

Quorum Court Minutes

08/28/2017

Resolution 2017-9 Put to a Vote

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
August 28, 2017
5:30 P.M.

NOTE: The meeting will be at the County Extension Office at 611 East Washington. A meal will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.; the meeting will follow.

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
OPENING PRAYER

- a. Presentation by MPO Director; ERICA TAIT

- b. Resolution recommending the appointment of David Handwork to fill a vacancy on the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC).
 - I. Roll Call

 - II. Approval of minutes for July, 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:
None

August 28, 2017 Quorum Court Meeting

11 Justices of the Peace Present, Justices Ken Stacks and Richard Rogers were absent.

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Meeting was held at the County Extension Office located at 611 East Washington, Jonesboro, AR. This portion of the meeting was opened by Brandon Thiesse of the County Extension Office. A dinner meal was provided to all present.

Judge Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Erica Tait, Director of Metropolitan Public Organization (MPO) provided a presentation regarding urban areas such as Jonesboro, Bay, Bono and Brookland and the services they provide. Their contact information is as follows:

Metropolitan Planning Organization
P. O. Box 1845
300 Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401
(870) 933-4623

Ms. Tait also provided an informational handout. Please see attached **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.

Business for Full Court/Old Business: During the August 14, 2017 meeting, a recommendation to appoint David Handwork to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission due to the resignation of Rick Stripling was discussed. Aaron Harris made a motion to recommend Mr. Handwork and Richard Rogers seconded same during the meeting held on August 14, 2017. Said Resolution was put to a vote tonight. Mr. Handwork was appointed to the position by a unanimous vote of all present. Please see a copy of the Resolution attached as **Appendix 3**.

Aaron Harris, Vice Chair, read the Public Service Committee Report. Please see attached **Appendix 4**.

Jim Bryant read the Finance Committee Meeting. Please see attached **Appendix 5**.

Road Superintendent Eugene Neff passed out the monthly road report to the court. – **Appendix 6**.

New Business: Circuit Court Clerk, Candace Edwards approached the court explaining that she had recently received complaints from several of the title companies regarding the Craighead County Deed Books being in such poor condition. Ms. Edwards requested funding in the amount

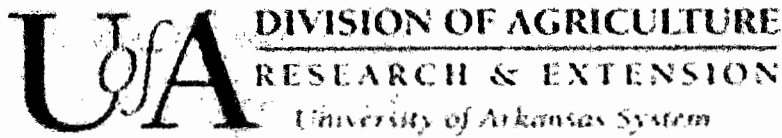
of \$1000.00 to \$2,700.00 in order to restore the books to a proper condition. She further stated that she had not had an opportunity to speak with the Craighead County Court Clerk, Kade Holliday, regarding the condition of the books held in his office. The courts first impression was to have the title companies pay for the repairs or contribute to the repair funds themselves because they were responsible for the condition of the books. It was suggested by the Court that the books be scanned. It was the opinion of Ms. Edwards that this was not possible. Ms. Edwards is going to research further information on this topic and update the court at a later date.

Mr. Harold Carter approached the Court with a request for information regarding receiving a copy of the contract between District Court and the City of Jonesboro regarding a division of funds over an 18 month period with the Justice Complex.

With no further business to be discussed, Aaron Harris proposed adjourning the meeting at 7:45p.m.

**Craighead County
Cooperative Extension Service**

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Agriculture & Horticulture

Diagnostic Testing:

Plant Diseases (Row Crop & Horticulture) – 124 samples
Nematode
Soil Sample (Row Crop & Horticulture) – 24,114 samples
Plant Tissue (Nutrient Levels)
Forage Samples
Water (Domestic & Pond)

Integrated Pest Management:

Bollworm & Corn Borer Moth Trapping
Pesticide Applicator Training – 118 participants
IPM Meetings (Consultants & Growers)
Resistant Weed Surveys
Plant Disease Surveys

Demonstrations – County

Cotton, Corn, Rice & Soybean
GreenSeeker – Mid-Season Nitrogen
Rice PREP Plots
Rice Verification Field

Continuing Educational Efforts

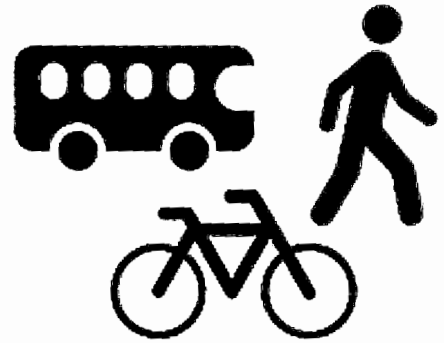
Attend in-service trainings (Agents)
Production Meetings (Consultants & Growers)
Irrigation (Pipe Planner & MIRI)
Master Gardener Program
Brucellosis Vaccination Program
Lawn Care Business
Walk-in clientele

Social Media:

County Website
Facebook (Ag & 4-H)
Twitter (AG & 4-H)
NASS Crop Report

Committee Involvement

Farm Bureau
FSA
NRCS
ACPA
NEA District Fair
ACAAA
NEA Cattleman's
Row Crop Advisory
(Congressman Crawford)
Jump\$tart Coalition



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WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION!

The Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is seeking **public feedback** in the development of a draft **Active Transportation Plan**. The draft plan will outline recommendations for policy development and road treatments that can help enhance the safety, connectivity, and accessibility of all citizens, **particularly pedestrians and cyclists**, throughout the region.

J Contact Us: 300 S. Church St., Jonesboro, AR, 72403 870.933.4623
<http://www.jonesboro.org/191/Metropolitan-Planning-Organization>

Public Meeting Schedule:

September 7, 2017
Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Location:
Parker Park Community Center
(Conference Room)

September 12, 2017
Time : 4:00-6:00 pm

Location:
Allen Park Community Center
(Community Room)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-9

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

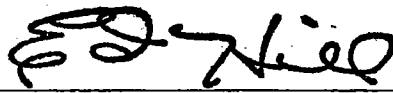
WHEREAS, ACT 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, states that the County Judge of each County is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the (MAPC) Metropolitan Area Planning Commission Board of Directors.

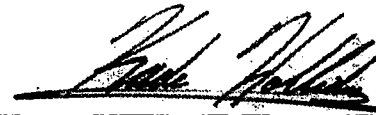
WHEREAS, Mr. Rick Stripling has resigned from his position on the MAPC Board;

WHEREAS, MR. David Handwork has been recommended to fill the vacancy that has been created. His term shall be effective upon approval of the Quorum Court and filing in the County Clerk's Office and shall continue through January 25, 2019, filling out the unexpired term of Mr. Stripling.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS THAT MR. DAVID HANDWORK, 3817 MARCHBANKS CIRCLE, JONESBORO, AR 72401 BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE MAPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2017.

APPROVED: 
JUDGE ED HILL
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
KADE HOLLIDAY
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY CLERK

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KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

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Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
AUGUST 14, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after the opening of the court meeting. Justice Steve Cline presided over the Court meeting in the absence of Judge Ed Hill.

Justice Richard Rogers called the meeting to order. Those present included Justice Rogers, and Justices Fred Bowers, Billie Sue Hoggard, and Aaron Harris.

1. A recommendation to appoint David Handwork to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission due to the resignation of Rick Stripling. After a brief discussion, Aaron Harris made a motion to recommend Mr. Handwork, seconded by Richard Rogers. Justices Bowers and Hoggard also approved the recommendation of David Handwork. The Resolution will be presented to the full court on August 28, 2017.

With no other business to discuss, the committee adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by : Jeanne Taylor

Finance Committee Meeting

August 14, 2017

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

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Clerk Kade Holliday, Tax Collector Wes Eddington, City of Jonesboro E911 Dispatch Director Jeff Presley, and other guests.

Justice Bryant called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:45 PM after the full court Assembly.

County Treasurer Terry McNatt reviewed the financial standing for the various county funds, revenues and expenditures. He noted that the general fund balance is slightly less that this time last year while the road fund balance is above last year. He also informed the committee that the general fund supports the special revenue funds should a negative balance occur. With some general fund transfers, all special funds are currently in the black.

Justice Weinstock asked the committee to reconsider once again the possibility of changing the distribution of the local sales tax between the general fund and the road fund. She suggested a 45% general fund and 55% road fund distribution with a 5 year sunset clause. Justice Weinstock made the motion, seconded by Justice Pasmore and the committee unanimously concurred and agreed to present this proposal to the full court at the next meeting for consideration. County Clerk Kade Holliday noted that the 4 lane highway tax is slated to end in the year 2023 as legislation currently stands.

County Collector Wes Eddington noted that tax collections are 7.4% ahead of this time a year ago. He also noted that the drainage district reports are now on the county web site to allow for more transparency.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by Al Haines

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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. Justice Max Render was absent.

Others present included Eugene Neff and John James from the Road Department.

Justice Cline called the meeting to order after the meeting of the full court:

Eugene Neff updated the committee on the monthly road report (also distributed during the meeting of the full court). He provided the committee with additional information regarding the equipment acquisition and with information related to the use of the equipment.

After a brief moment of general discussion, the committee stood adjourned.