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End of Month Quorum Court Minutes

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Ordinance 2017-6 Second Reading

END OF MONTH QUORUM COURT MEETING

June 26, 2017

12 Justices of the Peace Present, Justice Ken Stacks was 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 July 2017 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Billie Sue Hoggard. All voted to approve the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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*

BUSINESS FOR FULL COURT/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-6 - Titled: BE IT ENACTED BY THE CUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2014-3 TO AMEND THE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT/PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK."

This Ordinance is regarding Conflicts of Interest, Ethics and Nepotism. Further, Section 2 of said Ordinance states that an emergency presently exists in Craighead County and that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its date of passage which was July 24, 2017.

The Ordinance was tabled in a unanimous vote of acceptance from all Justices present being Fred Bowers, Jim Bryant, Billie Sue Hoggard, Barbara Weinstock, Max Render, Richard Rogers, David Tennison, Josh Longmire, Steve Cline, Dan Pasmore, Terry Couch and Aaron Harris.

2. Discussion regarding the Craighead County Volunteer Fire Departments need for updating the County's dispatch console to integrate with the City of Jonesboro allowing all incoming calls to be readily available for the E911 staff to answer calls and the calls would be recorded for future reference.

Justice Weinstock made an opening statement that if Craighead County can spend \$80,000.00 to purchase a building in Lake City and provide \$42,000.00 for Craighead County employees to take a day off then the County should pay for the approximate \$13,000.00 to upgrade the Volunteer Fire Departments dispatch console. She further stated that the County should never agree to accept and/or use outside funding from private citizens, i.e., Bobby McDaniel providing the County with a personal check in the amount of \$6,500.00 to pay for half of the estimated cost for the requested upgrade. Justice Pasmore made mention to correct the misstatement provided to the press regarding the Counties opinion regarding provisions for funding. The County needs to pay for themselves and the issue was blown out of proportion. Justice

Longmire noted the need for all meetings to be recorded thus preventing the media from misconstruing issues because of improper information. Longmire further made Amended his Motion that the County provide the full \$13,000.00 proposed by the Volunteer Fire Department and to donate the \$6,500.00 to other County needs or a County charity. The Amendment was passed in a unanimous vote of acceptance; as well as, the Motion from all Justices present being Fred Bowers, Jim Bryant, Billie Sue Hoggard, Barbara Weinstock, Max Render, Richard Rogers, David Tennison, Josh Longmire, Steve Cline, Dan Pasmore, Terry Couch and Aaron Harris.

Justice Weinstock, Justice Bryant, Justice Render and E911 Director, Jeff Pressley discussed the possibility of larger grants and how quickly the funds could be made available to the County. Justice Longmire suggested thorough research regarding possible grants and funding. Constable Steve Floyd made a request that the \$6,500.00 donated by private citizen, Bobby McDaniel to be used to provide radios to the constables. Justice Cline made note that Mr. McDaniel needs to be given the option of keeping his funds or donating them to other County needs such as the Constable radios or otherwise. Justice Couch suggested giving the funds that were donated by Mr. McDaniel back and letting him decide if he wanted to donate or not.

With no other business to be discussed, Justice Couch motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Render. All were in favor and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:02pm.