asked about the current positions that are open. Angela Ledgerwood reported that she is in the process of filling the vet tech position and there is one part time position open as well. There was a Kennel Supervisor that left, the part time position was promoted up and that is why there is an opening for the part time position. With the Rescue Wagon 30 animals a month are being sent out. There is no similar outlet for cats at the current time.

Tom Lundstrum asked what the policy is as to how long an animal is kept or euthanized? Angela Ledgerwood replied that 45 days is the policy. Currently animals are being held on an average 23 days. Anything more than the stray hold period is too much, but they are being moved out. Tom Lundstrum asked what state law requires. Angela Ledgerwood replied that state law requires three days, the city contracts require five days and if the animal has any sort of identification it is ten days. The animals are being moved as quickly as possible.

Barbara Fitzpatrick asked about the large amounts of comp time an employee has. Angela Ledgerwood replied that if everybody shows up as scheduled and nobody takes off for vacation or sick leave there is enough staff to cover. However, if someone takes comp time or vacation time or sick time the shelter is shorthanded. The Kennel Supervisor will be able to take the comp time, it will just leave the shelter shorthanded.

Report from the Washington County IT Office. IT Director, John Adams, reported that his department has completed a child support program for the Circuit Clerk's Office to monitor who owes what and take receipts. They have also worked with the Road Department for a Road Application. There is also a Road Concerns that the Judge is readying to announce so from the mobile phone a complaint can be made, a GPS picture can also be taken and submitted. The Road Department then can have the opportunity to assess the situation. The Planning Department project just wrapped up as well. There was also a program created for Environmental Affairs to take a device, send it back, and be able to accomplish most of their work from the field. The Coroner also has a desktop and mobile application to have the ability to accomplish most of tasks from the field. There has also been a program set up for the Assessor's office a scanned deeds program, that allows them to pull deeds from the Circuit Clerk's office and start knowing which ones need to be worked. The Drug Court program has been rebuilt and they are working with some grant money to get a new program. The website has also been updated. The ArcGIS has been upgraded. Servers have been moved and upgraded, the county recently moved into the virtual world. The VOIP project is continuing, the Circuit Judges are being changed over on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The continuing delay is AT&T. The 911 project has also been implemented. A firewall at the south campus has also been installed to help with security. The JDC camera systems have also been updated. The active directory health check has also been completed. A professional from Microsoft looked at it and made recommendations and those have been accomplished. Members of the IT staff have attended training and have obtained certificates. The ACOOP program has also been completed. That is disaster recovery, the plans have been distributed to all department heads and elected officials, and he believes that plan has been accepted by the state. There are a lot of work order tickets, there have been 1,035 tickets this year, with those having a wide variety of issues. The Department has been extremely busy and continues to be busy. The SPAM filter has also been upgraded, with between 90%-95% of the mail coming into the county being SPAM. There are 5,000-10,000 botnets coming in a week, but each of those has to be looked at. A web content filter deployment is being finished up. The Internet bandwidth has been increased from 10Mb to 100Mb and the speed is great.

Eva Madison asked how it was determined what items would be blocked from county computers. John Adams replied that the County subscribes to Sysco who has sites grouped in categories, and there is an option to amend as needed. For users who need more access, there are open laptops, which do not connect to the network and the users can utilize those through the county's Wi-Fi without posing a threat to the network.

Next Eva Madison asked if the goal is to convert every phone that the county is paying for, noting that in state offices the county pays for phones. John Adams replied that he has been talking with George as to what the legal requirement is for the county to do. For example, the Extension Office it is in the agreement to provide telephones. Eva Madison added that her goal is if there is an expense the county is incurring then she would like to look at saving money. John Adams added that the Health Department, while being a



different animal, he would suggest looking at those contracts and seeing what is legal, if the county doesn't have to pay for it then he would prefer not to. Eva Madison asked specifically, if the Circuit Clerk's office outsources, will the IT Department support the phone systems and the emails? John Adams replied the IT Department would not be able to provide support to the Clerk as proposed.

Eva Madison asked how that works with the County Clerk's office. John Adams replied that office is not alone. The IT Department helps the County Clerk's office with servers, firewalls, backup support, internet connection, switches, and servers, and anything else that is needed. Eva Madison asked if it would be possible for the Circuit Clerk to do some kind of possible conversion? John Adams replied he has not thought about an exit strategy for them. John Adams replied that the Data Scout for the Collector and Assessor has not saved money or time. IT just spent 60 hours figuring out how to get Data Scout updated. He added that there are many servers that the county users utilize and it is not easy to completely break off the system, all of those would be necessary if a department went on its own. Eva Madison commented that the phone system seems to be freestanding from that. John Adams replied that it can be, but some parts would have to be bought to make it work.

Candy Clark asked what the current status of the IT budget is and what does IT foresee happening? John Adams replied that the budget looks good. Money has had to be moved around a little bit, capital will need to be moved soon as well. Currently the IT Department is at 62% for the end of May, that includes encumbrances.

With no other business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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**MARILYN EDWARDS**  
County Judge



280 North College, Suite 500  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**  
**County Courthouse**

**MEETING REPORT OF THE**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 2, 2014  
6:12 p.m.  
Courthouse Annex  
123 North College, Ste. 101, Fayetteville

Members Present: Ann Harbison, Rex Bailey, John Firmin, Rick Cochran, Eva Madison, Harvey Bowman, and Bill Ussery.

Others Present: Diane Bryant, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Joe Patterson, Tom Lundstrum, Candy Clark, Butch Pond, George Butler, Lanie Miller, Cheryl Bolinger, Jerry Bolinger, Jennifer Hinkle, Justin Hayes, Robin Thomas, Berni Kurz, Renee Biby, Sue Madison, and Dan Holtmeyer (NWA Times).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eva Madison at 6:12 p.m. The agenda was adopted as presented.

Report from the Buildings and Grounds Department. Jennifer Hinkle, Buildings and Grounds Accounting Manager, reported that on the Jail side products verses incentives dating back to 2011, \$77,648.19, with incentives of \$14,158; \$46,000 of that \$77,000 was the Neptune lights, and that was just as the rebate program was being started. Of the items purchased that were undoubtedly covered under the incentive program, \$31,000 was spent and \$14,158 was received for incentive. Coming from the General Fund, which covers the Courthouse, Road, Historic Courthouse, JDC and the Maintenance building, in 2013 and 2014 \$163,321 has been spent with \$16,123 received for incentive in 2013, more incentive funds will be received in 2014, that amount will be calculated on approximately \$93,000 of expenditure.

Review of Cooperative Extension Service 2013 Agreement and Expenditures. Chairwoman Eva Madison stated that the purpose of this review is informational only in understanding more of what is drilled into during budget sessions. The County approves a budget on an annual basis for the Extension Service with big categories. The Judge then enters into an annual contract with the Extension Service which spells out what is provided. The \$97,000 number is a general funding source for the extension service, and the county also agrees to provide office space, including janitorial, telephone and utilities.

She pointed out that in the contract itself there is no dollar figure associated with the additional services the county provides.

Candy Clark commented it is not called out if telephone is landline or cell, and asked how the other expenses are paid? Cheryl Bolinger replied that the \$97,000 is paid directly to the U of A. Candy Clark asked for a complete breakdown at budget time on how much is being paid for utilities and landlines or phones.

Eva Madison commented this is partly a state function and partly a county function, and what the true cost truly is, is unknown.

Butch Pond added that it is amazing how many sources contribute to the Extension Office, different employees are paid for with grant monies, and the state and the county and various other agencies. He suggested that if anyone has questions about the Extension Office they meet with Berni Kurz and get educated.

Next she asked about bulk purchasing power with the cell phones throughout the county. County Attorney George Butler replied it is similar to having a master contract for copy machines with all the different elected officials and department heads, everybody has different opinions and needs on which company they prefer to use.

Cheryl Bolinger replied that the county has negotiated contract prices with both AT&T and Verizon. Eva Madison asked who is in charge of the master contracts? Cheryl Bolinger replied Purchasing handles that and they are re-negotiated.

Review of Health Department 2013 Appropriation and Expenditures. Chairperson Eva Madison stated that the County agreed to pay \$20,000 for the Health Department, and then they also receive land line costs and utilities.

County Attorney George Butler stated that the County has never had a contract with the Health Department, there is nothing set in law as to how much the county has to pay for the services of the Health Department.

With no other business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. at which time the Committee toured the Courthouse Annex.

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**MARILYN EDWARDS**  
County Judge



280 North College, Suite 500  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**  
**County Courthouse**

**MEETING REPORT OF THE**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
5:30 p.m.  
Washington County Quorum Court Room

**Members Present:** Butch Pond, Joe Patterson Ann Harbison, Tom Lundstrum, Rex Bailey, Candy Clark, John Firmin, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Rick Cochran, Eva Madison, Ron Aman, Harvey Bowman, Jimmy Mardis, Bill Ussery, and Diane Bryant.

**Others Present:** Scott Edmondson, Bobby Hill, Randall Denzer, Jay Cantrell, Steve Whitmill, Tim Helder, Ron Wood, Jennifer Hinkle, Ashley Farber, Dan Short, Renee Biby, Wayne Blankenship, and Dan Holtmeyer (NWA Times).

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Candy Clark. The agenda was adopted with the addition of a resolution regarding a grant request and an appropriation ordinance from the Communications Facility and Equipment Fund.

**Financial Report.** County Treasurer Roger Haney reported that the General Fund ended the month better than it began, mostly being due to the property tax settlement from May collections, that was 3.3 million for the General Fund, \$359,000 for the Road fund and \$484,000 for the Library Fund. That is up from the collections in 2013, most of those came from mortgage companies, and he is hopeful that means the housing market is improving. The General Fund is up 2.4 million over last month. The Jail Fund increase is due to the increase in sales tax, as well as receiving money from the state for housing state prisoners. The sales tax was up 4.2% over the same month last year, overall the sales tax collections are up 2.5%. The 10-year road tax was \$106,000 for the month.

Assistant Comptroller Ashley Farber reported that the budgets are on track for where they should be for the month. There are no significant issues with any of the budgets. The budgets should be at 41% for the year, for the ones that are over that amount, the majority of the reasons are due to encumbrances.

Rex Bailey asked where the \$1.6 million from unappropriated reserves went, Ashley Farber replied that it was on various items, including transfers to the Road and Jail funds.



Eva Madison asked why the Constables budget was over. Ashley Farber replied that it is due to the Workers Compensation payment.

Rick Cochran asked if the details of the encumbrances could be added to the report. Ashley Farber replied that she was unsure if that would be possible, but would ask Comptroller, Cheryl Bolinger.

A Resolution Endorsing The Participation Of EcoVet In The Sales And Use Tax Refund Program Authorized By The Consolidated Incentive Act Of 2003 And Ark. Code Ann. §15-4-2706(D). Scott Edmonson with the Springdale Chamber of Commerce explained the Resolution. EcoVet is a company that hires mainly military veterans. The company uses decommissioned semi-trailers and use the reclaimed wood to make furniture. Presently they have approximately 30 employees and they have recently signed supplier agreements with Sam Clubs and Wal-Mart and their products are available online. The goal is to increase to approximately 500 employees by 2016, with 20 more employees hired by July 1.

Barbara Fitzpatrick made a motion to forward the Resolution to the full Quorum Court with a do pass recommendation. Rick Cochran seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from County Grant Administrator Wayne Blankenship on Grants Awarded to the County and Related Appropriation Requests and Resolutions Needed for the Submission of Grant Applications. County Grant Administrator, Wayne Blankenship presented the Resolutions to submit applications to Arkansas Rural Development on behalf of the Wheeler Rural Fire Department and the Rheas Mill Community. The Wheeler request is to build a sub-station, and the Rheas Mill request is to renovate the existing community building.

Butch Pond made a motion to forward the Resolutions to the full Quorum Court with a do pass recommendation. Barbara Fitzpatrick seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Wayne Blankenship presented the ordinances. The Drug SAMHSA grant is in the third year, and it is the last one of the original grant, however, they can request extensions for three more years. The other ordinance is the JAG grant that the Sheriff receives annually. Neither grant requires matching funds.

Ann Harbison made a motion to forward the Ordinances to the full Quorum Court with a do pass recommendation. Barbara Fitzpatrick seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

An Ordinance Appropriating The Amount Of \$7,204 From The General Fund To The District Court Elkins Budget For 2014. Assistant Comptroller Ashley Farber directed the Committee to the attached letter to explain the reason for this Ordinance. Eva Madison asked why it wasn't included in the housekeeping ordinance; Ashley Farber replied it was not done so it would not confuse that ordinance.

Butch Pond made a motion to forward the Ordinance to the full Quorum Court with a do pass recommendation. John Firmin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

An Ordinance Transferring Monies Of \$79,991 Within The Buildings & Grounds Budget In The General Fund For 2014. Building and Grounds Superintendent Ron Wood explained that this Ordinance is budget neutral and is just transferring money from 2023 Parts and Repairs to 4006 Construction within his budget to allow him to replace the roof on the Women's DCC building that was formerly the Sheriff's office and the old county jail.

Barbara Fitzpatrick pointed out a scrivener's error and asked that it be corrected prior to the Quorum Court meeting.

Tom Lundstrum made a motion to forward the Ordinance to the full Quorum Court with a do pass recommendation. Rex Bailey seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

An Ordinance Appropriating \$35,000 from the Communications Facility and Equipment Fund to the Sheriff Budget for 2014. Sheriff Tim Helder reported that this request is to repair an airplane that is used for transport. It is time for an engine overhaul that is necessary. The Communications Facility and Equipment Fund is money that is generated through the inmate phone system that the County Jail utilizes.

Ann Harbison made a motion to forward the Ordinance to the full Quorum Court with a do pass recommendation. Butch Pond seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business. Chairperson Candy Clark asked the Committee to look over the calendar of proposed Budget meetings for the remainder of the year and report to the Quorum Court coordinator if there are dates that are conflicting.

With no public comment and no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE  
TO BE ENTITLED:**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING  
A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GRANTED  
BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Board granted a Conditional Use Permit on May 29 for JRD United Church of Christ; and,

**WHEREAS**, immediate ratification is necessary by the Quorum Court to prevent undue delay and expense to the applicant; and,

**WHEREAS**, ratification will not affect any appeal rights any person may have.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM  
COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

**ARTICLE 1.** That the Conditional Use Permit for JRD United Church of Christ granted by the Planning and Zoning Board is hereby ratified.

**ARTICLE 2. Emergency Clause:** It is hereby determined that it is the public's best interest for this ordinance to be effective immediately; and the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens are affected by such for the reasons as set out above; therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be and is effective from the date of its passage.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Lundstrum \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

**JRD United Church of Christ CUP**

The Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustments unanimously approved **JRD United Church of Christ** Conditional Use Permit (with conditions) on May 29, 2014.

**Staff does not expect any appeals on this CUP and recommends ratification of the project.**

**f. JRD United Church of Christ CUP**

**Conditional Use Permit Approval Request**

Location: Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 29 West

Location Address: West of the Old Wire (WC 87) and E Gulley (WC 345) intersection. Behind 4034 N Old Wire Road.

Proposed Land Use: Church

Approximately 2.58 acres

**Project #: 2014-068 Planner: Courtney McNair e-mail at [cmcnair@co.washington.ar.us](mailto:cmcnair@co.washington.ar.us)**

**BACKGROUND/ PROJECT SYNOPSIS:**

The owner of this property is JRD (Jarín Rarik Dron) UCC. The applicant for the project is John Duncan Campbell of Associated Brokers Co. Realty.

JRD United Church of Christ is requesting Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the use of church on 2.58 acres. This project was granted approval previously (Jan 2011), but has since expired (Jan 2012). Since the project approval lapsed, it must be reviewed as a new project. Any new and updated codes will be applicable.

The proposed church building is approximately 6,000 square feet in size. The church will include a worship hall, fellowship hall, women's fellowship (with warming kitchen), office, restrooms, Sunday school room, and choir room. Office hours are generally from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with services on Sunday mornings and evenings. Smaller daytime services will be held on other days of the week. In addition, special holiday and other services (such as Christmas, Easter, weddings, and funerals) will be held.

Concerns about drainage and septic system have been addressed. The applicant is aware that no portion of the septic system can be disturbed.

In addition, screening along the eastern property line is required. Staff prefers that existing vegetation and fill - in vegetation be used. If any existing vegetation is removed, additional screening may be required.

All neighbors within 300 feet of the boundary of this property were notified by certified mail of this proposed project. No public comments or concerns have been received in writing or were voiced at the meeting.

**The Planning Board/ Zoning Board of Adjustments approved (6 members voted "in favor", 0 members voted "against", 1 member was not present, 0 members abstained) the project with the following conditions:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends for approval of the proposed JRD United Church of Christ Conditional Use Permit with the following conditions:

**Water/Plumbing/Fire Conditions:**

1. This project will be required to meet all City of Fayetteville Engineering Criteria.
2. The City of Fayetteville will inspect the plumbing for this project. The applicant must contact the Building Safety Department (479-575-8233) during construction.

3. An onsite hydrant is required with a public water main extension.
4. Additionally, a sprinkler system is required. The sprinkler system requires its own dedicated hydrant and FDC (fire department connection). This second hydrant must be within 100 feet of the building.
5. The project must meet State Fire Code.
6. Plans must be submitted at Preliminary LSD.
7. All health safety conditions recommended by the architect must be followed.
8. Lighted exit signs, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, and panic hardware on exit doors are required.
9. A "warming kitchen" only is allowed. If the kitchen use changes from "warming" to a commercial type kitchen, several additional conditions will be required. The project must come back through the CUP process to make this change.
10. The Fire Marshal will complete all inspections necessary for the building, and the final building and parking/drive inspections.
11. Knox Box system of entry is required near the front door.
12. Church should be approximately sized as proposed, approximately 6,000 sq ft.
13. Facility should be entirely sheet rocked prior to use as an assembly area.
14. Architect must submit an egress plan (to address Fire Code issues) for the building at LSD. The Architect signed/stamped plans for egress and accessibility must be submitted prior to Final LSD.
15. Hammerhead does not meet fire code. Must be a minimum of 120 feet long.
16. Must have adequate clearance on the overhead electric line at the entrance.

**Septic Conditions:**

1. **Septic system area must not be disturbed.**
2. No parking is allowed on any portion of the septic system including the alternate area. (No overflow parking either).
3. The septic system must be approved by the Health Department, installed, and inspected by the Health Department prior to the building being occupied.
4. Need to know exact locations and sizes of system and alternate areas at Preliminary LSD.

**Roads/Sight Visibility/Ingress-Egress/Parking Conditions:**

1. Washington County or the project engineer will need to size the driveway tile.
2. If the driveway placement shifts, staff will require an additional sight distance study to insure that the minimum required sight distance can still be met.
3. Fire lanes must be designated on the site. If on a hard surface material, they must be painted, If on a gravel surface, they must have proper signage.
4. A minimum of 52 parking spaces are required (the architect or engineer should determine the required ADA parking spaces, minimum of 2 must be handicapped accessible).
5. The Washington County Road Department requires an apron to connect entrance drives to the County Road. The apron(s) must be paved (asphalt or concrete) and at least 20' in depth. This must be completed prior to Final LSD approval. Any extensions must be approved by the Washington County Road Department Superintendent.
6. Any work to be completed in the County ROW must be permitted prior to beginning construction. Please call (479) 444-1610 for permit.
7. All entrance drives and parking areas must support 75,000lbs in all weather conditions. (Engineer statement is required).
8. Washington County Fire Marshal will complete the final inspection of the site.
9. Parking on Old Wire Road is prohibited. No backing onto Old Wire Road will be allowed. The parking area must provide adequate turn-around areas.
10. Leave existing vegetation primarily intact to provide screening for parking area. (Removal of brush, etc... must be approved by the Washington County Planning Department).
11. At Final LSD: Need a statement, signed/stamped by Architect/Engineer, that states ADA access from ADA parking spaces to the building is in place prior to building occupation.



12. The proposed fire turn around (hammerhead) is not shown correctly on the plans. It is required to be a minimum of 120 feet long. This must be corrected.
13. Washington County is requesting only 30' ROW from center be shown on the plans at this time.

**Drainage Conditions:**

1. Staff is waiting to see if there are any additional conditions regarding the Drainage Report. They should be able to be addressed at the Preliminary LSD.

**Environmental Conditions:**

1. At this time, no stormwater permit is required by Washington County; however, the applicant must comply with all rules and regulation of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

**Signage/Lighting/Screening Conditions:**

1. 6' x 6' (or smaller) with indirect lighting, not to exceed 8 feet in height. The sign cannot be placed in the County Road right-of-way. It is currently shown in the Ozarks OHE utility easement. The applicant is aware they must obtain permission from OECC or relocate the sign further into the site. Staff is not requiring that a sign be placed; only requiring conditions if a sign is placed
2. Ozarks Electric will allow the sign to be placed in this location if it is located 10' from the existing power pole and is not more than 10' in height.
3. Signage cannot be placed in the County Road right-of-way.
4. Any outdoor lighting must be shielded from neighboring properties. Any lighting must be indirect and not cause disturbance to drivers or neighbors. All security lighting must be shielded appropriately. Please refer to diagram in the staff report attachments.
5. Existing vegetation must be left generally intact to provide screening to the property to the east of the proposed project. If vegetation is removed, Planning Staff will review for additional screening requirements.
6. **In addition to the existing vegetation, staff will require additional screening for the residence directly to the east. The home is very close to the property line. This screening can be vegetative or opaque privacy fencing (a minimum of 6 feet in height). The additional screening must be placed from the ROW, and run approximately 200 feet along the property line.** This additional screening must be shown at Preliminary LSD and the applicant must indicate whether fencing or staff's vegetation recommendations will be used. If the applicant wishes to provide an alternate form of screening, staff will review the proposal.

**Utility Conditions:**

1. Generally, any damage or relocation of utilities will be at the expense of the owner/applicant.
2. Ozarks Electric requires that the engineer needs to show 30' UE for the existing overhead power line along old wire road 15' each side of center.
3. They also need to show 15' UE along the east property if developer would like underground electrical service or 30' UE for overhead electrical service.
4. The applicant needs to let OECC know if this project will require 3 phase or 1 phase power. If 3 phase, the applicant needs to determine what voltage will be needed. Contact Mike Phipps (479-684-4696 or 479-841-2012) 4 to 6 weeks before starting construction for Ozarks Electric to design and determine cost for extension of electrical service.
5. The sign is currently shown to be located in the OECC OHE utility easement. Ozarks Electric will allow the sign to be placed in this location if it is located 10' from the existing power pole and is not more than 10' in height.

**General Conditions:**

1. Hours of operation, days, and day-to-day operations should be generally as stated by the applicant: 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., services on Sunday mornings and evenings. Smaller daytime meetings will be held throughout the week. Cleaning, maintenance and deacon meetings will take place approximately once a week. Special holiday and other services (such as Christmas and weddings) will also take place.
2. Number of employees should be generally as stated by the applicant.
3. Only the uses proposed are allowed; no additional uses unless additional review takes place. (i.e. daycare, school, etc...)
4. Generally restrict grading and tree removal only to that necessary for development.
5. Applicant must proceed through both the Preliminary and Final LSD processes if the CUP is granted.
6. Screening (opaque) for the dumpster enclosure (gate must also be opaque) shall be required at LSD.
7. Pay Mailing Fees of \$58.10 within 30 days of approval. (Invoice was emailed to applicant on 05/23/14).
8. Any further splitting or land development not considered with this approval must be reviewed by the Washington County Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustments.
9. Any expansion (second floor) will be reviewed separately as a CUP and potentially an LSD by the Washington County Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustments.
10. This CUP must be ratified by the Quorum Court.
11. All CUP conditions shall be adhered to and completed in the appropriate time period set out by ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE 9-12 PERTAINING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Washington County Library Board was reorganized; and,

WHEREAS, in 2003 Washington County Code 9-12 did not provide for a specific seat for the City of Farmington; and,

WHEREAS, with the passage of time, the Farmington Library has expanded such that it should have a permanent seat on the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. Washington County Code Sec. 9-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 9-12. Membership

(a) The new Washington County Library Board shall be composed of seven (7) qualified electors of the County to be appointed and confirmed in accordance with Ark. Code Ann., §14-14-705. The term of each member shall begin on January 1 of each year; provided further one (1) member shall represent the City of Springdale; one (1) member shall represent the City of Prairie Grove; one (1) member shall represent the City of Lincoln; one (1) member shall represent the City of West Fork; one (1) member shall represent the City of Elkins; and one (1) member shall represent the City of Farmington. The Mayors of the aforesated cities shall, in consultation with their respective library boards, certify nominees to the County Judge. ~~Two (2)~~ One (1) members shall represent the remainder of the unincorporated areas of the County and cities not set out above. ~~These two (2) members~~ This one (1) member shall be submitted by the County Judge. All nominees are to be confirmed by the Quorum Court.

(b) The terms of each board member shall be five (5) years; however, the initial terms shall be staggered in accordance with Ark. Code Ann., §14-14-705.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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DATE

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Lundstrum

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE VETERANS HOSPITAL OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Hospital of Fayetteville, Arkansas, has been in existence since 1935; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Hospital of Fayetteville, Arkansas has provided excellent and high quality medical care since its inception; and,

**WHEREAS**, there was a recent audit of the Hospital as a result of the national scandal related to other Veterans Hospitals across the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, said audit found that the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas, has been untouched by the national scandal and continues to provide prompt and quality healthcare to the veterans it serves.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS:**

**ARTICLE 1.** That the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas, is hereby commended for the excellent healthcare it provides to our nation's Veterans.

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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Butch Pond

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_