

# Committee of Thirteen Report

March 09, 2010

The Committee of Thirteen of the Benton County Quorum Court met Tuesday, March 09, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present: Wozniak, Sandlin, Brown, Lewis, Hubbard, Moore, Allen, Douglas, Blaty, Winscott, Harrison, Stephenson

Absent: Wolf

Others Present: Sheriff Keith Ferguson, County Attorney George Spence, Comptroller Richard McComas, Director of Public Services Chris Glass, Grants Administrator Kathy Bannister,

Media: Tabatha Hunter – Daily Record

JP Stephenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

### **1. Appointment of Leah Whitehead to the Benton County Historical Preservation Commission**

Chris Glass spoke on behalf of Leah Whitehead, stating that she had been Executive Director of the Peel House Foundation for 10 years, and has the best interests for this position at heart.

JP Blaty made motion to confirm the appointment of Leah Whitehead to the Benton County Historical Preservation Commission Board, and forward to the March 18, 2010 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Harrison

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **2. Resolution Request: Application for Rural Fire Services Grant –Rocky Branch Fire Dept**

Grants Administrator Kathy Bannister stated this resolution request is to authorize application for a rural services grant to purchase six sets of personnel protective gear for the Rocky Branch Fire Department. She added that this is a pass through grant with no costs to the county, and that Rocky Branch will meet the local match requirement.

JP Winscott made motion to approve and forward to the March 10, 2010 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **3. Appropriation Ordinance Request: ACEDP Septic System Grant Fund**

Comptroller Richard McComas stated that this proposed appropriation ordinance is for moving funds from the 2009 budget into the 2010 budget.

JP Wincott made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the March 18, 2010 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **4. Appropriation Ordinance Request: 2009 Budget Adjustments – Various Funds and Departments**

Richard McComas stated that this proposed appropriation ordinance is for the final budget adjustments to close out the 2009 budget.

JP Douglas made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance request, to the March 18, 2010 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Hubbard.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **5. Appropriation Ordinance Request: 2010 Budget Adjustment – Sheriff's Department**

Richard McComas stated that this proposed appropriation ordinance is needed to appropriate \$30,675 received from the insurance company on four vehicle insurance claims back into the Sheriff's Department Fund.

JP Wincott made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation request to the March 18, 2010 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Sheriff Keith Ferguson stated that Arkansas Jail Standards has approved the architectural plans for the new jail barracks addition and that we can start letting the bids.

JP Wozniak stated that hypodermic needles are beginning to become a big problem to burn, and because of the numbers that are being collected, they are not being accepted by the Environment Protection Agency. He added that Fire Marshall Will Hanna has found a company that will dispose of these needles for \$32 a month. He added that he would like to by-pass the Environmental Committee and ask for an appropriation ordinance to pay for one year of proper disposal.

Discussion was held on the cost of disposing the hypodermic needles and the need for an appropriation ordinance.

Chris Glass stated that his department would pay for the disposal of the needles out of the budget and at the end of the year, if an appropriation is needed it can be made at that time.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JP Wincott stated that a Long Range Planning/Real Estate & Buildings meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.