

**DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**November 29, 2022**

Desha County Quorum Court met November 29, 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.

<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	
7	Amanda French	x	
8	Dollie Wilson	x	
9	Norris Sims	X	

**I. MINUTES**

October minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by JP 4, Gene Weser and seconded by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford. All were in favor, Motion passed.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by JP 4, Gene Weser and seconded by JP 5, Hollis Mankin. All were in favor, Motion passed.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Coroner Elect, Jamie Evans spoke to the court concerning her budget for the 2023 as did Sheriff Elect, Mitch Grant

**ORDINANCE 2022-18-** Appropriation Ordinance. An Ordinance establishing the 2023 annual budget.

The Ordinance was read by County Clerk Valerie Donaldson. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was made by Mr. Weatherford and seconded by Mr. Weser. The Roll was called, motion passed. The ordinance was read by title only with a motion to accept made by Mr. Weser and seconded by Mr. Mankin. Roll was called, all were in favor. The Ordinance was read by title only for a third reading. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Weser and seconded by Mr. Sims. All were in favor. Ordinance 2022-18 Passed.

**ORDINANCE 2022-19-** An ordinance to approve the recommendations of the American Recovery Act Committee from the October 6, 2022 APRA meeting.

The ordinance was handed out at the meeting by Judge Tindall.

The ordinance was not read because several members had questions about the ordinance. They questioned the 200,000 dollars that was for Arkansas City for the Arkansas City Economic Development for construction of a camper park. The conversation led to why the ordinance was just for the Arkansas City recipient and one other when the ARPA committee approved several other organizations as well. A new ordinance will be submitted at the next Quorum Court Meeting.

Ms. Dollie Wilson asked if she could submit a request for the Masonville Park. She stated that she didn't submit a request because she was told by a former employee of the county that she was working on a grant for Ms. Wilson. After asking several times on the status of the grant Ms. Wilson was told each time it was still being worked on. The final time Ms. Wilson inquired, which was a year later, the employee told Ms. Wilson that she had never submitted the grant, and would not be because she was resigning. Ms. Wilson stated she felt misled and the employee was never held accountable for

being dishonest with her. This caused the Masonville park to lose a lot of money and as mentioned before the employee was not reprimanded. (This employee has since been offered a job at the county again (See Attached letters).

Mr. Mankin made a motion to table the ordinance and it was seconded by Ms. French. Ms. Watkins stated that at the next Quorum Court meeting they needed a list of everyone that had received money, been approved and received, been approved and not received, and a list of all of have asked and was denied. All members were in agreement.

Ms. Iserene Brown spoke and asked if her Church could receive any of the ARPA funds due to her Church being flooded. She stated the ditches around the church weren't properly kept by the county and were overgrown with weeds which led to the church flooding. She stated that she had asked about this in the past. She wanted to know if her church would be considered and how to go about requesting it. She was told to send in her request to the ARPA Committee which would be meeting on December 8, 2022.

Alan Evans asked if his ordinances was on the agenda that he had emailed to the County Judge. The County Judge explained that the computers had been down for several weeks and they were not on the agenda at this time.

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: 12-17-22

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

Date: 12-15-22

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

*Attachments missing & are marked "not for paper."*

12-20-22  
**RECORD**  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk  
*Valerie Donaldson*  
By: *Patricia Collier* Deputy

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**FILED**  
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