**DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**June 15, 2023**

**Desha County Quorum Court met June 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse.**

**OPENING PRAYER: JP2, G. Lynn Weatherford**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Judge Richard Tindall**

**\_\_\_\_\_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**

1. **Norris Sims X**
2. **MINUTES**

The June minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by JP5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP6, Ken Holt. All were in favor, Motion passed.

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

 A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by JP2, G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP9, Norris Sims. All were in favor, Motion passed.

County Treasurer Shirly Kozubski passed out a warrant register report to all members to view.

Several members expressed their gratitude for the report.

 The Sheriff gave a report of drug felony arrest and traffic stops in the county.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

JP3, Patricia Watkins asked if Ms. Barlow is the Desha County Grant Writer and if so why could she not write a grant for the Sheriff’s Department? She asked about the amount that was paid to Ms. Barlow and what it entails. The Judge Explained that Ms. Barlow is hired to oversee the ARPA grant. She is also writing a grant for Masonville Community Park. That grant is different from the ARPA fund grant that she is handling. Any grant she may write for the County will cost extra with that money coming out of that grant. JP 4, Rick Helton suggested that they review the contract and past minutes and this should give them the answer to the questions.

The E911 Call Center had a meeting earlier this month. The board members will be getting budget figures available for the Quorum Court members very soon.

A question was asked if the E911 Center would be just a call center or would it be a call center with Dumas and McGehee Dispatch as well. The County Judge stated that it would be all of Dumas and McGehee dispatch housed there.

1. **NEW BUSINESS- None**
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The County will be getting a grant to put a new roof on the Courthouse Annex.

The City of Dumas has moved into phase two of cleaning the asbestos from the old hospital.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by JP4, Rick Helton and seconded by JP1, Troy Jackson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned**.**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Approve: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk**