

Quorum Court Minutes

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Resolution 2017-10 - FAILED

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AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
OCTOBER 23, 2017
5:30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
OPENING PRAYER
ROLL CALL

- I. Approval of minutes for September, 2017
- II. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Service Committee Report.
 - b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.
 - c. Roads and Transportation Report.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Resolution regarding sales tax redistribution.
- IV. New Business:

None

October 23, 2017 Quorum Court Meeting

11 Justices of the Peace Present, Justice Ken Stacks and Jim Bryant 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 May 2017 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Steve Cline. All voted to approve the motion.

Jim Agan with Stephens Insurance was present to report to the court that the county would have a 2% reduction on health insurance premiums, a 1% reduction in dental insurance premiums, and that vision insurance premiums would remain flat. Justice Richard Rogers inquired on what the Loss Ratio was for the county to which Agan stated it was currently 86% and that the county had only seen a 3.8% increase over the last 4 years.

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

Inquiries were made concerning if Mid-South would officially get the final contract or what the case would be concerning that. Judge Hill stated that that would greatly depend on where the building was ultimately located and who all was interested in the final project. Questions were then raised concerning if the other participating counties would provide assistance to the costs of start-up and continued operations. Assistant to the Judge Tony Thomas stated that while those are details to ultimately be worked out and finalized, that first a decision upon the final location of the facility needed to be made first in order to have more finite numbers with which to present to those entities.

Justice Weinstock read the Finance Committee report. – *Appendix 2*

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

Judge Hill called for the reading of Resolution 2017-10 which would change the sales tax allocation from 60% road 40% general to 50% roads 45% general 5% capital. Justice Weinstock motioned that the resolution be accepted as read, seconded by Justice Billie Sue Hoggard. Justice Terry Couch voiced that this was concerning to him as this was the only account that we had a buffer in and would be the fund ultimately used in the situation of a disaster. Couch also stated that he did not believe that changing the allocation would be a good idea as it could ultimately lead to a decrease in overall county services if this money was used to give raises because at some point down the road the money would ultimately be used up and not replenished. Justice Weinstock retorted that there has been no mention of raises concerning the changing of the sales tax split. Justice Cline made a motion to indefinitely table the resolution with a second from Justice Max Render, the motion failed 4/7 with Justices Render, Tennison, Cline, and Couch voting in favor. Justice Render mentioned that one of the major issues he had with the resolution as presented is that it ultimately did not match up to what was discussed at the prior meeting at the extension office where a 55/42.5/2.5 split was discussed. Justice Render made a motion to amend the ordinance to those numbers that were discussed at the prior meeting seconded by Justice David Tennison. The motion failed 4/7 with Justice Redner, Tennison, Cline, and Couch voting in favor. Prosecuting Attorney Grant Deprow commented on what the reasoning was behind wanting to make

this change in the first place considering that there was obviously work that needed to be done on roads and that he currently lived on a gravel road. Justice Weinstock stated that expenses in the general fund are growing; however, funds are not growing at the same rate. Assistant to the Judge Tony Thomas stated that the road fund acts as a reserve fund for the reason that Justice Weinstock stated and that there could come a time in the Counties future where funding will ultimately not be available because of the wasteful spending that is already occurring. With no further discussion a vote was called on the original motion which ultimately did not meet the required percentage receiving 6 votes for and 5 votes against, Justice Hoggard, Weinstock, Rogers, Longmire, Pasmore, and Harris voted for the motion. –

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With no other business to be discussed, Justice Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Couch. All were in favor and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:15pm.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
October 9, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after the opening of the court meeting.

Members present: J.P. Richard Rogers, J.P. Billie Sue Hoggard, Fred Bowers and Aaron Harris.

Others present: Sheriff Marty Boyd, members of the Finance Committee, and other persons who are interested in plans for a facility to house persons in need of counseling or mental evaluation.

Plans for a proposed facility on Highway 141 have been cancelled due to the strong opposition of residents in that area. Other options for a space or building will be considered. A date to meet the criteria of an available grant will be necessary. No decisions have been made and all options available are being looked at for a solution.

Brief discussion concerning a salary survey for employees. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by : Jeanne Taylor

Finance Committee Meeting

October 9, 2017

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

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

Justice Weinstock called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 6:20 PM after the Public Service Committee adjourned. The Finance committee members joined the Public Service Committee to listen to Sheriff Marty Boyd's presentation concerning the grant and location and possible building costs.

Upon opening the Finance meeting, Justice Weinstock asked Justice Longmire if he had a request for the committee to consider concerning the local county sales tax reallocation. Longmire recommended that the local sales tax distribution be changed from the current 60% road fund and 40% County General Fund to 50% Road Fund, 45% County General Fund and 5% Capital Fund. The Committee unanimously agreed to present a resolution to the full court for consideration.

County Treasurer Terry McNatt reviewed the financial standing for the various county funds, revenues and expenditures. He noted that the General Fund was at a low of \$361,646 on October 5, 2017, but with tax revenue coming in, October 9, the General fund had a balance of \$1.2 million.

Some revenue fund coming in below forecast include District Court Fines and Forfeitures, State Police tickets, Service of Warrants, and Various miscellaneous. Also, reimbursement for Juvenile Officers has not been received as of this date. Sales tax is down 7.25% from a year ago for September.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Al Haines

**Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
October 9, 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, Max Render, and David Tennison.

Others present included Eugene Neff and County Judge Ed Hill.

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. Work on two (2) chip seal roads is nearing completion as well as paving on CR 134. Box culverts were used on this project which were built on site by county crews.**
 - b. Contracts have been let on the state-aid road project (CR 751) with the hope of work beginning this fall (weather permitting).****
- 2. The committee was updated on the construction of the Bono Bridge. Justice Cline indicated he had been informed of a tentative open date of early November. Judge Hill indicated that was in line with what he had been told.**
- 3. Judge Hill recently signed documents to finalize the agreement with AR Game and Fish regarding payment for pavement of the roadway to Lake Bono.**

After a few random questions and discussion among committee members, the committee stood adjourned.

RESOLUTION NO 2017-10

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Craighead County, State of Arkansas a Resolution entitled:
Local County Sales Tax Revenue Redistribution.

Whereas, the Craighead County Quorum Court has determined that Local County Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Formula should be revised by reducing the County Road Fund Distribution and increasing the distribution to County General and Capital Funds.; and

Whereas, the local sales tax redistribution subject has been discussed by the Finance Committee and the Quorum Court over the previous several months.

Whereas, the Finance Committee has voted unanimously to proceed with this Local Sales Tax Redistribution formula, with a ratio of the sales tax revenues as follows with the approval of the body of the Quorum Court:

- County Road Fund 50%
- County Capital Fund 5%
- County General Fund 45%

Whereas, the Quorum Court of Craighead County recognizes the need for the Local Sale Tax Redistribution formula and supports the change from the current 40% County General Fund and 60% County Road Fund to the redistribution formula noted above. This redistribution ratio of local sales tax comes with a five year sunset clause to correspond with the close of the Four Lane Tax legislation slated to end in the year 2023.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Craighead County Quorum Court does hereby recommend and approve the Local Sales Tax Redistribution formula with County Road Fund receiving 50% of local sales tax revenues, County Capital Fund receiving 5% of local sales tax revenues, and County General Fund receiving 45% of local sales tax revenues.

Date: 10/23/2017

APPROVED: _____
Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge

ATTEST: _____
Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk