

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
February 24, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

Judge Hill will brief the full court on any updates or information concerning any ongoing projects or business.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes for January, 2014 meeting.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Service Committee Report.
 - b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.
 - c. Roads and Transportation Committee Report.
- IV. Old Business
None
- v. New business:
None

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
February 10, 2014

Public Service members assembled after full court business. Chairperson Ken Stacks called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Brief discussion regarding the Game and Fish meeting Judge Hill attended, noting that the meeting regarding Bono Lake was a positive and productive meeting.

The Public Service Committee agreed unanimously to meet on February 18, 2014 to discuss the county's handbook at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

February 10, 2014

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Jim Bryant and Justices Bob Blankenship, Dana Watkins, Kenny Hendrix, and Brett Provost.

Others present: Al Haines, County Clerk Kade Holliday, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Collector Marsha Phillips, and Sheriff Marty Boyd.

Press: None

The Finance Committee Members assembled at 7:20 PM after the full court meeting and discussed the following:

Reviewed revenue and expenditure reports for January, 2014.

County Clerk Holliday asked the committee to consider paying election workers overtime pay in lieu of time off. Estimated amount of overtime pay would be approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 for 2014. One suggestion was to allow the employee to choose time off or overtime pay. Haines reminded the committee that the Personnel Policy state time off in lieu of overtime pay and the Road Department employees work overtime on many occasions clearing roadways and debris during disasters and winter weather while utilizing the time off policy. A suggestion was made to take the overtime issue to the full court for discussion. No action taken on this request.

Sheriff Boyd reminded the committee of the shortfall appropriation in his budget in uniform and bailiff part time/overtime pay. It was suggested that these items be handled in the annual clean up ordinance.

Treasurer McNatt noted that the sales tax revenue for January is down slightly, but the overall trend shows slight increases and the four lane state tax is coming in above state estimates. McNatt also advised the committee that he has hired Ms Shay Hankins to fill the personnel vacancy in his office.

There was general discussion concerning adjusting the local sales tax distribution formula in hopes of increasing the general and capital funds. Justice Hendrix reminded the committee that the Bono Lake Project could have some long term maintenance costs and that county roads will need immediate costly repairs due to the severe winter weather. Justice Blankenship noted that the recent purchase of an asphalt paving machine will save the county money on paving and repair costs. No action was taken on the discussion.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
February 10, 2014
Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Terry Couch, Mike Hawkins, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Judge Ed Hill, Eugene Neff—Road Superintendent, and students from the Advanced Reporting class from Arkansas State University.

Justice Couch called the meeting to order and the following business was discussed:

1. Eugene Neff delivered his monthly road report (also distributed to the full court) and updated the committee regarding on-going projects.
2. Judge Hill updated the committee on equipment selection from the recent bidding process and expected delivery dates for the equipment. The purchases this year completed the equipment replacement for dump trucks. We can begin to rotate them out next year if desired. There is one year remaining on equipment replacement for graders before that rotation begins.
3. Justice Render indicated he had previewed the Kathleen Bridge Project that was discussed in the previous meeting. Discussions commenced regarding the solutions the city/county are pursuing at this time.
4. A general discussion related to annexation in the county was discussed. The law changed in April 2013 related to the contiguous annexation of land.

With no other business, the committee adjourned.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S3/18/13 S3/27/13*

2 89th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL 531

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5 By: Senator B. Sample

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS
9 FOR ANNEXATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
14 REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNEXATION.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-40-302(b)(1), concerning municipal
20 annexation authority and exceptions, is amended to read as follows:*

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(b)(1) Contiguous lands shall not be annexed ~~when~~ if they ~~either~~:

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(A) ~~Have~~ At the time of the adoption of the ordinance,

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have a fair market value, ~~at the time of the adoption of the ordinance,~~ of
24 lands used only for agricultural or horticultural purposes and the highest
25 and best use of the lands is for agricultural or horticultural purposes; ~~or~~

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(B) Are lands upon which a new community is to be

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constructed with funds guaranteed, in whole or in part, by the federal
28 government under Title IV of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 or
29 under Title VII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970;

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(C) Are lands that do not include residents, except as

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agreed upon by the mayor and county judge; or

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(D) Are lands that do not encompass the entire width of

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public road right-of-way or public road easements within the lands sought to
34 be annexed, except as agreed upon by the mayor and county judge.

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-40-302, concerning municipal annexation



1 *authority and exceptions, is amended to add an additional subsection to read*
2 *as follows:*

3 (d)(1) Whenever practicable, a city or incorporated town shall annex
4 lands that are contiguous and in a manner that does not create enclaves.

5 (2) As used in this section, "enclave" means an unincorporated
6 improved or developed area that is enclosed within and bounded on all sides
7 by a single city or incorporated town.

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/s/B. Sample

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