

# DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

JANUARY 20, 2022

Desha County Quorum Court met January 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse  
BY PHONE 1-701-802-5456 CODE # 39454.

**OPENING PRAYER: G. LYNN WEATHERFORD**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: WAVED**

**ROLL CALL: Deputy Clerk, Patricia Collins**

<u>JP</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
1	Joe James	X	
2	Lynn Weatherford	X	
3	Patricia Watkins	X	
4	Gene Weser	X	
5	Hollis Mankin		X
6	Richard Smith	X	
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8	Dollie Wilson	X	
9	Norris Sims	X	

## I. MINUTES

The minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by Mr. Gene Weser and seconded by Ms. Dollie Wilson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

## II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Mr. Gene Weser and Seconded by Mr. Lynn Weatherford. All were in favor, motion passed.

III. No Old Business

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

A motion to Appoint Ms. Dollie Wilson Delegate to the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts, Inc. by Mr. Gene Weser and Seconded by Mr. Lynn Weatherford. Ms. Dollie Wilson excepted. All were in favor, motion passed.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Richard Tindall introduced AMANDA FRENCH FOR THE JP 7. Mrs. Patricia Collins asked Mr. Lynn Weatherford if he mind if we said a prayer with him before his surgery. Prayer was open by Mr. Gene Weser.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weser and Seconded by Ms. Dollie Wilson. All were in favor meeting adjourned.


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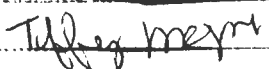
THIS MEETING WILL BE RE-DONE IN THE NEXT MONTH ON THE REGULAR QUORUM COURT MEETING. RESON FOR THIS IS THE MEETING BY PHONE WAS NOT LEGAL BY LAW DUE TO NONE MANDATE CLOSER.

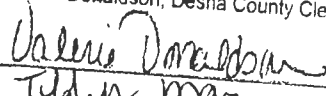
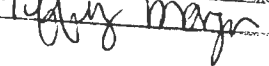
Date: 2-18-22

Approved:   
Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge

Date: 2-17-22

Attest:   
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

**RECORD**  
5-5-22  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk  
  
By  Deputy

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5-5-22  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk  
  
By  Deputy

DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

February 17, 2022

- \* The Desha County Quorum Court met Thursday, February 17, 2022.  
All members were present except Joe James and G. Lynn Weatherford. Mr. Weatherford called over the phone.  
The prayer was led by Mr. Gene Weser and the Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Mr. Gene Weser. January's meeting had to be redone because it was held over the phone. The Association of Counties deemed it an illegal meeting due to the State of Emergency procedures had been lifted.  
A motion to appoint Ms. Dollie Wilson to the Association of Quorum Court to represent Desha County was made by Mr. Gene Weser and seconded by Mr. Richard Smith. All were in favor.  
A motion to adjourn the January meeting and commence the February meeting was made by Mr. Gene Weser and seconded by Mr. Norris Sims. All were in favor.  
The County judge asked if there was any old business and there were none.  
In new business a motion to accept the minutes as mailed was given by Mr. Gene Weser and seconded by Dollie Wilson. All were in favor.
- The Judge listed on the agenda to discuss Raises. Mrs. Donaldson prepared a presentation. The presentation included the minutes from the October 13<sup>th</sup> budget meeting and the October 14<sup>th</sup> regular scheduled Quorum Court meeting.  
The budgets were passed out along with the minutes and a salary schedule. Mrs. Donaldson also had the meetings recorded due to her being the secretary of the meetings. She had this available so that all could hear the lengthy discussion of the raises that were approved at the Quorum Court meetings in October of 2021. Ms. Patricia Watkins stated the raises had been approved in 2021 for the 2022 budget. Much discussion ensued and it was agreed that the raises were passed during the October 2021 meeting.
- Ordinance 2022-1, An Ordinance to amend the 2022 budget. The Ordinance was confusing because there was no money being amended. The Clerk was asked to read the ordinance in its entirety. The ordinance was read with a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser and seconded by Ms. Wilson. The roll called and all were in favor except Mr. Norris Sims with a Nay vote. The Ordinance was read by title only for another reading. The roll was called, and all were in favor. A motion to read by title only for the last reading was made by Ms. Patricia Watkins and seconded by Mr. Weser. The Roll was called, and all were in favor. Ordinance 2022-1. Note to auditors- Nothing changed in the Ordinance except for wording. No budget or figures were changed.
- Next on the agenda was "Truck Drivers". A truck driver from the audience asked why he and others were not allowed to drive on Redfork Road when HWY 1 was temporarily closed due to a bridge being out. The Judge insisted he did not say they couldn't drive on Redfork Road. He stated that he asked the truck drivers to not use that road out of courtesy.  
Ms. Watkins said it was a public road and we could not ask citizens to not travel that road. Ms. Watkins stated that she understood many roads needed to be repaired and she was hoping that the Oakwood Bayou Road would be finished this year since it was discussed to be finished two years ago. The Judge responded that it would not be this year either. No reason was given.
- Discussion on the American Recovery Act money to be disbursed to the agencies that applied for it was the next topic on the agenda. It was suggested that a contract would have to be written between the County and the Agencies to be legal. Mr. Charles Killion the Chair of the American Rescue Act Committee discussed the meticulous process that was taken to determine the proper actions and decisions made on how and who to distribute the money. He said the board made every effort to follow the legal guidelines.

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An Ordinance to pass the American Recovery Act money was on the agenda but had to be tabled to the following meeting.

Ms. Dollie Wilson asked if they could discuss the Channel 7 Television Station invoice that was in their Quorum Court packet.

The invoice was for a television commercial intitled "Richard Tindall - Get the Vaccine" It also would allow him a 5-minute zoom interview to be featured on Good Morning Arkansas. It was previously discussed that all the elected officials would appear in the commercial in the amount of \$7500.00 paid for by the American Recovery Act last year. Ms. Watkins stated that the reason for wanting to air the commercial last year was due to the fact that we need to avoid the impression of "campaigning "during election time using County Funds.

It was also discussed that a phone policy needed to be in place, but no final decisions were made at this time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Weser. All were in favor.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

Richard Tindall, County Judge

Valerie Donaldson  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

\* Judge said he was advised not to sign there by an attorney - (see attachment)

**FILED**  
3-5-22  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk  
Valerie Donaldson  
By: Tiffany Meryn Deputy

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3-5-22  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk  
Valerie Donaldson  
By: Tiffany Meryn Deputy

**DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**March 17, 2022**

Desha County Quorum Court met March 17, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse

**OPENING PRAYER: JP3, Mr. Weatherford**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: JP 4, Gene Weser.**

**Roll Call: Deputy Clerk, Tiffany Morgan.**

<b>JP</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
1	Joe James	x	
2	Lynn Weatherford	x	
3	Patricia Watkins	x	
4	Gene Weser	x	
5	Hollis Mankin		x
6	Richard Smith	x	
7	Amanda French	x	
8	Dollie Wilson	x	
9	Norris Sims		X

**I. MINUTES**

February minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by JP 3, Gene Weser and seconded by JP 8, Dollie Wilson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 1, Joe James. All were in favor, Motion passed.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2022-3**

AN ORDINANCE NAMED, AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY COMMITTEE TO ALLOT AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS.

The Ordinance was Read by Deputy Clerk, Tiffany Morgan.

It was discussed that a copy of the proposals submitted by all the organizations asking for the American Recovery Funds would be beneficial in the decision making process of the Quorum Court. Ms. Watkins stated it would help them understand better what these entities are asking for and why they are asking. Much discussion ensued.

Mr. Weatherford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-3. More Discussion followed.

Mr. Weser suggested that the Ordinance be tabled until the American Rescue Committee can submit a copy of the proposal would be a wise idea. Much discussion followed. Ms. Watkins made a motion to table ordinance 2022-3 and have an emergency meeting at a later date. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion All present were in favor except Mr. Weatherford with a Nay Vote.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2022-2**

An Ordinance to establish a county general sub-fund called the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund; and to Declare an Emergency. The Ordinance was read by Deputy Clerk, Tiffany Morgan

A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser and second by Mr. Joe James.

The roll was called, and all were in favor. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for the reading given by Mr. Weser and second by Ms. Wilson. The roll was called all were in favor.

**Ordinance 2022-4**

Ordinance to allow judge to enter a contract for the county of Desha to purchase a Heil 28yard halfback frontend loader and truck. The Ordinance was read by Deputy Clerk Tiffany Morgan. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser and second by Mr. Smith. The Roll was called and everyone was in favor except Ms. Watkins. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser second Ms. Wilson. All in favor except Ms. Watkins with a Nay Vote.

Mr. Weser second Ms. Wilson. All in favor except Ms. Watkins with a Nay Vote.

**ORDINANCE 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.

Deputy Clerk, Tiffany Morgan read the Ordinance. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser second by Ms. Wilson. The Roll was called and all were in favor. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser second by Ms. Wilson. The roll was called and all were in favor. Mr. Weser made a motion to adopted ordinance 2022-5 and it was second by Ms. Wilson. The Roll was called and all were in favor with the exception of Ms. Watkins with a NAY Vote.

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ORDINANCE 2022-6

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT VIDEO OR VISUAL RECORDING OF ANY QUORUM COURT MEETINGS; TO IMPOSE A FINE FOR VIOLATIONS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. The Ordinance was read by Tiffany Morgan. After much discussion concerning the freedom of information act. Ordinance 2022-6 was withdrawn.

ORDINANCE 2022-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 BUDGET. The Ordinance was read by Deputy Clerk Tiffany Morgan. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser and second by Mr. Weatherford. The roll was called and all were in favor. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Mr. Weser and seconded by Mr. Weatherford. The roll called and all were in favor. Mr. Weatherford made a motion to approve ordinance 2022-7 and Mr. Weser seconded it. The roll was called and all were in favor. ORDINANCE 2022-7, PASSED.

Donna Beatty spoke about the road she lived on concerning big truck traffic. Much discussion ensued.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Date: 4-21-22

Approved: *Richard Tindall*  
Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge

Date: 4-21-22

Attest: *Valerie Donaldson*  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

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*5-5-22*  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk  
*Valerie Donaldson*  
By: *Tiffany Morgan* Deputy

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**DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
MARCH 30, 2022  
EMERGENCY MEETING**

Desha County Quorum Court met March 30, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Gene Weser.

**Roll Call:** County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson.

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

**I. MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve due to being a special called emergency meeting.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no treasurer's report due to being a special called emergency meeting.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

ORDINANCE 2022-8. An Ordinance to pay over the AMRA funds to approved organizations.

**ORDINANCE 2022-8**

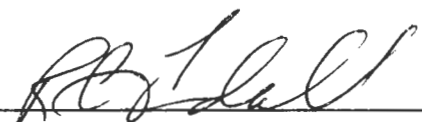
The Ordinance was read by County Clerk Valerie Donaldson. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was made by Mr. Mankin and seconded by Mr. Smith. The Roll was called, motion passed. The ordinance was read by title only with a motion to accept given by Mr. Weser and seconded by Ms. Dollie Wilson. All were in favor. A motion to pass the Ordinance was made by Mr. Weser and seconded by Mr. Mankin. All were in favor. Ordinance 2022-8 Passed.

9 For and 0 Against.


**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

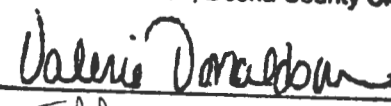
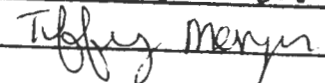
Date: 4-21-22

Approved:   
Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge

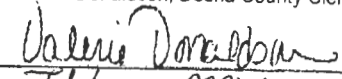
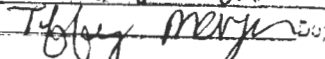
Date: 4-21-22

Attest:   
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

**RECORD**  
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