

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
FEBRUARY 26, 2018
5:30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. Approval of minutes for January, 2018.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Service Committee Report
 - b. Finance and Administration Committee Report
 - c. Roads and Transportation Report
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Third reading regarding the standardizing of rates of the Bono Fire Protection District.
- V. New Business:
 - a. Resolution supporting the responsibility of Craighead County providing electrical service and maintenance of lighting on Hwy. 158/Intersection as a safety improvement.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
February 12, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after the opening of the court meeting.

Members present: Justices Richard Rogers, Billie Sue Hoggard, Fred Bowers and Aaron Harris.

Others present were: Sheriff Marty Boyd, County Collector Wes Eddington and several members of the Collector's staff.

1. Sheriff Marty Boyd spoke to the committee to request that money from sheriff's vehicles that are considered a total loss be put back into the Sheriff's Department instead of being put in County General Funds. The Committee was agreeable and will support his request.

Sheriff Boyd spoke briefly to update the search for a place for a Crisis Center for the Sheriff's Department. Several places have been looked at, but none have been suitable. They are still looking for a place that will meet the criteria required.

2. Collector Wes Eddington spoke to the committee concerning some questions about getting monies on the books this year. He believes the monies in question will be able to go on the books without a problem.

With no other business, meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeanne Taylor

Finance Committee Meeting

February 12, 2018

Finance Committee Members present: Chair Person Barbara Weinstock, Vice Chair Dan Pasmore and Justices Anthony Martin and Josh Longmire. Justice Ken Stacks was absent.

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Clerk Kade Holliday, Collector Wes Eddington, Sheriff Marty Boyd, and other guests.

Justice Weinstock called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:35 PM after the full court meeting.

Collector Eddington briefed the committee concerning tax collections and introduced his staff and their duties and responsibilities. Delinquent collections are still being collected and liens have been attached to some properties. Collections are ahead of 2017 by approximately \$265,000.

Treasurer McNatt brought the committee update on revenues and expenditures for current 2018 and previous year of 2017. He noted that year 2017 is looking better than previously anticipated due to less spending by several departments.

Justice Weinstock addressed the committee concerning previous discussions. Two items revisited were the Lake City Building and the Nursing Center. Justice Pasmore provided information concerning the land located behind the Craighead Nursing Center that is not being utilized and raised the possibility of selling this land of approximately 40 acres or possibly mining this land for gravel. He will gather additional information for the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting. The Lake City building, according to Justice Pasmore is not being utilized and suggested the possibility of selling or leasing the structure for additional income. After a lengthy discussion concerning the Lake City Building, the Committee unanimously agreed to present to the full court for consideration of finding a tenant and leasing the structure until it is needed by the county for future needs.

The Bono Lake status and possible hiring freeze was put on hold for future consideration.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
February 12, 2018
Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Steve Cline, Terry Couch, Max Render, and David Tennison.

Others present included Eugene Neff, Judge Hill, John James, Marvin Day, and Wes Baxter.

Justice Couch called the meeting to order after the meeting of the full court:

1. Eugene Neff updated the committee on the monthly road report also distributed during the meeting of the full court.
 - i. The shoulder machine has been utilized in the Eastern District over the past weeks.
 - ii. Striping has occurred on Oak Ridge and Bono Lake Road. State crews striped CR 751 as a part of a state-aid project.
 - iii. Patching has continued using cold mix throughout the county.
2. ARDOT has approved a study regarding the need for a light at the Bono Bridge project once the bridge opens. The chain link fencing has been installed on the bridge project. We are still waiting completion by the contractor, which has slowed due to weather.
3. Some chain link fencing was also installed at the Lake Bono to provide access control.
4. Discussion regarding ongoing issues with various county roads due to the continuous freeze/thaw cycles ended the meeting.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO STANDARDIZE RATES FOR THE BONO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, A few years ago, the Quorum Court increased the rate of taxes collected for fire departments in Craighead County. At that time the Bono Fire Protection District opted to not have the rates increased in that district. (Ordinance No. 2009-7)

WHEREAS, The Bono Fire Protection District has asked the court to increase the rate to that of the other subordinate service districts in the county. The rate increase will help the Bono Fire Protection District begin to replace a fleet that is aging, purchase air packs for interior firefighting operations, and upgrade other equipment to industry standards.

WHEREAS, The Bono Fire District may not exceed the annual rates listed below:

Residence:	\$ 75.00
Apartments/Unit	40.00
Small Business	150.00
Industrial/Large business	300.00
Farm Shop	150.00
Transportation Discretionary*	250.00 & up
Department Discretionary **	75.00 & up

*Transportation Discretionary is for truck, train, aircraft, etc. that does not pay into the fire district. This would also cover vehicles traveling through the districts, and will include bridge and grass fires on railroads and right-of-ways. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

**Department Discretionary refers to persons who own land that is vacant of a structure, and lives elsewhere and does not pay an annual fee. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

WHEREAS, This Ordinance shall become effective after three (3) readings at which the proposed rates will become effective.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

**Approved: _____
Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge**

**Attest: _____
Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk**

ROUNABOUT LIGHTING MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY
TO MAINTAIN THE ROUNABOUT LIGHTING
INSTALLED IN THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:**

Job 100950, Hwy. 158/Hwy. 163 Inters. Safety Impvts. (S)

WHEREAS, Craighead County understands that Federal-aid Highway Safety Improvement Program funds will pay for the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Highway 158 and Highway 163; and

WHEREAS, Craighead County will be responsible for the lighting upon completion of the construction of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the quorum court of Craighead County, Arkansas, that:

SECTION I: The County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility in this project, which includes providing electrical service and maintenance of the roundabout lighting and associated control equipment.

SECTION II: The County pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation to initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Ed Hill
County Judge

ATTEST: _____

(SEAL)