

Quorum Court Minutes

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KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

February 26, 2018 Quorum Court Meeting

12 Justices of the Peace Present. Justice Ken Stacks was absent.

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

Judge Hill asked if all present had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Justice Weinstock made motion to accept the minutes, Justice Cline seconded the motion.

Committee Reports: Public Service Committee report was read by Justice Rogers. A copy of same is attached as **Appendix 1**. It was noted that the finances discussed are regarding the Bono Fire Department are for next year. Finance and Administration Committee Report was read by Justice Weinstock and is attached hereto as **Appendix 2**. Justice Weinstock requested an update regarding the Lake City Building. Judge Hill explained that the IT Department has been making some modifications to the building for storage and disaster recovery. Lately they've been working on the updated phone system. Justice Pasmore noted that he had toured the property and indeed it is being put to use. Judge Hill asked Sheriff Marty Boyd to address the phone system as it pertains to the use for limiting inmate transport and saving funding for the department. Judge Hill noted that it is a possibility that the DFA will be moved into the remaining empty space. Judge Hill's assistant, Tony Thomas made note of the security efforts being taken regarding the disaster relief area. He further noted that there are three (3) stages in progress for the facility; the first of which is the IT department. Justice Weinstock stated that the property was purchased because of an "emergency need" for space. Mr. Thomas opined that the building was purchased not because of an emergency need for space, but because they did not want to have the property listed for sale and miss an opportunity to purchase it for future use. Justice Couch noted that he was very confident in the process that is being implemented in Lake City. Further, Couch encouraged all present to visit and tour the facility for themselves. Ms. Linda Reed opined that she, as a tax payer, was given the impression that were stepping over boxes and there was an urgent need for the property. That people were tripping over themselves and it was a safety hazard. Ms. Reed stated that the information that she was referencing came from the local newspaper. Justice Pasmore noted a change to the minutes regarding a statement he made that the building was not being used. When he looked through the window, it looked unused; but upon entering, was obvious that work was being done and changes made. The Roads and Transportation Report was read by Justice Couch and is attached hereto as **Appendix 3**. Justice Weinstock asked if there had been any damage in the county as a result of the recent storms and heavy rain. Judge Hill stated that any damage was minimal. Craighead County Circuit Court Clerk stated that they had flooding in the basement of their offices and had addressed the issue. She further noted that none of the records were damaged. Justice Longmire asked regarding CR 745

repairs stating that although the road was in Justice Pasmore's district, he had received several calls inquiring about repairs. Judge Hill stated that this road is scheduled for repairs this summer or when the weather permits. The Asphalt plant has been shut down because there is no coal available.

Judge Hill requested the third reading of the Ordinance 2018-2 (which has been modified since this meeting to Ordinance No. 2018-1.A) attached hereto as **Appendix 4**. Deputy Clerk, Elisa Spurlock read the Ordinance. Justice Cline made motion to accept and Justice Tennison seconded. The Ordinance was unanimously accepted.

Judge Hill requested the reading of Resolution 2018-2 attached hereto as **Appendix 5**. Deputy Clerk Elisa Spurlock read the resolution. Justice Cline made motion to accept the resolution and Justice Hoggard seconded the motion. A question was posed regarding an estimated cost. Judge Hill stated that they had just received the preliminary plans about a week ago and everything is preliminary. It is federally funded and we were fortunate to get it. It's free other than the lighting. Lighting in this isolated area is going to be LED street lighting. The county is to supply these lights. The cost is estimated to be very minimal. The roundabout will prompt people to slow down to roughly 30 m.p.h. in order to maneuver the roundabout rather than accidentally run the stop sign at the presently posted speed limit causing T-Bone type accidents resulting in injuries and death. Judge Hill stated that Craighead County will be responsible to pay for the electricity. Justice Rogers questioned that the cost would be less than \$100.00. Is this accurate? Judge Hill reiterated that the county is only responsible for the light bill and he was not going to hold that the monthly cost would be below \$100.00 but it would be close. The lights we pay at the bottom of Bono Hill and out past R & R Tractor is flashing but only \$15.00 to \$20.00 a month. Justice Rogers requested information regarding the counties responsibility to maintain the light poles. Judge Hill stated that we have had to replace a light pole at the bottom of Bono Hill but the City of helped us out. Judge Hill further stated that the city has been real good to help us and maintain the poles. After lengthy discussion, the resolution was passed unanimously by all parties present.

Finally, Judge Hill asked Sheriff Marty Boyd to give a brief discussion regarding the new video system. You can use video in any jail or penitentiary in the State of Arkansas without transportation of inmates. Per Sheriff Boyd, the IT Department of Craighead County and the sheriff's office have been working for the past three (3) weeks on this project (AAC Video Bridge Funnel System). The system was hardwired into Craighead County at a cost of \$1,400.00 to the county. It has been placed into all of the courtrooms in the courthouse. It went into the sheriff's office and to the jail and all thirteen (13) penitentiaries in the State of Arkansas. We've had video capabilities for several years from jail to jail or courthouse to courthouse and implementing now statewide. It has been being testing around the state. One of the test counties is Sebastian

County who estimates transportation cost savings of \$38,000.00. These officers won't have the travel costs that are incurred every day. There will still be some transport but the manpower will be back in Craighead County rather than traveling all over the state. Considering the cost saved the \$1,400.00 is a minimal amount. At some point in the next few years, all counties under risk management (70% of counties state wide) will have this system. Circuit Court Clerk Candice Edwards added that each lady or gentleman transported for court usually has an average of 15 appearances before the courts. This system will lower that to only one or two appearances. Officers are working up to 12 hour days transporting from Texarkana for a 10 minute court appearance and with this system they won't be working those days out on the road; they will be working in Craighead County for our citizens. If anyone would like to see, Sherriff Boyd invited parties to visit his office.

Next, Sherriff Boyd updated regarding the Crisis Stabilization Unit. He has been working daily on this. Sheriff Boyd does have other properties they are looking at. Boyd stated they don't want to bring something to the table that is unreasonable in cost. Want to make sure property is financially sound. The County needs some place with no opposition. Have thought about new construction which might not be cost efficient. If we were going to do new construction, Sheriff Boyd would push to build by the Sheriff's office for more use of the property and no opposition by residence. New construction cost is approximately 2 million. Anything else is going to have to be remodeled. You don't want to update someone else's property. The grant is for 1.6 toward operating costs only. Its estimated that it will cost 1.9 million to operate the facility. There is a private partnership who anticipates spending roughly \$500,000.00 in operating cost above the grant (\$1.6 million). The hope is in three (3) years they can self-sustain.

Lastly, Circuit Court Clerk, Candice Edwards noted that Marty Boyd received an award as the Elected Official of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers'. He opined that the award was given to him because of the work he has put in to the Crisis Stabilization Unit over the past three (3) to four (4) years.

With no further business to address, Judge Hill moved to conclude the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Justice Rogers seconded by Justice Cline.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
February 12, 2018
5:30 p.m.

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

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

Others present were: Sheriff Marty Boyd, County Collector Wes Eddington and several members of the Collector's staff.

1. Sheriff Marty Boyd spoke to the committee to request that money from sheriff's vehicles that are considered a total loss be put back into the Sheriff's Department instead of being put in County General Funds. The Committee was agreeable and will support his request.

Sheriff Boyd spoke briefly to update the search for a place for a Crisis Center for the Sheriff's Department. Several places have been looked at, but none have been suitable. They are still looking for a place that will meet the criteria required.

2. Collector Wes Eddington spoke to the committee concerning some questions about getting monies on the books this year. He believes the monies in question will be able to go on the books without a problem.

With no other business, meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeanne Taylor

Finance Committee Meeting

February 12, 2018

Finance Committee Members present: Chair Person Barbara Weinstock, Vice Chair Dan Pasmore and Justices Anthony Martin and Josh Longmire. Justice Ken Stacks was absent.

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Clerk Kade Holliday, Collector Wes Eddington, Sheriff Marty Boyd, and other guests.

Justice Weinstock called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:35 PM after the full court meeting.

Collector Eddington briefed the committee concerning tax collections and introduced his staff and their duties and responsibilities. Delinquent collections are still being collected and liens have been attached to some properties. Collections are ahead of 2017 by approximately \$265,000.

Treasurer McNatt brought the committee update on revenues and expenditures for current 2018 and previous year of 2017. He noted that year 2017 is looking better than previously anticipated due to less spending by several departments.

Justice Weinstock addressed the committee concerning previous discussions. Two items revisited were the Lake City Building and the Nursing Center. Justice Pasmore provided information concerning the land located behind the Craighead Nursing Center that is not being utilized and raised the possibility of selling this land of approximately 40 acres or possibly mining this land for gravel. He will gather additional information for the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting. The Lake City building, according to Justice Pasmore is not being utilized and suggested the possibility of selling or leasing the structure for additional income. After a lengthy discussion concerning the Lake City Building, the Committee unanimously agreed to present to the full court for consideration of finding a tenant and leasing the structure until it is needed by the county for future needs.

The Bono Lake status and possible hiring freeze was put on hold for future consideration.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
February 12, 2018
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, Judge Hill, John James, Marvin Day, and Wes Baxter.

Justice Couch 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.
 - i. The shoulder machine has been utilized in the Eastern District over the past weeks.
 - ii. Striping has occurred on Oak Ridge and Bono Lake Road. State crews striped CR 751 as a part of a state-aid project.
 - iii. Patching has continued using cold mix throughout the county.
2. ARDOT has approved a study regarding the need for a light at the Bono Bridge project once the bridge opens. The chain link fencing has been installed on the bridge project. We are still waiting completion by the contractor, which has slowed due to weather.
3. Some chain link fencing was also installed at the Lake Bono to provide access control.
4. Discussion regarding ongoing issues with various county roads due to the continuous freeze/thaw cycles ended the meeting.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

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KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERKORDINANCE NO. 2018-1-A

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO STANDARDIZE RATES FOR THE BONO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, A few years ago, the Quorum Court increased the rate of taxes collected for fire departments in Craighead County. At that time the Bono Fire Protection District opted to not have the rates increased in that district. (Ordinance No. 2009-7)

WHEREAS, The Bono Fire Protection District has asked the court to increase the rate to that of the other subordinate service districts in the county. The rate increase will help the Bono Fire Protection District begin to replace a fleet that is aging, purchase air packs for interior firefighting operations, and upgrade other equipment to industry standards.

WHEREAS, The Bono Fire District may not exceed the annual rates listed below:

Residence:	\$ 75.00
Apartments/Unit	40.00
Small Business	150.00
Industrial/Large business	300.00
Farm Shop	150.00
Transportation Discretionary*	250.00 & up
Department Discretionary **	75.00 & up

*Transportation Discretionary is for truck, train, aircraft, etc. that does not pay into the fire district. This would also cover vehicles traveling through the districts, and will include bridge and grass fires on railroads and right-of-ways. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

**Department Discretionary refers to persons who own land that is vacant of a structure, and lives elsewhere and does not pay an annual fee. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

WHEREAS, This Ordinance shall become effective after three (3) readings at which the proposed rates will become effective.

Dated this 26th day of February 2018.

Approved: 
Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge

Attest: 
~~Kade Holliday~~
Craighead County Clerk

ROUNABOUT LIGHTING MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY
TO MAINTAIN THE ROUNABOUT LIGHTING
INSTALLED IN THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:**

Job 100950, Hwy. 158/Hwy. 163 Inters. Safety Impvts. (S)

WHEREAS, Craighead County understands that Federal-aid Highway Safety Improvement Program funds will pay for the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Highway 158 and Highway 163; and

WHEREAS, Craighead County will be responsible for the lighting upon completion of the construction of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the quorum court of Craighead County, Arkansas, that:

SECTION I: The County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility in this project, which includes providing electrical service and maintenance of the roundabout lighting and associated control equipment.

SECTION II: The County pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation to initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 26th day of February, 18.



Ed Hill
County Judge

ATTEST: 
(SEAL)

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