

**Quorum Court Meeting**

**2/27/17**

**Resolution 2017-2 - PASSED**

**AGENDA**  
**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2017**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**NOTICE: MEETING WILL BE AT LAKE CITY  
COURTHOUSE, 107 COBEAN BLVD., LAKE CITY,  
AR 72437**

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes for ,January, 2017
- 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 regarding Egypt Fire Protection Board to bring the board up to a current status.

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13 Justices of the Peace Present

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

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Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve the minutes from the meetings occurring during January 2017 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Steve Cline. All voted to approve the motion.

Justice Richard Rogers read the Public Service Committee report. – *Appendix 1*

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

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

Resolution 2017-2 was read to handle a number of appointments to the Egypt Fire Protection District. Justice Terry Couch moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Justice Cline. All voted in favor of the motion and the resolution was passed. – *Appendix 4*

Justice Terry Couch called for discussion on the main issue that so many were present for at this meeting which was the topic of the operations of the Lake City Courthouse and the status of the Memorandums of Understanding.

Prosecuting Attorney Scott Ellington spoke on the issue. Ellington stated that he has been in attendance at various meetings where the discussion of the operations of Lake City courthouse has been the main topic in the past few weeks. He stated that his opinion on the matter has not changed and that Memorandums of Understanding could be entered into by the various officials in order to allow courthouse employees that ability to continue operating and move forward from the issue; however, in recent meetings no progress seems to be being made and that he could not force any elected official into making a decision pertinent to his or her office. Ellington reiterated that he served as a liaison for the Quorum Court and thought that it may be best at this time if he were to step away from the issue with some regards as there was the potential for litigation to occur. Judge Ed Hill stated that meetings had occurred with three of the four elected officials and headway was being made on the situation; however, a consensus had not yet been met. Justice Dan Passmore asked about the potential of another Attorney General's opinion; however, it was stated the same that some would agree and some would not and as the opinion is non-binding would ultimately be a moot point. Justice Couch stated that ultimately this was all of the elected official's faults for not finding and implementing a solution to a situation that was not broken.

Numerous testimony was heard from citizens in attendance to how the quality of service has declined since the duties were segregated in January reiterating that this was unacceptable and not just an Easter District problem as a large number of citizens from Jonesboro come to utilize the "one stop shop" office regularly over Jonesboro as it has friendly employees vs the courthouse in Jonesboro. This sentiment was also echoed by a number of Justices of the Peace. Fred Couch stated most clearly though that this whole situation is going backwards and a complete waste of everyone's time. He went on to state that

there was no conflict and to settle it and go on. Some discussion was heard from the various County officials who stated that there should be a Memorandum of Understanding in place between the County Clerk and the Tax Collector by the weeks end and one in place between the Circuit Clerk and the Assessor after they work to finalize the documents language.

Justice Max Render made a final statement that there were four elected officials here at fault that he saw and that everything should be done in the citizen's power to find formable candidates to run against and remove them from office as none of them were doing their due diligence concerning the issue.

As discussion was continually leading to no resolution, Justice Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Cline. All were in favor and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:20pm.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting  
Public Service Committee  
February 13, 2017  
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after the opening of the court meeting and briefing from Judge Ed Hill.

Chairman Richard Rogers called the meeting to order. Members present were: Justice Richard Rogers, Justice Billie Sue Hoggard, Fred Bowers, and David Tennison.

Others present: Tony Thomas, Sheriff Marty Boyd, David Moore, Constables Steve Floyd and Dan Walker, Garry Meadows, and others.

1. A resolution requesting the upgrading of the board members of the Egypt Fire District was presented. After a brief discussion, all members unanimously agreed to recommend it be presented to the full court in resolution form for their approval.
2. Constables Steve Floyd and Dan Walker spoke to the committee about their need for radios for use in their duties. Tony Thomas indicated that there may be a grant that would provide funding for some radios for the Constables. He should know in a few days if the grant is available.

With no other business at hand, meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**Finance Committee Meeting**

February 13, 2017

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Jim Bryant, Vice Chair Barbara Weinstock, Justices Ken Stacks, Josh Longmire, and Dan Pasmore.

Press: Jonesboro Sun

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Clerk Kade Holliday, Tax Collector Wes Eddington, County Assessor Hannah Towell, Circuit Clerk Candace Edwards, and other guests.

Justice Bryant called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:45 PM after the full court meeting. Bryant asked Treasurer McNatt to bring the committee up to date on revenues and expenditures. McNatt noted that spending for year 2016 is very close to budgeted amounts with the general fund closing out the year with approximately \$300,000 remaining and approximately \$287,000 remaining in the road budget. Overall revenues and expenditures for 2016 has been very tight. He noted that it is too early in the year to get a handle on flow of funds for 2017.

Justice Weinstock asked about any updates as to the progress of drainage districts. Holliday noted that drainage districts cannot be forced to consolidate, any consolidation of districts is with a mutual agreement between the districts. Holliday and Towell are currently updating drainage district maps with the limited information that they can gather.

Collector Eddington brought the committee up to date on current tax collections. In the upcoming meetings, he will have a comparison of current and previous collections.

McNatt mentioned that the Arkansas Legislature is in session and that several bills currently being considered could affect counties throughout Arkansas. He will email a list of house bills currently being debated to members of the Finance Committee.

Circuit Clerk Edwards noted that House Bill 1260, if approved, will pay \$15 per juror orientation and could bring in \$15,000 to \$20,000 to the county annually.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting  
February 13, 2017  
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, and David Tennison.

Others present included Eugene Neff and Tony Thomas.

Justice Cline 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. Crews are continuing shoulder work and just finished work on Lawson Road. They are moving to Catfish Drive next. The department is still looking to acquire a used shoulder machine and have a number of leads on equipment.
  - b. Quotes are also being acquired for used asphalt rollers and a lowboy as well as other equipment.
  - c. The search continues for additional gravel locations in the county. There is limited veins in the current pit. Discussion related to acquiring a chat pit also occurred.
  - d. Cold patches is occurring in various locations across the county.
2. Various updates and comments were provided on the completed projects that were mentioned by court members (Hasbrook Road and Hwy 139 area).
3. Eugene is gearing up a list of summer road projects for crews which will include a few overlay projects. He knows one of those is around the Bono Bridge project currently underway.
4. Judge Hill indicated that consideration is being given to an additional bridge project in conjunction with Poinsett County.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF (3) THREE PERSONS TO SERVE TERMS AS DESCRIBED BELOW ON THE EGYPT 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 EGYPT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, THE SAID COUNTY JUDGE DOES HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EGYPT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO RE-ACTIVATED AND APPOINTED AS DESCRIBED BELOW. THESE APPOINTMENTS WILL BRING THE EGYPT FIRE BOARD UP TO A CURRENT STATUS.

Louise Rose (Reactivated)  
Egypt, AR 72427  
Appointed to a three (3) year term  
Effective 3-01-2017 through 3-01-2020

Gary Barr (Reactivated)  
Egypt, AR 72427  
Appointed to a four (4) year term  
Effective 3-01-2017 through 3-01-2021

Jerry Cook (Appointed)  
Egypt, AR 72427  
Appointed to a five (5) year term  
Effective 3-01-2017 through 3-01-2022

**FILED**  
**FEB 28 2017**

**KADE HOLLIDAY**  
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

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

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

APPROVED: [Signature]  
Judge Ed Hill  
Craighead County Judge

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Kade Holliday  
Craighead County Clerk