

DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

July 20, 2023

Desha County Quorum Court met July 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse.

JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford called the meeting to order in the absence of the County Judge.

OPENING PRAYER: JP2, G. Lynn Weatherford

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

JP	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
1	Troy Jackson Jr	X	
2	G. Lynn Weather	X	
3	Patricia Watkins	X	
4	Ricky Helton	X	
5	Hollis Mankin	X	
6	Kenneth Holt Jr	X	
7	Rita Kolb	X	
8	Dollie Wilson	X	
9	Norris Sims	X	

I. MINUTES

The July minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by JP4, Rick Helton and seconded by JP8, Dollie Wilson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by JPS, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP9, Norris Sims. All were in favor, Motion passed.

County Treasurer, Shirly Kozubski gave a report of the AAC meeting she attended.

The Sheriff gave a report of the arrest and traffic stops his officers made.

III. OLDBUSINESS

Sheriff, Mitch Grant stated that he didn't have budget figures at this time for the E911 call center. He stated that the cost would be more than what the County Judge had originally anticipated during the startup process. He said that he had visited with the County Clerk and the Treasurer regarding these issues. He will be meeting with the Desha County E911 board soon for further discussion. The E911 Board or PSAP Board consists of the following: Dumas Police Chief, McGehee Police Chief, McGehee OEM, Dumas Fire Chief, and the Desha County Sheriff.

The chain of command consists of the following: The Desha County Judge (has no vote, but has the power to veto), secondly, The PSAP Board (S members as stated above with 3 constituting a quorum), and lastly the 911 coordinator.

Other old business discussing Ms. Karen Barlow was mentioned by JP3, Patricia Watkins as to her job duties as the grant writer, or if she administered the ARPA GRANT only. The County Clerk distributed the minutes that stated that Mrs. Barlow would be administering the ARPA grant, and what she would be paid. That led to the reading of the Ordinance 2023-11 (This was read before the other scheduled ordinances.)

Ordinance 2023-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2023-4. An ordinance authorizing the payment for grant administration services from funds received from the Coronavirus fiscal recovery fund. The Ordinance was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for a second reading was given by JP 5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP 9, Norris Sims. The roll was called, all were in favor. The Ordinance was read by title only. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for a third reading was given by JP 5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP 4, Rick Helton. The roll was called, all were in favor.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11 was given by JP 5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP 4, Rick Helton. The roll was called, all were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-11 PASSED. 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST.

IV. NEWBUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2023-9 AN APPROPRIATON ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 DESHA COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-9.

The Ordinance was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for a second reading was given by JP 6, Ken Holt and seconded by JP 5, Hollis Mankin. The roll was called, all were in favor. The Ordinance was read by title only. A motion

to suspend the rules and read by title only for a third reading was given by JP 9, Norris Sims and seconded by JP 1, Troy Jackson. The roll was called, all were in favor.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-9 was given by JP 5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP 6, Ken Holt. The roll was called, all were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-9 PASSED. 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST.

ORDINANCE 2023-10. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING EXTERNAL NOISE ATTENUATION OF DATA CENTERS AND TO PREVENT NOISE DISTURBANCE IN DESHA COUNTY AND WITHIN ITS UNINCORPORATED LIMITS.

The Ordinance was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for a second reading was given by JP 4, Rick Helton and seconded by JP 6, Ken Holt. The roll was called, all were in favor. The Ordinance was read by title only. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for a third reading was given by JP 5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP 6, Ken Holt. The roll was called, all were in favor.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10 was given by JP 9, Norris Sims and seconded by JP 7, Rita Kolb. The roll was called, all were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-10 PASSED. 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST.

ORDINANCE 2023-12. AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE JUDGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A 40 YARD NEW WAY FRONT END LOADER AND TRUCK.

Several Justices had questions and it was decided to table the Ordinance. A motion was made by JP, 9 Norris Sims to table the resolution until the Judge could be present. It was seconded by JP 5, Hollis Mankin. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-12, TABLED UNTIL THE AUGUST MEETING.

RESOLUTION 2023-14. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF). A motion was made by JP, 3 Patricia Watkins to table the resolution until the Judge could be present. It was seconded by JP 4, Rick Helton. All were in favor. RESOLUTION 2023-14, TABLED UNTIL THE AUGUST MEETING.

RESOLUTION 2023-15. IN THE MATTER OF RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF DUMAS, ARKANSAS.

The Resolution was read by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford stated the County Attorney, Brooks Gill had researched the topic. Attorney, Brooks Gill stated that it is illegal for counties and cities to donate money to any organization. However, a contract could be made between the County and an organization (such as the boys and girls club) stating what that organization would be doing in exchange for the county.

RESOLUTION 2023-15, DIED FOR THE LACK OF A MOTION AND A SECOND.

A list of items that were auctioned per the county, and the receipts were given to the Quorum Court.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by JP 5, Hollis Mankin, and it was seconded by JP 9, Norris Sims.

Date: 08-17-2023

Approve: Richard Tindall

Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge

Date: 08-17-2023

Attest: Valerie Donaldson \_\_\_\_\_

Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk