

MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

July 25, 2013

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

Deputy Clerk Janet Reaves called roll as follows:

14 JPs Present: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones,
Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring
1 Absent: Chiocco

A legal quorum was present.

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

MINUTES:

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2013 Quorum Court Meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes approved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Sheriff Kelley Craddock stated that he wanted to bring to the court's attention that they had received notice from the Chevrolet plant in Detroit, Michigan that it will close next year while they make changes to the body style of their Tahoe vehicles. He stated if they do not order new vehicles (Tahoes) by August 28, 2013, they will not be able order them until the end of May 2014. He stated that he wanted the court to be aware that due to the changes being made in the body style, the cost could increase as much as 10%, but no less than 5%. He stated if the Tahoes are ordered by August 28, 2013, they will have to be paid for within 30 days of delivery, which might or might not be before the first of the year. He stated that his department does not have money in the budget to pay for them if they are delivered this year. He stated that he would like for the court to consider buying ten to thirteen of the vehicles now, instead of waiting until next year. He said this is an opportunity for the county to save money, and that he would provide the court with more detailed information.

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

County Judge Bob Clinard reported that: 1) they are working on a formula to come up with an acceptable approach to determining EMS providers' costs; 2) the Courthouse Feasibility Study is in progress; 3) he stated that the August 22, 2013 Quorum Court meeting date needs to be rescheduled due to a conflict with the annual AAC meeting to be held in Hot Springs; 4) the next County Town Hall

meeting will be held August 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gravette senior citizens center; 5) they have signed a new lease for the Collector and Assessor offices in Gravette, and the State Revenue Office will also occupy the building; 6) the Benton County Intergovernmental Council met and approved the District Court fee allocation; 7) the annual County Auction will be held this Saturday, July 27, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the Benton County Road Department on Highway 102.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JP Allen reported that the items on tonight's agenda were approved and forwarded from the Finance Committee meeting. He added that sales tax numbers were up significantly.

Comptroller Sarah Daniels reported that recent storm damage has been estimated at \$297,000.

County Judge Bob Clinard reported on the June, 2013 County Property Disposal list.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dawn Harpool of Bella Vista commented on Sunset Drive in Bella Vista.

Willene Johnson, of the Avoca area, expressed concerns regarding the July 9, 2013 NEBCO-EMS Special Election for the purpose of deciding on a fee increase. She stated that she was not aware of any early voting being made available, and does not think the total number of votes adds up with the total number of voters who voted in the election.

Ron Fields of Rogers expressed his concerns about the condition of Kreeger Road.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) Third Reading of a Proposed Ordinance to Amend Certain Sections of Chapter 2, Article VII et seq. of *The Code of Ordinances of Benton County, Arkansas* Regarding Benton County Employment and Salary Administration Policy; Sponsor: JP Shirley Sandlin

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

JP Sandlin stated this is the third reading and made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Curry.

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

14 Yeas: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

1 Absent: Chiocco

Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2013-50.**

- (B) Third Reading of Proposed Ordinance Authorizing the Sheriff to Collect a Fee for Providing Fingerprinting Services, Sponsor: JP Michelle Chiocco

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

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

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

14 Yeas: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

1 Absent: Chiocco

Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2013-51.**

New Business

- (A) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. 0-2012-67 (2013 Benton County Budget) to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 38, Environmental, Fund 010; Sponsor JP Kurt Moore

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

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

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

13 Yeas: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

1 Absent: Chiocco

1 Abstain: Allen

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2013-52.**

- (B) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2012-67 (2013 Benton County Budget) to Create a New Fund to be Entitled "Project Safe Neighborhood Grant Fund" and Numbered No. 479, Department 05, Sheriff, to Amend Schedule 1 – Revenues by Fund to Reflect an Increase in Revenues; Authorizing a Transfer from County General Fund 0010 to Sheriff Fund 479, and Authorizing Expenditures Listed Herein; Sponsor: JP Jay Harrison

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

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

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

14 Yeas: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

1 Absent: Chiocco

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2013-53.**

- (C) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2012-67 (2013 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 38, Environmental, Fund 010; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

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

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

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

14 Yeas: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

1 Absent: Chiocco

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2013-54.**

- (D) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2012-67 (2013 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Departments 05, 17, and 67; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

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

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

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

14 Yeas: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

1 Absent: Chiocco

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2013-55.**

- (E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2012-67 (2013 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 49, Information Systems, Fund 010;
Sponsor: JP Steve Curry

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

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

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

14 Yeas: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams,
Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

1 Absent: Chiocco

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2013-56.**

Other Business

Discussion was held on selecting an alternate date for the August 22, 2013 Quorum Court meeting. Sherriff Craddock stated that he wanted to remind the court if they are considering the purchase of the new vehicles that they have to be ordered by August 28, 3023.

JP Moore made motion to move the meeting date for the August Quorum Court meeting from Thursday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to Tuesday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m., seconded by JP Curry.

Further discussion was held on moving the August Quorum Court meeting to another date.

JP Sandlin called for the question.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Announcements

JP Allen announced that a Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 06, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the court, upon motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
Prepared by Janet Reaves