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Quorum Court Minutes

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Resolution 2015-15 - PASSED

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
DECEMBER 28, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

Briefing by Judge Ed Hill to Court Members.

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of minutes for November, 2015 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 to appoint a board member to the Valley View Fire District to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Dub Hudson. Les Maxwell will serve a five (5) year term.**

December 28, 2015 Quorum Court Meeting

12 Justices of the Peace Present, Justice Render were absent.

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve the minutes from the meetings occurring during November 2015 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Billie Sue Hoggard. All voted to approve the motion and accept the minutes from the November 2015 meeting.

Justice David Tennison read the Public Service Committee report. – *Appendix 1*

Justice Ken Stacks read the Finance Committee report. – *Appendix 2*

Various discussions ensued following the report dealing with the number of Delinquent Business Taxes. Collector Marsha Phillips stated that the office has attempted to contact each of these individuals; however, she stated that no Writs of Execution have ever been served in Craighead County as a method of collecting these taxes. Collector Phillips stated that the quorum court needed to ask Sheriff Marty Boyd to help resolve this issue as he has not allotted deputies to help carry the money from her office every day when there are drug busts occurring and they are carrying large amounts of cash to the bank, Sheriff Boyd was not present to state his side of the argument. Collector Marsha Phillips continued to state that Assessor Hannah Holloway-Towell deleted a number of business accounts and eliminated all taxes owed; however, Assessor Hannah Holloway-Towell stated that this is eliminating future taxes but not eliminating previous owed taxes. Some miscommunications has occurred and the whole matter will be refed to the public service committee to discuss further as a number of elected officials will be involved in crafting the appropriate method and response.

Justice Ray Kidd read the Road and Transportation Committee report. – *Appendix 3*

Resolution 2015-15 was read to appoint a Board Member to the Board of Directors to the Valley View Fire Department. Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Justice Steve Cline. All voted in favor of the motion and the resolution was passed. – *Appendix 4*

Justice Garry Meadows suggested that the county contact an individual to conduct research on improving efficiencies around the courthouse in various facets. He stated to know an individual and would be working to contact them to do this at the will of the court.

Judge Ed Hill took a moment to recognize *The Sun* reporter Hunter Field as he is departing to take a position at the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* at the beginning of the New Year.

With no further business to be discussed Justice Steve Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Richard Rogers, all were in favor and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
December 14, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after briefing by Judge Ed Hill. Members present were Chair David Tennison, Fred Bowers, Richard Rogers, and Billie Sue Hoggard.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Tennison. Two recommendations for filling positions as board members; Valley View Fire District requested that Les Maxwell fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Dub Hudson. Motion was made and all members voted "Yes". Resolution will be brought before the full court for approval at the next court meeting.

A request to reappoint Kim Elmore Schrantz to a second term on the MAPC Board of Directors was also voted upon and approved. However, after considering the request; Ms, Schrantz has declined the offer to serve a second term.

With on other business to be discussed, the committee adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

December 14, 2015

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Ken Stacks, and Justices Barbara Weinstock, Josh Longmire, Garry Meadows, and Jim Bryant.

Press: Hunter Field, Jonesboro Sun

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, Collector Marsha Phillips, Deputy Collector Teresa Presley, Assessor Hannah Towell, Circuit Clerk Candace Edwards, and other guests.

Justice Stacks called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 6:05 PM after the full court meeting. Stacks asked Treasurer McNatt to bring the committee up to date on revenues and expenditures. Revenues and expenditures are running within normal range of the 2015 budget.

Several items of discussion was brought forth with some of those items being state turnback, local sales tax, four lane state tax, as well as collections of delinquent personal, business, and property taxes. Some businesses within the City of Jonesboro are not paying taxes on personal property according to Collector Phillips.

Other items of discussions were conserving electrical costs and other types of utility savings as well as E911 costs.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 7:00PM

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
December 14, 2015
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, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Eugene Neff, Harold Carter (joined the meeting after it started), Tony Thomas, and Judge Hill.

Justice Kidd 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.
 - a. Eugene indicated overlay and patching work was currently occurring on CR 319 and 307.
 - b. Ditch work is occurring in the Eastern District near Monette and also on CR 608.
 - c. Updated the committee on roads near the Cache River that are still inaccessible due to high water.
2. William R. Wilson addressed the committee regarding drainage issues related to roads around CR 621, 608, and 604. A variety of solutions were presented for consideration by the road crews and the committee was updated on the problems they have with particular stretches of roadway in this area.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-15

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLEY VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

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 VALLEY VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. BOARD MEMBER DUB HUDSON 'S TERM HAS EXPIRED AND HE WISHES TO RETIRE.

WHEREAS, THE SAID COUNTY JUDGE DOES HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLEY VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FOLLOWING TERM.

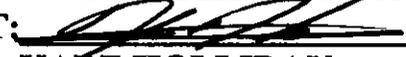
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925 CR 204
JONESBORO, AR 72404

TERM WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2021.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TERM BE VALID UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE QUORUM COURT AND FILING IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. EXPIRATION WILL BE AS STATED ABOVE.

Dated 28th day of ~~January, 2016~~ ^{December, 2015}.

APPROVED: 
JUDGE ED HILL
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
KADE HOLLIDAY
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY CLERK

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