

DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

MARCH 18, 2021

Desha County Quorum Court met March 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse.  
 OPENING PRAYER and PRAYER REQUEST for Charles & Terry Fritsch and Memphis Cash: JP7, Ronnie  
 Norris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: JP4, Gene Weser

ROLL CALL: CHIEF DEPUTY Kimberly Clay-Mitchell

JP	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
1	Joe James	X	
2	Lynn Weather	X	
3	Patricia Watkins	X	
4	Gene Weser	X	
5	Hollis Mankin		X
6	Richard Smith	X	
7	Ronnie Norris	X	
8	Dollie Wilson	X	
9	Norris Sims	X	

I. MINUTES

The February minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by JP7, Ronnie Norris and seconded by JP8, Dollie Wilson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Lynn Weatherford and seconded by Dollie Wilson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- County Judge Tindall went over the Pendleton/FEMA Buyout Option.
- Per Judge, once Governor Asa Hutchinson lifts the mask mandate, the Old Courthouse and Annex Building will reopen the doors, but all employees will still be required to wear masks and the spraying will stop.
- The gravel line item will be over this year due to the snow, freeze, and 8 inches of rain damage done to the roads.
- Judge Tindall discussed the 2 bids from John Deer for a bottom dump trailer and a day cab truck the county will be needing in the future.
- An individual donated \$7,500 to the road department for gravel or whatever is needed and \$7,500 to the sheriff department on a vehicle. The individual is using this platform via the local newspapers to challenge others who uses the county roads to do the same. County Treasurer Shirley Kozubski will research with the state auditors to see what the guidelines are on accepting donations.
- Due to the 8 inch rain we received earlier this year, the landfill wall is needing repairs.
- Judge Tindall asked Quorum Court to approve putting on his or County Judge Administrative Assistant Jane Watkins' computer, a remote configuration to enable Desha County Judge to have "**VIEW ONLY**" permission for the Apprentice bookkeeping system, so he can pull his own information to use on grants. Quorum Court denied his request due to he hadn't discussed it with the County Clerk Valerie Donaldson.
- C.B. King Auditorium flooring has been repaired and the county is waiting on the check from the insurance company to pay for the repairs.
- The county needs a new trackhoe to haul gravel and right now they're paying \$5/yd. The judge has contacted a Lincoln County man who has an undeveloped pit with good gravel for \$2/yd. With the \$3 difference, the county will be able to pay for the new trackhoe in a couple of years.

- The judge discussed the DOT contract for the State Police Road and Oakwood Bayou.
- The judge informed Quorum Court the status of the bid on sanitation. When the courthouse doors open back up, only the Annex Building and the Old Courthouse will continue to be sprayed locally by the custodian and she will not have to travel to the other county buildings.
- Road department worked 7 days straight with no lunch breaks to repair the damage to the roads from the snow and rain storms.
- Sherry Bottoms informed the judge the people at the Dumas hospital are going to collect the earnest money.
- The judge received several complaint calls in regards to internet/Facebook posting and asked Quorum Court if a social media policy needs to be implemented in the personnel policy handbook and they all agreed.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT

JP2, Lynn Weatherford announced that a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic would be at the Dumas Community Center on Friday, March 19, 2021, from Ba.m. to Sp.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by JP4, Gene Weser and seconded by JPS, Dollie Wilson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-15-21

Valerie Donaldson, Desha County

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Valerie Donaldson