

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY
QUORUM COURT
AUGUST 27, 2012**

The Quorum Court of Craighead County, Jonesboro, AR, met in regular session, at 6:30 p.m. on August 27, 2012 at the Craighead County Extension Building with Judge Ed Hill presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Render and recited by all.

Judge Hill called the meeting to order and a prayer was offered by Justice Render. A roll call vote was taken by Clerk Nancy Nelms. The following justices were present for the meeting: Justice Stacks, Bowers, Bryant, Weinstock, Render, Hoke, Tennison, Suiter, Hawkins, Blankenship and Couch. Also present was Waylon Harris of the Jonesboro Sun and other citizens and guests.

Justice Weinstock made a motion to accept the minutes of the last Quorum Court meeting. Justice Stacks seconded the motion. All eleven justices present voted in favor and the July, 2012 minutes stood approved.

Justice Weinstock read the minutes from the last Public Service Committee meeting.

The minutes from the last Finance Committee meeting were read by Justice Render.

Justice Hawkins presented the minutes from the last Roads and Transportation Committee meeting.

Judge Hill asked his administrative assistant Tony Thomas to explain the upcoming proposed ordinance that would be presented later in the meeting regarding the East Arkansas Planning and Development District. Mr. Thomas explained about planning week and encouraged the members of the Quorum Court to get involved in this with their ideas. He explained that a consultant from The state of Washington would be in Jonesboro to help facilitate the ideas presented. Mr. Thomas also stated that when the week was over those ideas would not only be chosen but decisions would be made to see that the projects would get done and who would be responsible for them.

Judge Hill explained that important projects being considered were the development and planning of the East/West bypass. He stated that it had been mentioned that Rogers Chapel Road could be considered, but that no decision had been made.

Justice Tennison asked if the review of the records of the County Clerk's office had begun yet.

Administrative assistant Thomas said that some of the documentation had been gathered for the review and other information had been requested earlier in the day. Thomas also stated the County Clerk's office had been very cooperative in submitting information as requested.

Justice Blankenship then spoke regarding an article that was printed in *The Jonesboro Sun* newspaper. The article was regarding the salary packages of Craighead County elected officials. The information had been submitted by County Assessor Eddie Thomas and referred to the percentages that Craighead County officials were paid in comparison to elected officials in other counties in the same class. Justice Blankenship said that he had researched raises here from 1987 to 2012 and that he didn't feel like the elected officials were being neglected. He stated that each official had always received a fair raise.

There was some discussion regarding the audits of years past and who would have information from them. Information was given saying that each elected official received a copy of their audit along with the county judge's office and each justice of the peace. Justice Stacks however stated that some information like problems comparing to ones in the county clerk's office were just buried within the report.

The first item of new business was a proposed resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (NEAIDC) FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

Justice Bowers made a motion to accept the proposal as read. A second was made by Justice Tennison.

All justices in attendance voted in favor of the measure.

Craighead County resolution 2012-9 passed with no opposition appointing John Freeman of Jonesboro to the NEAIDC.

Next on the agenda was a proposed resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A motion was made by Justice Couch and seconded by Justice Blankenship to accept the proposed resolution.

All justices present voted in favor of the proposal.

The measure passed as Craighead County Resolution 2012-10 reappointing Barry Kirby for a three year term to the Craighead County Equalization Board.

The last item on the agenda for this meeting was a proposed resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EAST
ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING PARTNERSHIP.**

Justice Stacks made a motion to accept this resolution as presented. Justice Suiter seconded the motion.

All justices present voted in favor of the measure.

Resolution 2012-11 for Craighead County passed which appointed Brookland Mayor Kenneth Jones to the East Arkansas Planning and Development District.

With no other business to attend to, Justice Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Justice Render seconded the motion and the Craighead County Quorum Court stood adjourned until the next meeting.

Attest: Nancy Nelms, County Clerk