

MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

September 25, 2014

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

In the absence of County Judge Bob Clinard, County Attorney George Spence called the September 25 2014 Quorum Court meeting to order, and stated that it will be necessary to elect a chair person to preside over the meeting.

JP Adams made motion to elect JP Kurt Moore as Chair, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Nominations ceased.

Quorum Court Coordinator Janet Reaves called roll as follows:

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

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. JP Steve Curry led the prayer.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

JP Moore stated that Item "A" under New Business has been pulled from the agenda.

MINUTES:

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 Special Quorum Court Meeting and the August 28, 2014 Quorum Court meeting as distributed, seconded by JP K. Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes approved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

None

COUNTY JUDGE’S REPORT:

In the absence of County Judge Bob Clinard, Administrator of General Services John Sudduth gave the September County Judges report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JP Allen reported that a Finance Budget Committee meeting had been held September 18, 2014.

Accounting Manager Mike Crandall reported that sales tax receipts were down 3.18%, lower than last year for a year-to-date increase of 1.01%. He added that overall we are up \$51,162 for the same period last year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) Third Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amending Sections 2-516 Subsection (10) b.2 and b.3 of the *Code of Ordinances of Benton County, Arkansas* Regarding Specific Benton County Personnel and Salary Administration Policies and Guidelines of the Benton County Employment Policy; Sponsor: JP Jay Harrison

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

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the proposed ordinance, seconded by JP Sandlin.

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

- 11 yeas: J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Moore, Meyers
- 4 absent: McKenzie, Hernandez, Carr, Moehring

Ordinance duly adopted and assigned No. **O-2014-56** on third reading.

- (B) Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Planning Code by Reference: Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

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

Administrator of General Services John Sudduth stated the revisions were mostly minor changes. He stated that the cell phone towers will be located so that there will be no occupiable residences within a distance or height of the tower plus fifty feet.

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

11 yeas: J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones,
Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Moore, Meyers,
4 absent: McKenzie, Hernandez, Carr, Moehring

Second reading passed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

(A) **Pulled from Agenda**

(B) Proposed Resolution of the Quorum Court of Benton County, Arkansas Approving the Issuance of up to \$7,750,000 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds (Bella Vista Village Project); Sponsor: JP Joel Jones /JP Michele Chiocco

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

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

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

11 yeas: J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones,
Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Moore, Meyers,
4 absent: McKenzie, Hernandez, Carr, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2014-27**

(C) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O- 2013-83 (2014 Budget) to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0130, Environmental Services, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Jay Harrison

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

JP J. Harrison stated that this proposed appropriation ordinance is to cover the expenses of the Benton County Fall Clean-up to be held October 11, 2014, and made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

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

11 yeas: J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones,
Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Moore, Meyers,
4 absent: McKenzie, Hernandez, Carr, Moehring

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2014-57.**

- (D) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O- 2013-83 (2014 Budget) to Create a New Fund to be Named “Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) Supplement Grant” and numbered No. 3705 in Department 0415, Juvenile Detention Center; to Amend *Schedule 1-Reveneus by Fund* to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures Therein; Sponsor: JP Kurt Moore

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

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

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

11 yeas: J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones,
Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Moore, Meyers,
4 absent: McKenzie, Hernandez, Carr, Moehring

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2014-58.**

- (E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O- 2013-83 (2014 Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0108, Non-Departmental Maintenance, Fund 4000; 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 Chiocco.

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

11 yeas: J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones,
Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Moore, Meyers,
4 absent: McKenzie, Hernandez, Carr, Moehring

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2014-59.**

- (F) Proposed Resolution Granting a Waiver of the Policy as Established in Sec. 2-516 of *The Code of Ordinances of Benton County* Regarding Payments Within the Salary Range for Various Positions in Department 0113, Accounting and Human Resources; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

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

JP Allen stated that proposed resolution is to take care of two issues: (1) the additional money to compensate Accounting Manager Mike Crandall for his extra duties until December 31, 2014, and (2) a waiver of policy to approve the hire in rate for the Comptroller position.

Human Resources Manager Barbara Ludwig reported that that increase for the 2014 budget is \$6,670.21 and for \$16,352.34 the 2015 budget.

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

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

11 yeas:	J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Moore, Meyers,
4 absent:	McKenzie, Hernandez, Carr, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2014-28.**

Other Business:

None

*Rey Hernandez entered the meeting.

Announcements:

Mike Crandall reported that \$142,594.84 for Voluntary EMS contributions have been collected thru September 24, 2014.

John Sudduth gave the September 2014 Benton County property disposal report.

JP Curry announced that a Transportation Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

JP Sandlin announced that a Personnel Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

JP Allen announced that a Finance Committee meeting will be held Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the court, upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
County Clerk
Prepared by Janet Reaves