

Quorum Court Minutes

9/22/14

Resolution 2014-13 – **PASSED**

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**AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

1. Roll Call

II. Approval of minutes for August, 2014 meeting.

III Committee Reports:

- a. Public Service Committee Report.**
- b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.**
- c. Roads and Transportation Report**

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- a. Resolution endorsing a local business to participate in the "Tax Back Program."**

- b. Resolution recommending Jimmy Cooper to replace a vacant position on the MAPC Board.**

September 22, 2014 Quorum Court Meeting

13 Justices of the Peace present: Ken Stacks, Fred Bowers, Jim Bryant, Kenneth Hendrix, Barbara Weinstock, Max Render, Brett Provost, Dana Watkins, Josh Longmire, Mike Hawkins, Bob Blankenship, Terry Couch, Ray Kidd

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Justice Max Render led the opening prayer. Roll was called indicating all Justices were present for the meeting.

Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve minutes for August, 2014 meeting with no changes. Justice Brett Provost seconded the motion.

Justice Ken Stacks read the Public Service Committee report. There were no comments regarding the report. – *Appendix 1*

Justice Bob Blankenship read the Finance and Administration Committee report. There were no comments regarding the report. – *Appendix 2*

Justice Terry Couch read the Roads and Transportation report. There were no comments regarding the report, however Judge Hill asked for prayers for Road superintendent Eugen Neff as his father passed away. – *Appendix 3*

In old business, Justice Mike Hawkins asked for an update on the Bono bridge. Judge Hill said it was on schedule and “we are going to fix it right this time”.

Judge Ed Hill recognized Dross Hunter, TrinityRail Capital Expenditures Manager. Mr. Hunter said, “We are just totally pleased”, about the tax incentive resolution on the agenda. “It is going to help us from the standpoint of setting up and operating our business.” Mr. Hunter also said that when the company is at full capacity, 300-350 people will be employed. Judge Hill then recognized Jake Farkas, Trinity Industries Vice President of Finance. Mr. Farkas said they met with Arkansas State University-Newport officials Tuesday to discuss offered technical programs that will help as they train to hire their work force. Mr. Farkas said he was impressed with the school’s welding technology and that they will be hiring mostly welders. Finally, Judge Hill called on Mark Young, President and CEO of the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Young said this is the fastest moving project he has worked. “From start to finish, they made the decision to come to Jonesboro in about 3 months maybe. So to say they hit the ground running is an understatement. We look forward to great things to come.”

Justice Barbara Weinstock asked if there has to be a University involved for the program. Mr. Farkas responded that there does not.

Deputy County Clerk, Tiz Bowers read Resolution 2014-13 certifying local government endorsement of local business, TrinityRail Maintenance Services, Inc., to participate in the Tax Back Program. All Justices

voted in favor of the Resolution. Justice Ken Stacks moved to pass and Justice Fred Bowers seconded. – *Appendix 4*

Deputy Clerk Bowers then read Resolution 2014-14 approving the appointment of a board member to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission Board of Directors. Mr. Jimmy Cooper has been recommended to serve a three (3) year term for a vacancy that exists due to the expiration of the term of Ms. Beverly Nix. All Justices voted in favor of the Resolution. Justice Ken Stacks moved to pass and Justice Brett Provost seconded. – *Appendix 5*

Judge Hill then asked if there was any further discussion. Justice Josh Longmire asked for an update on the Bono Lake. Judge Hill said we are “waiting on Game and Fish”. The Judge also stated that “we are pleased with where it’s at”. He said the water is holding. Justice Ray Kidd asked if anyone is fishing out there. Judge Hill said he has seen people out enjoying the lake.

Justice Mike Hawkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Justice Jim Bryant seconded the motion.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
September 8, 2014

Public Service Committee assembled after presentation concerning group insurance for the 2015 budget year.

Members present: Chair Ken Stacks, Barbara Weinstock, Fred Bowers, and Josh Longmire.

1. Recommendation to appoint Jimmy Cooper to replace a vacancy due to the expiration of Beverly Nix's term on the MAPC Board of Directors.

Brief discussion, all members in favor of recommendation of Mr. Cooper for this appointment. Resolution will be brought before the full court on 9-22-2014 for the court's approval.

With no other business to discuss, motion was made to close the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m. All members in agreement to dismiss.

Finance Committee Meeting

September 8, 2014

Finance Committee Members present: Vice Chair Dana Watkins, and Justices Bob Blankenship, Kenny Hendrix, and Brett Provost.
Justice Jim Bryant left early due to illness.

Others present: Al Haines, County Clerk Kade Holliday, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, Sheriff Marty Boyd, Deputy Collector Teresa Presley and other guests.
Press: Jonesboro Sun

Justice Watkins called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 8:15 PM after the full court meeting and discussed the following:

Reviewed revenue and expenditure reports for August 2014.

There was only general discussion concerning revenue and funding issues referencing the General Fund. Justice Blankenship noted that all discussions in the full court addressed valid concerns.

Collector Presley informed the committee that more than \$2,000,000 was collected in the month of August.

McNatt noted that the general fund is lower for the month of August than past years with real property taxes to be collected and forth coming by the end of October, additionally, sales tax collections were down slightly for the month of August.

No formal action was taken on any of these issues.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
September 8, 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 Eugene Neff and Tony Thomas.

Justice Couch called the meeting to order at 8:21 pm and the following business was discussed:

Widening of Goat Road (CR 372) is the next road project on the list for completion. Locates have been scheduled for this project and work will commence once they are completed.

Patching crew and equipment are currently making repairs in various locations in the Eastern District (ED). A return to Hasbrook Road is schedule after completion of ED projects.

The fill wall is being poured this week on the Kathleen Road project to prevent bank erosion. Projected completion date for this project is another 3 weeks out with good working conditions.

Property acquisition is still a work in process on the Bono Bridge Project.

With no other business, the committee adjourned 8:35 pm.

**Tax Back
Resolution**

RESOLUTION No. 2014-13

RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).

WHEREAS, in order to be considered for participation in the Tax Back Program, the local government must endorse a business to participate in the Tax Back Program; and

WHEREAS, the local government must authorize the refund of local sales and use tax as provided in the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; and

WHEREAS, said endorsement must be made on specific form available from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, TRINITYRAIL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC. located at 3100 Trinity Drive, Jonesboro, Arkansas, has sought to participate in the program and more specifically has requested benefits accruing from an expansion and adding machinery and equipment to the specific facility; and

WHEREAS, TRINITYRAIL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC. has agreed to furnish the local government all necessary information for compliance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

1. TRINITYRAIL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC. be endorsed by the Quorum Court of Craighead County, Arkansas for benefits from the sales & use tax refunds as provided by Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003.
2. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to refund local sales and use taxes to TRINITYRAIL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



Craighead County Judge

Date Passed: 9-22-14

Attest: 
Clerk

FILED
SEP 23 2014
KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

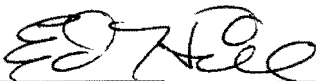
WHEREAS, ACT 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, states that the County Judge of each County is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the (MAPC) Metropolitan Area Planning Commission Board of Directors.

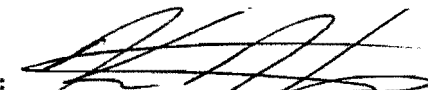
WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Cooper has been recommended to serve a three (3) year term on the MAPC Board of Directors (Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.) A vacancy exists due to the expiration of the term of Ms. Beverly Nix.

WHEREAS, Said term shall be become effective upon approval of the Quorum Court and filing in the County Clerk's Office. This term shall expire on September 30, 2017.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS THAT MR. JIMMY COOPER, 1315 E. COUNTRY CLUB TERRACE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS 72401 BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE MAPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Dated this 22 day of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

APPROVED: 
JUDGE ED HILL
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
KADE HOLLIDAY
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY CLERK

FILED
SEP 23 2014
KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK