

Committee of Thirteen Report

December 13, 2011

The Committee of Thirteen of the Benton County Quorum Court met Tuesday, December 13, 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 Clerk Tena O'Brien, Collector Gloria Peterson, Comptroller Richard McComas, Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson, Administrator of General Services Elizabeth Bowen, IS Director Sidney Reynolds, D.E.M. Coordinator Robert McGowen

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

Chair Kurt Moore called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

1. Resolution Request: Planning and Environmental Grant

JP Allen stated that this resolution request is to allow the County Judge to apply for a grant on behalf of the Benton County Planning and Environmental Department to construct a rain garden on county-owned property.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

2. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Capital Projects, Dept. 35, Juvenile Justice Center, Fund 440

JP Allen stated this is to appropriate an additional \$9,500 toward the purchase of furniture and other items for the Judicial Offices/Court Facilities area of the new Juvenile Justice Center.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

JP Douglas questioned the costs of the jurors' chairs selected for the Juvenile Court, and that he is against appropriating the amount that has been requested.

JP Winscott stated that he has changed his mind since voting in favor of the request at the Finance Committee meeting, because the chairs are too expensive, and that he is in favor of going forward without the chairs included in the appropriation ordinance request. JP Allen stated that the chairs are an expensive purchase, but that it is a good investment and that he will vote for the appropriation ordinance request.

Further discussion was held on the costs of the office chairs and other different styles that are available for the Juvenile Justice Center courtroom.

JP Douglas made motion to amend the appropriation ordinance request to reduce the amount requested from \$9,500 to \$5,000 for the Judicial Offices/Court Facilities, and to forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Hawkins.

JP Sandlin stated that the judge can choose how to use the money in his budget and can, if he wishes, cut costs somewhere else. She added that he still has a pretty good sum to furnish it with, and still has several options to look at. County Judge Bob Clinard stated that they will be moving into the new Juvenile Justice Center the first of January, so time is of essence.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

3. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Emergency Services, DEM-LETPA Grant FY 2009, Dept 30, Fund 194

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is to transfer \$466 from Supplies to Capital Expenditures in order to balance the Emergency Services budget for the LETPA Grant.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

4. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Emergency Services, State Homeland security Grant FY 2009 SHSGP Dept 30, Fund 293

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is to transfer \$7,801 from Supplies to Capital Expenditures in order to balance the Emergency Services budget for the SHSGP Grant.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

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

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is to appropriate \$500 in grant money received from the State of Arkansas.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

6. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Sheriff's Office, Dept 05, Fund 010

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is to appropriate a total of \$75,400 in reimbursement monies received from various entities for overtime worked by the Sheriff's Office.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Carr.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

7. Appropriation Ordinance Request: General Fund Transfers, Fund 0101, to Capital Projects, Fund 440, County Road, Fund 020

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is to transfer amounts to various funds to account for transfers made from County General, Fund 010 during the 2011 budget year.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

8. Appropriation Ordinance Request: 2012 Annual Budget Adopted

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is to establish the Benton County annual operating budget for the calendar year 2012.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 20, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

JP Douglas stated that this is a good budget and that he is in full support.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Winscott announced that a Public Safety Committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

JP Allen announced that a Finance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.