ORDINANCE NO. 2022-5

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF A DRAFT OF QUORUM COURT MINUTES UNTIL THE MINUTES ARE APPROVED BY THE QUORUM COURT; TO IMPOSE A FINE FOR VIOLATIONS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF DESHA COUNTY as follows:

- 1. Section One. Except as required by the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOI), and in order to respond to a proper FOI request, no person or organization shall publish any draft of Quorum Court Minutes to the public or otherwise make a draft of the Minutes available to the public until the Minutes are approved by the Quorum Court as the official Minutes.
- 2. <u>Section Two</u>. Any violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- 3. Section Three. This Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Desha County, Arkansas; it is, therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 32 day of MITUA, 2022.

Richard Tindall, County Judge

ATTEST:

Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

RECORD

Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

By: Deputy

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