

## Committee of Thirteen Report

October 11, 2011

The Committee of Thirteen of the Benton County Quorum Court met Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

13 JPs Present: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Hawkins, Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Carr, Moore

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, County Attorney George Spence, Comptroller Richard McComas, Administrator of Public Service Gary Black, Administrator of General Services Elizabeth Bowen, Environmental Services Program Coordinator Teresa Sidwell, Webmaster Darryl Marks

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

Chair Kurt Moore called the meeting to order.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Constable Sam Reyna, Township 6, President of the Benton County Constables Association stated that the Benton County Constables Association would like to thank the Quorum Court for all their hard work for the citizens in Benton County.

JP Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Carr.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

### **1. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Circuit Clerk, Dept. 03, Fund 615**

JP Allen stated this appropriation request was forwarded from the Finance Committee and is to appropriate \$11,000 for the purchase of a filing cabinet for the new Juvenile Justice Center.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the October 27, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

### **2. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Information Systems, Dept. 49, Fund 010**

JP Allen stated this appropriation request for \$17,000 is for the purchase of software for the cameras being installed in the court rooms, and was forwarded from the Finance Committee with a do-pass recommendation.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the October 27, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**3. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Juvenile Probation, Dept. 20, Fund 010**

JP Allen stated this appropriation request is for the purchase of a printer/copier, and that the purchase will save the county money as opposed to leasing. He added that a service contract will be provided with the purchase of the printer/copier.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the October 27, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**4. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Road Department, Dept. 44, Fund 020**

JP Allen stated this appropriation request for \$1,238,000 is for the purchase of nine road graders. He added that this will put the county back on a rotation program that will save the county money over the years.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the October 27, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that buying nine road graders this year will begin a plan to get the county on rotation of buying and selling road graders to minimize the cost to the county. He stated the rotation plan is to purchase six in 2012, five in 2013, six in 2014, seven in 2015 and six in 2016. He stated in 2017 that the county will buy seven road graders, then eight and then seven again and establish a rotation in which the goal is to keep none of the machines more than three years. He added once we get this rotation in place, it will cost the county \$6,000 a year to operate a road grader.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that there was a \$48,000 difference in costs from the lowest bid for nine graders, and that the Road Department liked the John Deere road graders better.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated the reasons for accepting the bid to purchase the nine (9) John Deere Road Graders from Warrior of Arkansas: 1) John Deere has a steering wheel and stick steering combination, and that Caterpillar has only the stick steering; 2) Brush guards can be installed to protect the front glass and operator; 3) John Deere has a hydraulic reversing motor fan located in the front of the radiator, and Caterpillar does not offer a reversing fan; 4) John Deere delivery date would be 60-90 days after order is placed and Caterpillar delivery date would be March 31, 2012; 5) John Deere has service filters and fluid drain ports that can be reached from ground level; 6) The front hydraulic lines are protected on the John Deere where the Caterpillar hydraulic lines are out in the open. 7) Warrior of Arkansas states that a full warranty can be extended for the fourth year at a cost of \$100.

JP Moore stated that the extended warranty is important to keep the rotation plan set up. JP Douglas stated that he supported the county judge's rotation plan and that using a rotation plan will cost the county \$130,000 to \$150,000 a year to trade road graders. He added that the county has spent probably \$50,000 to \$75,000 repairing old equipment that does not have a warranty this year.

JP Moore stated that he was in favor of the plan and that it is nice to be in a maintenance phase instead of a repair phase.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Environmental Program Director, Teresa Sidwell reported that the Benton County Fall Clean Up was once again successful. She stated that this was the biggest and most successful county cleanup to date. She added that more than 1,500 people took advantage of the opportunity to dispose of household waste bulky items of furniture, electronic equipment, household hazardous waste, tires, and other material. She added that the amount of recyclables and waste material taken in was almost double the amount taken in the spring cleanup. Sidwell stated that the first environmental web show was filmed on location and that flyers have been translated into Spanish. She added that they do not have all of the numbers back from Waste Management or numbers from the Benton County Solid Waste so the total costs for the cleanup are not known. Teresa Sidwell listed the event sponsors and the estimated total value of in-kind donations to the event:

- 1) Keep Arkansas Beautiful - \$200.00
- 2) Benton County Solid Waste District - \$20,000.00
- 3) Ironwood Shredding - \$600.00
- 4) Esco Electronics Processing & Recycling – Costs unknown at this time
- 5) Sam’s Club - \$25.00 gift card
- 6) KF5M – Channel 5 – Created and ran a “promo” for two weeks free of charge
- 7) Jason Quail, Ecogeeeco – Created web show of clean up
- 8) Chick-Fil-A (Scottsdale Center) - \$245.00 - Food for volunteers

JP Jones stated that he volunteered at the Benton County Fall Clean Up and thanked the Environmental Department and Road Department for all their efforts to make the clean up so successful. He added that the clean up is worth every dollar that is put in the budget for this project.

Administrator of General Services Elizabeth Bowen presented the county clean up video created by Jason Quail of Ecogeeeco, and which was filmed on location at the county cleanup site.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JP Winscott announced that the Washing County Lincoln Day dinner is set for October 27, 2011.

JP Allen announced that the meeting time of the Finance Budget Committee meeting to be held Tuesday, October 24, 2011 has been changed from 5:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

JP Douglas announced that the Transportation Committee will meet Monday, October 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Shirley Sandlin announced that the Personnel Committee will meet Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.