

**AGENDA  
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**Assembly and Prayer**

**Roll Call**

- A. Reading of minutes of April 1, 2013 special finance meeting, discussion of Bono Lake.**

**Public Service Committee:**

- A. Review of current business.**

**Finance and Administration Committee:**

- A. Review of financial reports and discussion of any current financial matters.**

**Roads and Transportation Committee Meeting:**

- a. County Road Superintendent Eugene Neff will update the committee concerning roads and bridges in the county.**

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**Discussion of Bono Lake Funding**  
April 1, 2013

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Bob Blankenship, Vice Chairman Jim Bryant, and Justices Kenny Hendrix, and Kevin Hoke.

Others present: Al Haines, Judge Ed Hill, Tony Thomas, Justices Barbara Weinstock, Ray Kidd, Mike Hawkins, Assessor Eddie Thomas, and Terry Bare of Haywood-Kenward-Bare Associates.

Press: Waylon Harris, Jonesboro Sun and Greg Chance, KASU.

The Finance Committee Members assembled at 6:00 PM, April 1, 2013 in the County Judge's Office.

Chairman Bob Blankenship brought the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Blankenship emphasized that the meeting was for only one purpose and that is to discuss the funding for the Bono Lake Project and to provide a recommendation to the full court of the direction the county should take.

Terry Bare provided valuable information as to the progress and obstacles that the project encountered. He stated that there were no contingency funds available for unforeseen costs. The grout curtain was changed to a slurry wall to save on costs. Several unforeseen delays were encountered. No change orders were made to the contract, but design changes were made to contain costs to work within tax monies received. He stated that the low construction bid was awarded and that the project was underfunded from the start with county funds being injected into the project at the beginning.

Justice Bryant adamantly felt that the County should acquire an attorney and explore all legal avenues to get the lake completed at the contract price. Other committee members felt like any legal action would delay the project. It was noted that the critical element at this time is to move forward and get the project completed this year without any further delays and that the progress to date would not be stopped, that could further put the county in a liability situation with possible downstream flooding and soil erosion.

Justice Hendrix recommended getting the state involved because this will be a state lake and the county should seek funding from the State through grants and other state funding streams while the Legislature is still in session.

Justice Weinstock emphasized that the county is obligated to the taxpayers to complete the lake project. Weinstock noted that if capital funds were used, she would want to repay the fund in a 2 to 3 year time frame.

Justice Hawkins strongly urged the committee to approve a recommendation to the full court to support funding to complete the project in the current year, stating that any legal actions and seeking grants and other funding streams would delay and bury the project in delays, red tape, and eroding construction progress completed. He emphasized that the time to act is now and get the lake completed this year.

Judge Hill and Tony Thomas, with construction time at hand, pressed for approval to continue the lake project until funding can be achieved. No approval was offered by the committee as a whole.

After 40 minutes of discussion, questions, and answers by the committee members, other justices, and others in the meeting, a recommendation was made by Justice Hoke to recommend to the full court to approve funding from the capital fund to complete the lake project, no second was offered and the motion failed for lack of a second. Members of the Finance Committee suggested that the funding issue be introduced at the upcoming full court meeting on April 8, 2013 for a yes or no vote to fund or not to fund the lake project.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 6:50 PM.