

**2013-14 QUORUM COURT
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 2, 2013

The 2012-13 Justices of the Peace met on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Benton County Administration Building, Quorum Court Room, Third Floor, 215 E. Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Bob Clinard.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Prayer was led by JP Steve Curry.

A moment of silence was held in support of the men and women serving the United States Armed Forces.

Deputy Clerk Janet Reaves called roll as follows:

14 JP's Present: McKenzie, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Pat Adams, Jones
Sandlin, Anglin, Blaty, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Vacant: JP District #2

Purpose of Meeting

County Judge Bob Clinard read Arkansas State Code §14-14-904 and stated that that is the purpose of this meeting today.

County Attorney George Spence – F.O.I. Briefing

County Attorney George Spence stated that the Freedom of Information Act, (FOIA) is one of the most important laws that we have in the state. He stated the Freedom of Information Act allows the citizens of Benton County to know what the court is doing. He stated that there are two aspects to the act; the records and the meetings. He explained that all meetings of the Quorum Court are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in general and that all meetings must be announced in advance and the public has to be able to attend the meetings. He stated that this applies to all Quorum Court and committee meetings

He also stated that any emails are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as records, whether it is on the county email address or your personal email account.

Establish Procedural Rules to Be Followed

County Attorney George Spence stated that the rules of procedure for transacting business all regular and special sessions of the quorum court and all committee meetings shall be “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised”.

County Judge Bob Clinard asked the court members to remember the rule of courtesy. He stated that when discussing issues, let the person making the comment finish their statement before making your statement, and try not to talk over one another. He requested that they be courteous of the audience and treat them with respect. He stated that he would discourage starting a discourse with the public commentator.

County Judge Bob Clinard recognized the press, Tom Sissom with the Benton County Daily Record and Kyle Hill with KURM Radio.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that he would like to meet with each Justice of the Peace, once a month, one on one, if possible. He stated that these meetings will be to talk about issues that are coming up before the court.

County Judge Bob Clinard acknowledged Sheriff Craddock and Assessor “Bear” Chaney in the audience.

Introduction of Justices of the Peace

County Judge Bob Clinard introduced the Justice of the Peace:

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| Mike McKenzie – District 1 | District 2 - Vacant |
| Jay Harrison – District 3 | Tom Allen – District 4 |
| Kevin Harrison – District 5 | Pat Adams – District 6 |
| Joel Jones – District 7 | Shirley Sandlin – District 8 |
| Susan Anglin – District 9 | Michele Blaty - District 10 |
| Steve Curry – District 11 | Patrick Carr – District 12 |
| Kurt Moore – District 13 | Brent Meyers – District 14 |
| Barry Moehring – District 15 | |

14 JP’s Present

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that Governor Beebe will appoint someone to fill the vacancy in JP District 2.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that the new committee structures will need to be approved with a motion.

Committee Assignments

County Judge Bob Clinard presented the new committee structures as follows:

Finance Committee: Tom Allen (Chair), Kurt Moore, Joel Jones, Jay Harrison, Michele Blaty, Barry Moehring, Steve Curry

Public Safety Committee: Patrick Carr (Chair), Pat Adams, Mike McKenzie, Kevin Harrison, Shirley Sandlin, Brent Meyers

Personnel: Shirley Sandlin (Chair), Tom Allen, Jay Harrison, Barry Moehring, Patrick Carr, JP District 2 appointee

Transportation Committee: Steve Curry (Chair), Susan Anglin, Kevin Harrison, Kurt Moore, Pat Adams, Mike McKenzie

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that the Grievance Committee and the Legislative Committee would have to nominate someone as the committee chair.

Grievance Committee: Michelle Blaty (Chair), Joel Jones, Kevin Harrison, Barry Moehring, Susan Anglin, JP District #2 appointee

JP K. Harrison made motion to appoint Michelle Blaty as chair of the Grievance Committee, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by a unanimous show of hands vote.

Legislative Committee: Tom Allen (Chair) Kurt Moore, Michele Blaty, Jay Harrison, Shirley Sandlin, Brent Meyers, Susan Anglin

JP Blaty made motion to appoint Tom Allen as chair of the Legislative Committee, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by a unanimous show of hands vote.

Planning Board Liaison:

JP Allen stated that the Planning Board Liaison is the voice for the Quorum Court.

County Judge Bob Clinard reported that this year, they are in the process of reviewing the Blue Book for recommended changes and that those meetings will begin in January.

JP Anglin nominated Pat Adams for the Planning Board Liaison, seconded by JP Blaty.

JP Moore nominated Joel Jones for the Planning Board Liaison, seconded by JP Carr.

Nominations ceased.

JP Moehring asked the nominees to indicate why they would want to be liaison and what they will bring back to the court.

JP Adams stated at this time that he would like for his name to be withdrawn.

JP Jones stated that he has worked with the planning staff in a couple of cases and with Elizabeth Bowen and other members of her staff on several things.

JP Allen stated that this is a pretty good commitment of time and stated that he wanted to make JP Jones aware of that.

The nomination to appoint JP Jones as the Planning Board Liaison, passed by a unanimous show of hands vote.

JESAP Committee Liaison: Shirley Sandlin

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that this position is filled by the Personnel Committee Chair which is JP Sandlin.

AAC Quorum Court Rep: Susan Anglin

JP J. Harrison stated that the AAC Quorum Court Representative is the liaison for the Quorum Court for the 75 counties in the State of Arkansas.

JP Carr nominated JP J. Harrison as the Benton County AAC Quorum Court Representative, seconded by JP Moore.

JP K. Harrison nominated Susan Anglin as the Benton County AAC Quorum Court Representative, seconded by Pat Adams.

Nominations ceased.

JP Moehring asked the nominees their qualifications and interest in the position.

JP J. Harrison stated that he has been the AAC Quorum Court Representative for the last two years and that he knows what is going on and feels that he would be the best representative at this time.

JP Anglin stated that she has served on legislative committees through Farm Bureau and has experience in addressing legislative issues. She stated that the laws and rules are really important, and she is very interested because it affects every one of us. She stated that she has experience in contacting the representatives on different issues during the legislative session.

JP Sandlin asked the nominees if they would be available to drop and run on short notice if they were asked to testify or answer questions asked by the Legislators.

JP Anglin stated that her work schedule would allow her to do that.

JP J. Harrison stated that his work allows him to be available and they are very supportive of him serving in this position.

County Judge Bob Clinard asked for a show of hands for the appointment of JP J. Harrison

6 For: McKenzie J. Harrison, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers
8 Against: Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Blaty, Moehring

County Judge Bob Clinard asked for a show of hands for the appointment of JP Anglin.

8 For: Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones Sandlin, Anglin, Blaty, Moehring
6 Against: McKenzie, J. Harrison, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers

JP Anglin was elected as the Benton County AAC Quorum Court Representative.

Affirm Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee of Thirteen

JP Jones nominated JP Moore to serve as chair for the Committee of Thirteen, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no further nominations, JP Moore was elected as Chair of the Committee of Thirteen by a unanimous show of hands vote.

JP Curry nominated JP Allen to serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee of Thirteen, seconded by JP K. Harrison.

There being no further nominations, JP Allen was elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee of Thirteen by a unanimous show of hands vote.

Set Dates/Times for Quorum Court and Committee Meetings

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that the committee meetings will be set by the committee chairs, except for those that have been set by ordinance or resolution. He added that he recommends keeping the current meeting schedule, with the Committee of Thirteen meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and the Quorum Court meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

County Judge Bob Clinard asked for a show of hands vote for keeping the times and dates for the Quorum Court and the Committee of Thirteen meetings.

Unanimous show of hands vote.

Announcements/Other Comments

JP Allen announced that the next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

JP Allen stated that the protocol during public comments is that JPs should not to engage with the public at that time, but wait until the other business or announcements section, if there is a need to address something that was brought up during public comments.

County Attorney George Spence stated that he would discourage getting into a dialog with the public during public comments.

JP Allen announced that the Finance Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

JP Carr announced that a Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on January 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

JP Curry announced that a Transportation Committee meeting will be held on January 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

JP Allen announced that a Legislative Committee meeting will be held on January 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Human Resources Manager Barbara Ludwig stated that a Personnel meeting will need to be held at the end of January.

JP Moore announced that the Committee of Thirteen meeting will be held January 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff Craddock stated that he wanted to thank the court for all of their support and invited the court to take a tour of the Sheriff's Office and the County Jail.

Adjourn

After a motion and second, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
County Clerk
Prepared by: Janet Reaves