

DESHA COUNTY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2021-10

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DESHA, STATE OF ARKANSAS, an ordinance to be entitled, an ordinance to approve funds to pay county employees to clean three (3) and treat eight (8) county buildings for the purpose of suppressing the transmission of COVID-19, and its variants.

WHEREAS, the County of Desha has been dealing with COVID-19 and its variants and many individuals have been infected with this virus;

WHEREAS, this virus has grown to have such an impact that it is identified as a "Pandemic";

WHEREAS, the circumstances with COVID-19 and its variants make this situation "an unusual circumstance" and an "emergency situation" in which the very lives of employees and citizens of the county are at risk;

WHEREAS, the County Judge sought to find extra cleaning services but only one company submitted a bid which was extremely expense;

WHEREAS, the county needed extra cleaning and sterilization services for two (2) health department buildings, two (2) public libraries, two (2) county office buildings with a court room, a cooperative extension office, and a court building for a total of eight (8) public buildings;

WHEREAS, by A.C.A. §14-14-1202(c)(2)(A)(i) allows Quorum Court to pass an ordinance to permit the county to purchase goods or services directly from county employees due to unusual circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court recognizes that this pandemic caused an "unusual circumstance" and an "emergency situation;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF DESHA COUNTY the following:

1. Section One. That the actions of the County Judge in hiring two (2) county employees and a relatives of the Judge and Clerk to perform cleaning and sanitation services is approved.
2. Section two. That an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance is retroactive to January 1, 2021 and in full force, effective immediately upon its passages and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16 day of September, 2021.


Richard Tindall, County Judge

ATTEST:


Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk