

## DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

July 17, 2025

Desha County Quorum Court met July 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse.  
JP 2 G. Lynn Weatherford called for a moment of silence.

OPENING PRAYER: JP 3, Patricia Watkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

ROLL CALL: Desha County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson

JP	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
1	Troy Jackson Jr.	X	
2	G. Lynn Weatherford	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 June minutes were approved by JP 4, Rick Helton and seconded by JP 9, Norris. All members agreed.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by JP 6, Dollie Wilson and seconded by JP 1, Troy Jackson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

III. SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Sheriffs report was accepted.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

– JP 3, Patricia Watkins asked if the court had gotten back with Ms. Lydia Davis. She spoke last month inquiring about funding for her organization. At that time the court suggested they would get back with her. JP 2, Lynn Weatherford stated the county cant fund private property. JP 3, Patricia Watkins asked to revisit this later because other private properties had been funded by the county in the past. JP 2, Mr. Lynn Weatherford stated the court will look into the matter and revisit as requested.

V. NEW BUSINESS-

Ordinance 2025-10. An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-15. The Ordinance was read by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to suspend the rules and read for a second reading by title only was given by JP 9, Norris Sims and seconded by JP 7 Rita Kolb. Roll was called and all were in favor. The Ordinance was read for a third time by title only. A motion to accept the Ordinance was given by JP 1, Troy Jackson and seconded by JP 8, Dollie Wilson. The roll was called. Ordinance 2025-7 passed, 9 to 0.

Resolution 2025-6 A resolution declaring the office of Desha County Judge vacant. Resolution 2025-6 was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to accept the Resolution was made by JP 7, Rita Kolb and it was seconded by JP 6, Ken Holt. The roll was called. All members agreed. Resolution 2025-6 Passed. 8 to 0. The court went into executive session to discuss an appointee for the Desha County Judge's Office. When the meeting resumed resolution 2025-7 was read appointing a new Desha County Judge, Thomas Wayne Smith.

Resolution 2025-7 A resolution appointing a successor to fill the vacancy of County Judge Resolution 2025-7 was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to accept the Resolution was made by JP 6 Ken Holt and It was seconded by JP 7, Rita Kolb. The roll was called. Resolution 2025-7 Passed. 5 For . 3 Against.

Resolution 2025-8 A resolution to apply for a grant. Resolution 2025-8 was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to accept the Resolution was made by JP 4, Rick Helton and it was seconded by JP 1, Troy Jackson. The roll was called. All members agreed. Resolution 2025-8 Passed. 8 to 0.

Resolution 2025-9 A resolution to repurpose the 2026 historic preservation grant. Resolution 2025-9 was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to accept the