

Quorum Court Minutes

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**KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK**

April 8, 2013 Quorum Court Meeting

12 Justices of the Peace present.

Judge **Ed Hill** called the meeting to order.

Jim Wilson and **Ralph Boling** addressed the Court over issues they had been having with dogs attacking and killing their livestock.

Wilson stated that on December 18 he had eight goats killed by dogs. He also had 32 killed during the 2009 ice storm. He lives south of Jonesboro on Highway 163 just inside the county line.

Justice **Barbara Weinstock** asked if **Wilson** had his goats fenced in. He said he did, but a fence will not keep the dogs out.

Boling echoed the words of **Wilson**. He said it is difficult to make the owners of the dogs pay restitution and one cannot keep watch all night. He said he had 20 sheep killed one night as well as a dog who was trying to protect the flock.

Judge **Hill** noted the Sheriff's Department report provided to the Court from Sheriff **Marty Boyd**.
– *Appendix 1*

*Also distributed to Quorum Court members, but not noted during the course of the meeting was the monthly road report provided by Road Superintendent **Eugene Neff** – *Appendix 2*.

Justice **Bob Blankenship** read the minutes from the special Finance Committee meeting held the previous Monday concerning the Bono Lake project. – *Appendix 3*.

Justice **Mike Hawkins** made a motion to appropriate \$471,000 towards the completion of the project under the supervision of Judge **Hill**. The motion was seconded by Justice **Kevin Hoke**.

Justice **Kenny Hendrix** suggested the money be appropriated in steps. He suggested that in the future, more financing options may become available and the full \$471,000 appropriation would not be needed. He also noted that the capital improvement fund is really low.

Justice **Ken Stacks** wanted the full amount to be appropriated. He noted that just because the money is appropriated does not mean that it all has to be spent.

Justice **Blankenship** stated that it is time to finish the lake. He said the Court should give Judge **Hill** the ability to negotiate and get the job done.

Justice **Ray Kidd** said the majority of people that he has spoken with want the lake built and the job completed.

Dan Melton read a letter to the Court that he had earlier sent to Judge **Hill** – *Appendix 4*.

Justice **Stacks** noted that following the tax collection period for the lake, there were delinquent amounts that were later paid to the county, but never went towards the lake. He stated that he

was not suggesting that money should be reappropriated, but only noting that the total amount of money collected from the special tax was not used on the lake.

John Reeves said that the citizens were told that they would be fishing in the lake in 2009 and it is now 2013.

A roll-call vote was held on the appropriation of \$471,000 towards the Bono Lake project and it passed 12-0.

Justice **Terry Couch** moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Justice **Hawkins**. The meeting was adjourned.

**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.**

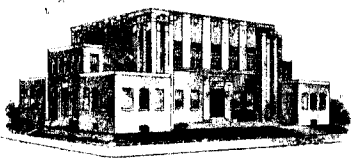
Roads and Transportation Committee Meeting:

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

Craighead County Sheriff's Data through March 31, 2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Warrants Served	871	457	630	1958
Civil Papers Served	103	136	111	350
Police Dispatch for Service			1276	4049
Deputy Transport Miles	8421	6309	5977	20707
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Western Dist				
Circuit Account	\$70,854.23	\$91,044.85	\$70,229.79	
Fine and Bond	\$25,417.29	\$27,930.40	\$24,777.06	
Civil Process	\$3,140.00	\$4,525.00	\$4,960.00	
Gen Rcpts	\$4,635.00	\$4,370.00	\$4,050.00	
Total Per Month	\$104,046.52	\$127,870.25	\$104,016.85	\$335,934.00
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Eastern Dist				
Circuit Account	\$5,024.00	\$4,811.50	\$4,510.13	
Civil Process	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
Total Per Month	\$5,124.00	\$4,911.50	\$4,510.13	\$14,565.60
Total West/East Combined	\$109,170.52	\$132,781.75	\$108,526.98	\$350,480.00

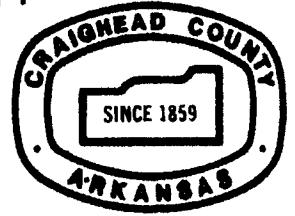
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Inmates Booked into Detention Center to date				2335
Inmates Housed in Detention Center to date				283
Bailiff Transports	110	80	123	313
Number of Courts	76	60	47	183
Video Court	13	20	20	53
Law Enforcement Fatalities		Year to Date		26
US Military Officer Fatalities		Year to Date		18



Craighead County Highway Department

2800 Moore Road
Jonesboro, AR 72401
870-933-4510

Appendix 2



Road Report March 2013

During the month of March a total number 2,892 yards of gravel was hauled from McAfee gravel pit, 4,303 yards of gravel from Spurlock Gravel pit and a total number 524.60 tons of chat from Bradley Contracting , was hauled to the following locations:

East

Total Gravel that was hauled to the Eastern district was 3,876 yards, most of the gravel was hauled from the gravel pits some was hauled from stockpile

562	608	832	831	601	549	847	836	954	925	616	884	837
938	937	925										

West

Total 3,718 yards of gravel was hauled to the following

377	192	7890	751	155	199	452	423	121	311	276	277	273
137	719	741	476	192	450	320	723	234	218	125	192	761
428	237	712	423	189	201	209	Stockpile					

Valley View School

13	1 load dirt hauled to school
20	2 loads dirt to school

Bay Ball Field

13	dirt hauled to the school
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City of Caraway

18	hauled 4 loads for the city
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Fairgrounds

1

19 hauled 5 loads dirt

Bridge Work

4 started work in February on CR 423 and CR 452 replacing bridge
Finished on CR 423 and CR 425 bridge on March 13
13 started hauling sand to bridge work CR 616

Tiles

4 installed a 45x18 county tile on CR 377
5 installed driveway tile on CR 7890
6 installed driveway tile on CR 754
12 removed old tile and installed a new county tile an 18x30 on CR 608/621
Installed a driveway tile on CR 311
13 installed 4 18x20 tiles on CR 549
14 installed a driveway tile on CR 476
Replaced a 18x30 county tile across road CR 741
18 installed county tile 24x65 on CR 423
20 extension on tile 8ft x 30 on CR 928
Tile on CR 925 a 36x36
County tile installed on CR 954 it was a 45x30
21 2 driveway tiles on CR 192
Installed a county tile across road CR 450 a 30x30
25 installed county tile across CR 761
Cut pipe into on CR 884 and 30 x 40 county tile on tile across road
Tile rusted out (Dale, Brian, Timmy) (EMERGENCY LOCATE)
26 18x30 county tile installed across CR 137(SA)
27 installed a 30x30 county tile across CR 170
Driveway tile installed on CR 688

Ditch

4 digging a ditch on CR 549(Dale)
Cleaned out ditch on CR 754
5 dug ditch on CR 549(Dale)
11 Ditch on CR 549(Dale)
Ditch on CR 192(Hoss)
12 ditch work on CR 549(Dale)
Ditch on CR 192 (Hoss)

- 13 Ditch on CR 549(Dale)
Ditch on CR 192(Hoss)
- 14 ditch on CR 549(Dale)
- 19 ditch on CR 192(Hoss)
- 20 ditch on CR 192(Hoss)
- 21 ditch on CR 549 (Dale)
Ditch on CR 192 (Hoss)
- 25 ditch on 549 884(Dale)
Ditch on 192(Hoss)
- 26 ditch on 884(Dale)
- 27 ditch on 549(Dale)
- 28 ditch 549 (Dale)

Wash Outs

- 21 wash out on CR 928

Patch Work

- 21 cold patch on CR 333 CR 849 CR 865 CR 127
CR 928 CR 333
- 26 Cold patch CR 549 CR 792 CR 323 curves on 333
- 27 cold patch CR 304 CR 360 curves on 333
API patch work CR 792 8.06 tons
- 28 API patch work CR 792 28.08 tons

Signs

- 4 New blue signs (1) on CR 273
(1) on CR 260
(1) on CR 277
(1) on CR 270
New stop ahead CR 204
Repaired green sign on CR 412
Repaired green sign on CR 349
Repaired left arrow sign on CR 439
New green sign on CR 701
- 5 New blue sign on CR 406 (2)
CR 476(1)
CR 673(2)
CR 626(2)
CR 691(1)
CR 810(2)
CR 804(1)

New Stop sign CR 865
 Repaired 911 sign CR 824
 6 new blue signs CR 926
 CR 988
 CR 990
 CR 977
 CR 997
 Repaired child at play CR 837
 7 new blue signs CR 137(2)
 CR 194
 CR 167(2)
 CR 547(2)
 CR 693(2)
 CR 975(2)
 CR 913(2)
 Repaired 911 CR 204/241
 Repaired Stop s CR 900
 Repaired blue s CR 955
 11 new 911 CR 608/617
 New Stop sign CR 604/621
 New blue sign CR 626
 CR 652
 CR 644
 12 new blue sign CR 470
 CR 468
 CR 464
 CR 616
 CR 618
 CR 621
 CR 646
 CR 634
 New Stop sign CR 508
 CR 414
 New 911 CR 837
 CR 855/882
 Repaired CR 841
 CR 646
 13 new 911 CR 591
 New Stop sign CR 534
 CR 507
 Repaired 911 CR 546/531
 14 Bus Stop Ahead CR 762(3)

	25 MPH	CR 762
	Weight limit	CR 108(2) at R/R Wooden Bridge
18	new stop sign	CR 928/925
19	repaired 911	CR 425/415
	NEW 911	CR 333/348
	Repaired Blue	CR 946
	New stop sign	CR 452/423
		CR 344
	New Stop Ahead	CR 905
	Left Arrow	CR 901
20	blue sign	CR 147/Hwy 91
		CR 133/Hwy 91
	Repaired blue sign	CR 171
	New Stop sign	CR CR 346
	New 911	CR 333/378
		CR 333/395
		CR 333/338
		CR 333/344
		CR 333/342
		CR 333/346
		CR 983/946
	New blue sign	CR 946(2)
21	new blue sign	CR 780/141
	New green sign	CR 263/268
		CR 270/267
		CR 344/338
	Repaired	CR 718 (speed Limit sign)
		CR 730 (left curve sign)
25	new blue sign	CR 425
	35 MPH sign	CR 425 (3)
	New Yield sign	CR 706
	Repaired Stop	CR 741
26	repaired speed	CR 308
	Repaired green	CR 381
	Repaired left curve	CR 380
	Repaired speed	CR 607
	New 35 MPH	CR 755(2)
	Repaired 911	CR 701/702
	Removed should sign	CR 730
	New left curve sign	CR 766
	Repaired 911	CR 905/928
27	repaired stop sign	CR 305

40 MPH CR 766
New left curve CR 766
New right curve CR 766

Workers at Gravel Pits McAfee and Spurlock

Jim Summers—Hoss Thompson- Jeremy Dement – worked in pits with excavator and dozers, moving trees, loading gravel trucks, clearing to make pathways.

Beaver Dam

26 CR 173

Misc.

Worked in the concrete shop

Working on equipment, washed equipment

Cleaning up shop

Worked in stockpile

- 5 picked up limbs on CR 754 limbs at Mangrum Cemetery on CR 837(due to high winds)
- 10 Sunday tree out of road on Old Bay Highway(due to high winds)
- 11 hauled off old mattress off CR 938 hauled to landfill
Removed trees off of CR 623
Got mud off road on CR 318
- 16 dug grave at Gibson Cemetery
- 19 picked up trash off CR 608

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eugene Neff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Eugene Neff
Road Superintendent
EN/ca

**Grader Report
March 2013**

Matt Leonard – Cash Route

4	264	255	243	246	263	254	268	172				
6	177	189	233	212	217	237	spread gravel on 237					
7	spread gravel on 155											

John James – Cash Route

12	173	168	157	167	177	179	182	189				
13	277	272	267	270	268	258	259					
14	243	246	254	255	263	264	281	280	197			
18	263	197	189	187	192							
19	191	199	185	180	181	160	161	155	151	156		
25	237	233	217	212	245	260						
26	189	197	192	187								
27	173	167	157	168	172	177	277	279	267	268	255	179
	Spread 2 loads gravel on 189											
28	263	246	264	197								

Bryan Tyler – Valley View Route

4	452	451	441	440								
6	450	444	438	439	431	412	200	201	102	104	451	
7	108	109	202	213	209	210	218	227	208	221	222	206
12	607	612	422	610	608	619	617	604	621	611	602	480
	456	403	432	478	482	486	474	476				
14	461	442	468	464	466	462	460	463	467	429	430	411
	408	410	404	415	423	441						
18	102	104	108	109	200	201	spread gravel on 450					
19	spread gravel on			450	218							
20	202	213	209	210	218	227	444	450	451	452		
21	452											
25	441	440	439	438	431	412	423					
26	607	612	610	608	617	619	604	611	602	621	476	403
27	spread gravel on 201			155	209							
28	201	102	104	108	109	202	213	209	210	218	206	452

Mark Knight – Brookland Route

4	621	608	619	624	617	607	604	611	602			
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5 picked up limbs on 333
 6 912 906 909 910 906 927 925 937 947 938 955
 7 913 648 650 655 683 686 693 682
 11 staked off road 714
 12 602 621 spread gravel on 608
 14 815 816 822 804 809 821 808 818 820 824 819 817
 823
 18 937 947 963 938 936
 19 456 432 480 476 468 462
 20 helped install tiles on 928
 21 cold mix on 928 333
 25 648 913
 26 cold mix patch work
 27 miscellaneous curves cold mix
 28 wash outs on 428 4282

Steve Boyd & Mark Haines – Sterlings Springs Route

4 rain
 5 spread chat 751 723
 6 348 342 315 314 395 331 773 757 777 795 796 799
 797 334 330 324
 7 761 790 793 7922 7625 7670 767 736 735 942 703 701
 11 to wet
 12 304 307 333 326 367 323 336 7743 774 775 773
 13 777 757 787 771 769 785 728 729 726 7802 spread gravel
 on 719
 18 756 723 745 746 763 765 740 703 701 706 751 714
 710 700 713 306
 19 304 307 322 374 348 342 315 314
 20 787 781 783 789 799 796 795 spread gravel on 320 723
 21 733 736 735 942 960 940 953 951 952 959 961
 25 765 763 741 740 706 703 701 712 746 745 751 7182
 723
 26 304 307 372 374 317 315 314 348 342 331 395 333
 27 757 777 787 783 781 7808 778 785 772 799 796 795
 793 761 790 769 771 7893 714
 28 751 7182 736 735 942 793 977 931 969

Curtis Sharp & Jeff Sanford – Bono Route

4	194	170	171	165	152	150	147S	143	350	355	347	130
	148	134	124	125	138	139	137S					
6	328	308	378	333	326	323	334	336	774	7743	775	377
	361	364	380	383	341	159	144					
7	357	376	338	369	398	399	147N	137N	142	140	146	149
	132	133	112	117	119	111	101	191	192	part of 194		
12	357	372	374	317	348	314	315	312	342	338	369	376
	361	362	364	380	300	384	381	382	383	394	378	377
	308	341	399	398	328							
13	194	170	171	181	180	187	188	199	185	149	112	119
	117	119	132	133	105	124	125	111	137S			
14	120	122	123	130	148	134	137N	142	146	144	159	147S
	150	147N	spread gravel on 137N									
18	361	364	380	357	354	328	392	378	308	333	Redwood	
	Lunsford											
19	323	334	336	326	774	775	7743	357	777	377	3335	300
	338	369	376	383	341	147N						
20	124	125	137S	137N	140	142	159	144	146			
21	194	171	170	165	152	150	147S	151	143	398	399	
25	333	323	330	366	367	336	326	7743	774	775	338	369
	111	117	119	112	132	133	149	101	108	109	130	134
	148	124	125									
26	328	341	398	399	308	383	381	382	384	380	362	364
	361	135	394	375	spread gravel on 125							
27	120	122	123	357	378	389	377	300	376	137S	137N	142
	140	144	146	159	Redwood							
28	147N	194	171	170	165	150	147S					

Phillip Hurst - Caraway /Monette Route

4	890	837S	841									
5	549	rain										
6	880	855	876	840	854	852	848	882	864			
7	847	834	836	842	838	850						
18	rain											
19	862	858	859	884	855	867						
20	836	847	832									
21	890	837										
25	837N	831	509									
26	513	510	508	512								

27 839 554 556 583 832 847
 28 spread gravel on 837

Allen Biggers – Bay Route

5 648 691 696 698 679 680 681 828 652 626
 6 644 652 638 645 635 616 courtesy grade Cooper Rd Lillie Rd
 11 653 616 625 615 607 618 634 639 641 664
 12 664 672 690 653q 688 spread dirt on 616
 14 815 816 804 802 820 818 808 821 824 819 812 817
 823 815 809
 19 810 660 826 696 828 691 698 679 626
 20 674 616 626 652 636 638 645 courtesy grade Thomas Rd Paula St
 Ballpark
 21 646 615 607 616 671 625 618 687 801 Courtesy Bark St

Robert Anderson – Lake City Route

4 973 934 936 999 998 994 995 997 999
 5 rain worked on 549
 6 906 910 909 907 912 927 947 925 937 938 955
 7 965 975 054 986 985 956 984
 11 rain flagged 549
 12 907 909 910 915 912 927
 13 973 934 999 998 997 994 990 995 ½ 938`went to pull out Allen
 Biggers
 14 965 906 956 954 955 963 ½ 938
 18 wet morning 955 938 936
 19 973 934 983 946 995 990 997 994 998 999
 20 975 981 965 986 985 984 954 925
 21 906 912 927 907 910 914 916
 25 975 986 985 954 984 924 ½ 906
 26 955 ½ 906 912 909 927 907 910
 27 938 963 937 947 925 957 Missouri Street
 28 973 936 spread gravel on 938 937 925

JW Redding – Childress – Monette Route

4	spread gravel on 562								
5	wet rain								
6	502	504	535	543	546	549	560	567	559
7	531	538	540	558	562	563	spread gravel on 562		
11	rain	wet							
12	530	532S	544	542	553	518	551		
13	518	516	575	518	551				
14	spread gravel on 549								
18	rain	wet							
19	565	564	563	558	582	wet			
20	562	563	560	549	545	543			
21	cut ditch on 560								
25	531	548	546	540	532N	532S	524		
26	528	520	518	544	571	526			
27	512	533	515	523	514				
28	cut ditches on 549								

Gary Cox –Road Builder

4	signs
5	signs
6	signs
11	signs
12	831/837
18	working on 549
19	working on 549
20	working on 549
21	working on 549
25	working on 549
26	worked on Allen Biggers route
27	worked on Allen Biggers route

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.

Judge Hill:

I request this be read to the Court concerning finishing of the Bono Lake. I have been involved with trying to complete the Lake project since the conception of the idea and wish to remind the members that the site was first planned to be a "Water Shed Lake back when the "Big Creek" water shed protection idea was first brought fourth and that it would have been built then if the monies for the project had not been exhausted.

Now that we of the county have voted and passed to complete something that will benefit the general public and not just one small area of drainage district there have been numerous delays brought on by a few organizations or individuals which appeared to be of no factual use other than to cause delays. We have had to look for broken Indian pottery, two small fishes which are found all around this part of the county, and some possible bugs or frogs as if we don't already have enough. The Corps of Engineers (from what I understand) even had to reapprove testing that had already been completed several times.

I do appreciate what the Court members have done to this point but I believe we have come too far and think it is time the Game & Fish Organization as well as the Arkansas Department of Tourism should be brought into the picture and put up some monies to help complete the work. I am also waiting to hear from our elected representatives and our Governor for their support. After all, how many other counties in our State have voted in a tax on themselves just to build a recreational lake????

I think it is past time and am requesting interested citizens to help contact our court members and elected officials to help get this finished and not just have all the time, effort, and money go to waste.

Thank You

Dan P. Melton
1898 CR 353
Bono, AR 72416