JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 7:00 PM September 16, 2014 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with County Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Justice Higgins.

Attendance:

County Judge Allen Dodson, Deputy Treasurer Regina Oakley, County Attorney David Hogue, Quorum Court Secretariat Margaret Darter and the following Court members were present: Justices Bills, Brady, Edwards, Goode, Higgins, Ingram, Mathes, Mulhearn, Pickett, Shaw, and Thessing.

Approval of the Journal: Justice Ingram moved that the reading of the August 2014 proceedings be dispensed and accepted. Justice Bills seconded the motion. Such motion was unanimously approved.

County Officer's Report: Deputy Treasurer Regina Oakley reported to the Court on the financial status of the County and gave all members a copy of the report and one is on file.

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance & Administration Committee: Met September 19, 2014 and has one (1) proposed Ordinance to present under new business.

Courts & Public Safety: Met September 9, 2014 – has 2 proposed resolutions to bring under new business.

Cell Tower Committee: No report.

Grounds and Maintenance: No report.

Roads Committee: Has not met but the Road department has asked to move 1 million dollars on proposed Ordinance 14-16. All but 12.5% of this money is expected to be reimbursed to the County. Because of the tornado, summer work has not been up to date.

Personnel Committee: Has not met. Justice Pickett made report on progress of personnel manual and plans to call numerous personnel committee meetings to complete the manual.

Grievance Committee: No report

Special Business: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Court discussed proposed Ordinance 14-16. This is an appropriation ordinance to amend and supplement Ordinance 13-25 (December 17, 2013). Justice Ingram made a motion to accept this Ordinance. Justice Paxton seconded the motion. Ordinance 14-16 was read by counsel. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 14-16. The roll was called and this ordinance passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed proposed Resolution 14-05. This is a Resolution to approve and encourage use of the Courthouse Dogs program in Faulkner County. Counselor Hogue read the title to the proposed Resolution. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept the Resolution. Justice Mathes seconded the motion. After discussion, Judge Dodson asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Resolution 14-05. The roll was called and this Resolution passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed proposed Resolution 14-06. This is a Resolution to encourage the Arkansas Supreme Court to fill the judicial seat of the Twentieth Judicial District Second Division. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept the proposed motion. No second was made. Motion failed.

Announcements: Faulkner County Long Term Recovery (phase after the storm making sure no-one is left behind) update by County Administrator, Tom Anderson.

Randy Ingram announced that there will be a Junior Livestock Auction Saturday morning at 10:00 at the Faulkner County Fair.

Judge Dodson presented the latest concept on the new proposed pavilion.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Faulkner County Quorum Court stood adjourned until the next scheduled meeting.

*****An audio tape is kept on file of the entire meeting*****