

MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

December 20, 2011

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

County Judge Robert D. Clinard called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk Janet Reaves called roll as follows:

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

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pastor Jeff Odom of Word of Life Fellowship led the prayer.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

MINUTES:

JP Douglas made motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

County Clerk Tena O'Brien thanked the Quorum Court members for supporting the county employees' salary increase, and wished them all a Merry Christmas.

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

County Judge Bob Clinard reported that: 1) The Benton County West Road Facility construction is on schedule to finish in March; 2) The Juvenile Justice Center construction is nearing completion; the Court Facility, Juvenile Probation, and Circuit Clerk's areas will open in early January, and the Juvenile Detention area will open in February. He added that a ribbon cutting and grand opening will be held February 24, 2012 from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 3) The Public Service Building renovation is 98% complete; the Election Commission will move in on December 29, and the Public Defender will move in mid-January; 4) His office is beginning the process of coordinating the move of other offices into the vacated space and in order to reduce the need for leased space; 5) He introduced Scott Stober as the new Director of the Benton County Road Department; 6) The new John Deere road graders will be delivered soon, and three new Freightliner dump trucks will be delivered in January; 7) A kickoff meeting with the

Ludwig Group, which has been contracted to conduct the county wide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) study will be held Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

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

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

JP Douglas reported on the Legislative Committee meeting held December 12, 2012. He stated that the Northwest Arkansas Intergovernmental Working Group - Water and Wastewater request had been forwarded to the January 3, 2012 Finance Committee agenda for further discussion, and that a proposed vicious dog ordinance request was forwarded to the next Public Safety Committee. He added that items for consideration were added to the 2013 Legislative Packet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Juvenile Detention Director Dennis Cottrell stated that the Juvenile Justice Center is finally completed and thanked the members of Quorum Court, County Judges, and community members for all the work and dedication that has gone into building the Juvenile Justice Center. He stated that there are no throw-away kids, that they, the youth, are worth it.

JP Sandlin stated that it is very kind of Mr. Cottrell to thank the JP's, Judges and the community; however, she in turn would like to thank Dennis Cottrell for being persistent, along with Judge Finch, in being there consistently, steadily, and without fanfare.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

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

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Proposed Resolution Authorizing the County Judge of Benton County to Apply for a Grant on Behalf of the Benton County Planning and Environmental Department; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Winscott made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2011-33.**

- (B) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Fund 440, Capital Projects, Department 35; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-55 .**

- (C) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Authorizing Transfers Between Categories in Department 30, Emergency Services, DEM-LETPA Grant FY2009, Fund 294; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011- 56.**

- (D) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Authorizing Additional Transfers In Department 30, Emergency Services, State Homeland Security Grant FY 2009 SHSGP Grant, Fund 293; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-57.**

(E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 20, Juvenile Probation, Fund 010; Sponsor: JP. Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Blaty.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-58.**

(F) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies in Department 05, Sheriff's Office, Fund 010; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-59.**

(G) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) To Amend *Schedule 1-Revenues by Fund* by Authorizing Transfers from County General Fund 010 to Various Funds Listed Herein to Account for Transfers Made During the Budget Year 2011; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-60.**

(H) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance to Establish the Benton County Annual Operating Budget for the Calendar Year 2012; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-61.**

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Allen announced that the Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. following.

JP Winscott announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 5:30.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the court, upon motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
County Clerk