

Quorum Court Minutes

10/27/2014

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
October 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

1. Roll Call

II. Approval of minutes for September, 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

None

October 27, 2014 Quorum Court Meeting

All Justices of the Peace Present

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order

Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve the minutes from the meetings occurring during September 2014 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Ken Stacks. All voted to approve the motion and accept the minutes from the September 2014 meeting.

Justice Ken Stacks read the Public Service Committee report. – *Appendix 1*

Justice Jim Bryant read the Finance Committee report. – *Appendix 2*

Justice Terry Couch read the Road and Transportation Committee report. – *Appendix 3*

Judge Ed Hill updated the full court concerning a number of issues. First was that Game and Fish will begin stocking the Bono Lake this week, on Tuesday 30,000 Brim will be added followed by 8,000 Catfish on Thursday. All are invited to view the stocking at the Bono Lake. Secondly the state is finishing digging test holes for the Bono Bridge before continuing with that project. Lastly the Judge thanked the Quorum Court for giving the county the authority to assist with the Miracle League. He; as well as, Justice Josh Longmire spoke about the benefits the field will have on Jonesboro, the County, and Northeast Arkansas for years to come.

Justice Ken Stacks asked for an update concerning the purchase of an additional building in Lake City and was told that this is in progress and the closing is in the hands of Lenders Title by Assistant to the Judge Tony Thomas.

Dan Melton handed out a resolution to be considered by the full court at the next meeting dealing with the EPA and Clean Power. – *Appendix 4*

With no further business to be discussed Justice Max Render motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Kenny Hendrix, all were in favor and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:20pm.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
October 13, 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.

Brief discussion; however Public Service had no business to attend to, meeting stood adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

October 13, 2014

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

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, Sheriff Marty Boyd, Deputy Collector Teresa Presley, Justice Josh Longmire, and other guests.

Justice Bryant 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 September 2014.

Deputy Collector Presley informed the committee that current collections are much stronger over this time a year ago.

McNatt noted that the four lane highway tax is still coming in above state projections. One local banker asked McNatt to consider locking in a two year interest rate for the county. Justice Provost indicated that would not be a wise decision and the current one year plan in place is the better option.

No formal action was taken on any of these issues.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
October 13, 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 8:14 pm and the following business was discussed:

State-aid road projects have been completed. Striping is the only task remaining that remains on one stretch of roadway.

Kathleen Bridge project is moving slowly due to the rainy weather. Each day of rain delays crews by 3 or 4 days. The goal for completion is the end of the month (weather permitting).

Widening of Goat Road (CR 372) is progressing. The weather is having the same impact on slowing down this project.

Equipment is holding up well. This is evidence by having excess funding in our parts budget. Funding in this category is normally gone by this time in the fiscal year. There was a brief discussion regarding new equipment for inclusion in the 2015 Budget.

With no other business, the committee adjourned 8:27 pm.

RESOLUTION 2014 - _____

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of _____ County, State of Arkansas a resolution

Entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO REFRAIN SUPPORT FOR EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN AND CLEAN AIR ACT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed Clean Power Plan (CPP) rule with the stated intention of reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the language of the Clean Power Plan (CPP) expressly prohibits EPA from using Section 111(d) to regulate power plants; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule will be harmful to Arkansas' economy and energy industry and is therefore opposite to the public policy of the State of Arkansas, and

WHEREAS, EPA has no authority under the Clean Air Act (CAA) under section 111(d) to set Greenhouse Gas (GHG) guidelines for existing Electric Generating Units (EGU); and

WHEREAS, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has conceded that the computer predictions for global warming and the effects of carbon emissions have been proved to be inaccurate; and

WHEREAS, efforts to prove the theory that carbon dioxide is a significant greenhouse gas and pollutant causing significant warming or weather effects have failed; and

WHEREAS, a recent study of NASA shows that CO2 COOLS the atmosphere and does NOT warm it as previously stated; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed Clean Power Plan (CPP) is passed, there would be harmful economic impact on current and future farmers, current and future residents, current and future business, current and future industries and local, county, and state government; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, specifically in Article 7, Section 28 boldly provides "exclusive original jurisdiction" to the county courts of the respective counties in "every other case that may be necessary for the internal improvement and local concerns of the respective counties" -- which broad power of local jurisdiction belonging to the local county court has historically been cherished by Arkansans, both in the spirit and the letter of the law (see Arkansas Code 16-15-101 - 16-15-113); and

WE FURTHER FIND that the following reflects the will of the people of _____ County:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

SECTION 1: _____ County Quorum Court respectfully calls for the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw their illegal proposed guideline for the Clean Power Plan for Existing Power Plants; and that the concerns and principles herein conveyed by the duly elected local officials of the citizens of _____ County be observed and respected in consideration of any rules or memorandum of understanding and future activities regarding the guidelines for Existing Power Plants.

SECTION 2: _____ County respectfully refrains from supporting EPA's illegal Clean Power Act for Existing Power Plants.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from after its passage and approval on this date ____ day of _____ 2014; and County Clerk of _____ County is **HEREBY** directed to file this resolution and forward a file-marked copy to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

Hon. _____ County Clerk

DATE

Hon. _____ County Judge

DATE