

## MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

**April 23, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 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 Bob Clinard called the meeting to order.

Deputy County Clerk Janet Reaves called roll as follows:

14 JPs Present: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin,  
Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring  
1 JP Absent: Easley

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Rob Alexander of New Heights Church of Bentonville led the prayer.

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

### **MINUTES:**

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Quorum Court meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Shirley Sandlin.

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

14 Yeas: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin,  
Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring  
1 Absent: Easley

Minutes approved as distributed.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:**

None

### **COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT/COUNTY PROPERTY DISPOSAL REPORT:**

- Proposed location options for the new Benton County Justice Center have been presented to the Public Safety Committee. Discussion will be continued at the next Public Safety Committee meeting to be held on April 27, 2015.

- Progress has been made with AHTD on the state highway access to the Bentonville West High School location in Centerton. They have not heard from them about their research into those intersections.
- Corinth Bridge design is nearing completion and will be out for bid in June.
- We are presenting a summary of the options for War Eagle Bridge repair or replacement to the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for May 4, 2015.
- Exterior waterproofing and microbial removal at the Sheriff's office is complete. The Sheriff's Office conceptual plan to expand the jail in two areas is still under consideration.
- Negotiations are underway in Little Rock with a plan to alter the way inmates may get parole hearings earlier than they currently do. A change in policy may affect the immediate need for more misdemeanor beds at the County Jail.
- We have narrowed the selection for a Construction Manager to oversee the Old Courthouse exterior and interior renovations per the Walton Foundation Grant.
- Exceptionally wet weather has obviously delayed our road construction plan. When conditions are suitable we will try to catch up and make the schedule.
- The March 2015 Property Disposal Report was reviewed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

JP Jones reported that a Public Safety/Justice Facility meeting was held April 07, 2015.

JP K. Harrison reported that a Legislative Committee meeting was held April 09, 2015.

JP Allen reported that a Finance Committee meeting was held April 02, 2015.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Linda Pickens, Director of Fabulous Felines which serves Northwest Arkansas, voiced her opinion for the need of an animal shelter in Benton County.

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 show of hands vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (A) Proposed Resolution Choosing a Certain Voting Equipment Vendor for Benton County, Arkansas; Sponsor: JP K. Harrison

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

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

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

14 Yeas: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin,  
Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring  
1 Absent: Easley

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2015-12.**

- (B) Proposed Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of County Surveyor for Benton County; Sponsor: JP Shirley Sandlin

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

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

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

14 Yeas: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin,  
Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring  
1 Absent: Easley

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2015-13.**

- (C) Proposed Resolution Authorizing the County Judge of Benton County to Apply for an Arkansas State Police – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.) FY 2016 Grant; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

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

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

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

14 Yeas: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin,  
Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring  
1 Absent: Easley

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2015-14.**

- (D) Proposed Resolution Expressing the Willingness of Benton County to Utilize Federal Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds for the War Eagle Bridge Project; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring

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

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

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that this grant, if awarded, could be used for repairs to the War Eagle Bridge Project.

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

14 Yeas: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin,  
Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring  
1 Absent: Easley

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2015-15.**

(E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Fund 4000, Capital Projects, Department 0108, Non-Departmental/Maintenance; 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.

Discussion was held on the land purchase and the additional parking spaces and improvements to the parking lot at the Benton County Rogers Office (BCRO) building.

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

14 Yeas: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin,  
Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring  
1 Absent: Easley

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-20.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

JP Curry announced that a Transportation Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

After motion and second, meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien  
County Clerk

Prepared by Janet Reaves

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