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

Thursday, June 19, 2014
6:00 p.m.

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- 68.1 B. Pond commented that farmers across the country with use of the best management practice not only provide a healthy source of food, but take a great part in providing a healthy water supply. He stated that green space is a natural filter for water that runs to the streams and farmers hold the greater part of that green space.
- 68.2 A. Harbison congratulated the Young Family for being named the Washington County Farm Family of the Year for 2014.
- 68.3 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 68.4 Mike Young expressed his appreciation for being recognized.
- 68.5 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the resolution.**
- 68.6 VOTING FOR: C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Aman, H. Bowman, and D. Bryant. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The resolution was adopted.**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06, BOOK NO. 3, PAGE NO. 70**
- 68.7 FINANCE REPORT: C. Clark stated that she had two resolutions and six appropriation ordinances from the Finance Committee to address tonight.
- 68.8 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE WHEELER RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT: C. Clark introduced **A Resolution Authorizing The County Judge To Apply For An Arkansas Rural Development Commission Grant On Behalf Of The Wheeler Rural Fire Department**, and County Attorney George Butler read the resolution.
- 68.9 C. Clark stated that this grant requires no match by the County.
- 68.10 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the resolution. D. Bryant seconded.**
- 68.11 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 68.12 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the resolution.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07, BOOK NO. 3, PAGE NO. 71

69.2 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: C. Clark introduced **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**, and County Attorney George Butler read the resolution.

69.3 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the resolution. D. Bryant seconded.**

69.4 In response to a question from J. Firmin regarding the different amounts of these two grants, Grant Administrator Wayne Blankenship stated that the amounts are correct as they are different types of grants.

69.5 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08, BOOK NO. 3, PAGE NO. 72

69.8 AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING MONIES OF \$79,991 WITHIN THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Transferring Monies Of \$79,991 Within The Buildings & Grounds Budget In The General Fund For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

69.9 C. Clark explained that this is to repair the roof on the building next to the Courthouse and is budget neutral.

69.10 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Fitzpatrick seconded.**

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-32, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 391

70.3 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$7,204 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DISTRICT COURT ELKINS BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Appropriating The Amount Of \$7,204 From The General Fund To The District Court Elkins Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

70.4 C. Clark explained that this is to help collect fines.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-33, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 392

70.8 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: C. Clark introduced **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**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

70.9 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Pond seconded.**

70.10 In response to a question from B. Fitzpatrick about what "SAMHSA" stands for, Daniel Holtmeyer with the Northwest Arkansas Times responded that it stands for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-34, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 393

71.3 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVNEUE 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: C. Clark introduced **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**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

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

71.5 In response to a question from B. Fitzpatrick about what "JAG" stands for, Grant Administrator Wayne Blankenship responded that it stands for Justice Assistance Grant.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-35, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 394

71.8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$35,000 FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT FUND TO THE SHERIFF BUDGET FOR 2014: C. Clark introduced **An Ordinance Appropriating \$35,000 From The Communications Facility And Equipment Fund To The Sheriff Budget For 2014**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance.

71.9 C. Clark stated that this is budget neutral, but the plane has to be fixed to bring it up to FAA Regulations.

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- 72.1 **C. Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Fitzpatrick seconded.**
- 72.2 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 72.3 **VOTING FOR: C. Clark, R. Cochran, J. Firmin, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Harbison, T. Lundstrum, E. Madison, J. Mardis, B. Pond, B. Ussery, R. Aman, H. Bowman, and D. Bryant. The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**
- ORDINANCE NO. 2014-36, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 395**
- 72.4 C. Clark reported that sales tax collections are up and the budgets are good.
- 72.5 **COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT: Judge Edwards stated that she had a very short report to give tonight. She reported that the Road Department has completed the chip/seal of CR612 or Indian Lake Road that connects the Vinney Grove Road with Wedington blacktop. She stated that they have put the first coat of chip seal on CR141/Leo Ammons Road and CR140/ Hahndo Lane Road. She stated that they are currently doing dirt work on CR 1090 and 199 near Round Mountain getting it ready to chip seal. She stated that they plan to start dirt work on CR17/Wolf Track Road near Summers very soon. Judge Edwards stated that they are also planning to start their re-seal chip seal of about 60 miles.**
- 72.6 Judge Edwards stated that they have two state aid projects this year and reported that they will be overlaying one mile on CR11/Bush Valley Road and approximately 1.6 mile of CR70/Blue Springs Road. She further noted that there are discussions now regarding the Woolsey Bridge, and they waiting to hear from the State Highway Department.
- 72.7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS: T. Lundstrum stated that the County Services Committee met on June 2 and reviewed an ordinance amending Washington County Code pertaining to the Washington County Library Board and voted unanimously to forward it onto the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation. The Committee heard a routine report from the Washington County Planning Office, as well as an update from the Animal Shelter. A report from the Washington County It Office was also heard where everything is running nicely.**
- 72.8 Judge Edwards noted that the Animal Shelter had another Rescue Waggin pickup this past Monday where 12 animals were sent out. This makes a grand total of 72 animals this year that have been sent out to other communities for placement.

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- 73.1 E. Madison, Chair of the Public Works Committee, reported that this committee met on June 2 at the Courthouse Annex and heard a report from Jennifer Hinkle, Buildings and Grounds Manager, on incentives dating back to 2011 on energy savings measures that the county has implemented. She stated that they spent time reviewing details of a couple of their budget items that are contracts with outside entities, the Cooperative Extension Service and the County Health Department, with a discussion on a detailed basis from where they typically are in the budget process. She states that she picked these two as they are somewhat state and somewhat county entities. The county provides some of their funding, but does not actually know where the lump sum goes. E. Madison stated that a few of the committee members went on a tour of the Courthouse Annex Building with Judge Taylor's Courtroom and Chambers and toured the Public Defender's Office.
- 73.2 B. Pond, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that this committee did not meet this month due to lack of an agenda.
- 73.3 T. Lundstrum, Chairman of the Jail/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee reported that this committee did not meet due to lack of an agenda.
- 73.4 C. Clark, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, stated that she had nothing further to report.
- 73.5 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GRANTED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: T. Lundstrum 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 a Conditional Use Permit on May 29 for JRD United Church of Christ. This ordinance contains an emergency clause making it effective immediately upon passage.
- 73.6 T. Lundstrum stated that ratification of this CUP does not affect anyone's appeal rights, and according to the Planning Board, there are no standing appeals at this time.
- 73.7 **T. Lundstrum made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Pond seconded.**
- 73.8 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 73.9 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-37, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 396

74.2 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE 9-12 PERTAINING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD: T. Lundstrum introduced **An Ordinance Amending Washington County Code 9-12 Pertaining to the Washington County Library Board**, and County Attorney George Butler read the ordinance that is on first reading and being recommended by the County Services Committee.

74.3 County Attorney George Butler noted that the ordinance that they looked at in Committee had an error which has been corrected showing that the Washington County Library Board was reorganized in 2003 instead of 2001.

74.4 **B. Pond made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading by title only. B. Fitzpatrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those present by voice vote.**

74.5 County Attorney George Butler read **An Ordinance Amending Washington County Code 9-12 Pertaining to the Washington County Library Board**, by title only.

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

74.7 County Attorney George Butler read **An Ordinance Amending Washington County Code 9-12 Pertaining to the Washington County Library Board**, by title only.

74.8 **B. Pond made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Fitzpatrick seconded.**

74.9 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-38, BOOK NO. 9, PAGE NO. 401

75.2 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE VETERANS HOSPITAL OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS: B. Pond introduced and read **A Resolution Commending the Veterans Hospital Of Fayetteville, Arkansas.**

75.3 B. Pond stated that he is very proud of the Veterans Hospital facility that they have in their community

75.4 **B. Pond made a motion to adopt the resolution. E. Madison seconded.**

75.5 T. Lundstrum stated that he does not disagree with anything in the resolution, and he uses the VA Hospital himself and has received excellent care; however, he stated that he has recently had a doctor complain to him that some of the patients he attends to in the Nursing Care Facility in the old WRMC sometimes took 5-6 weeks to get tests run. T. Lundstrum reported that he gave this doctor the names necessary to check with to try to get this situation corrected.

75.6 E. Madison stated that there are a lot of events held at the VA Hospital and encouraged people to attend. She noted that they hold an annual Purple Heart Ceremony; and on Valentine's Day, school children from the area make valentines that are passed out to veterans by local celebrities and sports figures. She pointed out that there is a tremendous new wing on the VA Hospital due to more veterans in need of care.

75.7 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

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

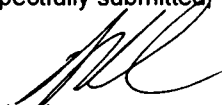
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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09, BOOK NO. 3, PAGE NO. 73

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- 76.1 OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business to discuss.
- 76.2 CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments made.
- 76.3 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Ims
Quorum Court Coordinator/Reporter