

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
OCTOBER 24, 2016
5:30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes for September, 2016.
- III.
 - a. 2017 Insurance update by Stephens Inc.
 - b. Presentation by Northeast Arkansas Trails Organization.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Service Committee Report.
 - b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.
 - c. Roads and Transportation Report.
- V. Old Business:

None
- VI. New Business:

None

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
October 10, 2016
Public Services Committee

Members of the Public Services Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Fred Bowers, Billie Sue Hoggard, Richard Rogers, and David Tennison.

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

1. The committee voted unanimously to forward a recommendation for a nepotism policy to the full court after discussion related to this matter. The County's Judge's Office was asked to secure language that would be presented for consideration on this matter.
2. Justice Rogers inquired about the budget committee and insurance process. Tony Thomas indicated that the Judge was working on a budget committee and should have the committee confirmed soon. He also indicated that our current broker was working on securing pricing related to health insurance. After Rogers indicated he was received calls from providers related to this matter, Thomas indicated he should direct them to Stephen's Insurance who was handling that process.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

*See attached sheet for sample nepotism language. Suggested revisions are welcomed for consideration by the full court

Sample A

Effective November __, 2016 an individual may not be hired, reinstated, transferred, promoted or demoted to a position which places him or her in a direct supervisory line with a family member.

Sample B

This policy establishes guidelines for all employees and prohibits relatives or immediate family members from being under the supervision of the same immediate supervisor. The policy applies to all employees and applicants of Craighead County as of November __, 2016. Relative or Immediate Family Members for the purpose of this policy is defined as follows: Father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, husband, wife, grandmother, grandfather, in-law or any person acting as a parent or guardian of an employee.

Finance Committee Meeting

October 10, 2016

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

Press: Jonesboro Sun, KAIT TV, KASU

Others present: Al Haines, Tony Thomas, County Clerk Kade Holliday, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Assessor Hannah Towell, and other guests.

Justice Longmire called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:40 PM. Assessor Hannah Towell addressed the committee concerning a new updated flyover of Craighead County and purchasing new software that would enhance her office and well as other county office in viewing structures in the county for additional improvements that could help in updating assessments. The least expensive cost would be approximately \$34,800 with best resolution cost being approximately \$ 93,000. Towell advised the committee that she is only checking options and no decisions have been made.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning Drainage Districts in Craighead County. Justice Meadows inquired as to getting maps of each district, how districts are formed, who assesses taxes of the districts, how the money is collected, who disperses the money, what reports are filed, who files, to which office, consolidating districts, how commissioners are appointed, who appoints, how district attorneys are selected, who sets the attorney's fee, can the county take over a district, and other questions. Tony Thomas presented the committee with many legal state codes concerning drainage districts. It was noted that many of the state codes date back more than 60 years. Much of the districts transactions flow through the County Clerk's office. County Clerk Kade Holliday noted that he and other county offices are going through all records in hopes of updating boundary maps, district attorneys, and commissioners. Holliday hopes to have district maps and updated books by early part of next year. Justice Meadows noted that five districts in the eastern part of Craighead County were combined into one district and this is working very well and noted that was accomplished by Alec Farmer and all commissioners in the five districts working together to better serve the people of the eastern district. The committee recommended that a Drainage Working Committee be formed to get a better understanding as to how drainage districts function, laws governing districts, how to better serve the people of Craighead County. Also, several drainage district attorneys, commissioners, state legislators, any other key people that may have a positive input on how drainage districts can be improved and in getting drainage problems under control will also be invited to the Drainage Working Committee.

Treasurer McNatt addressed the committee concerning some possible current revenue shortfalls and advised that all departments curtail spending as much as possible in this last quarter of the year. McNatt revised each revenue code and commented on each as to current revenue status.

The committee suggested that the County Judge's Office send out a memo to recommend that all departments curtail spending as much as possible in the last quarter of this year due to a possible revenue shortfall as noted by Treasurer McNatt.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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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, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Eugene Neff, Road Superintendent and Ed Hill, County Judge.

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.
 - a. Work by crews continued on the road leading to Bono Lake. He anticipated being complete with the roadway in the next week. Some additional gravel may be needed in spots and some minor work completed after some utilities are moved. Neff stated he is pleased with the way this project worked out with minor problems.
 - b. CR 714 blacktopping is complete and it is striped. Additional overlay work is being completed on an older chip and seal road whose useful life had expired.
2. Judge Hill indicated they were looking at a road widener to assist with shoulders along county road. This should assist with loss of shoulders as indicated by Justice Couch.
3. Bono Bridge continues to progress with a preconstruction meeting scheduled for October 25. Our 2% cost share has been paid and everything is a go.
4. Additional discussion was held related to a number of other topics related to the impact of the most recent flooding, potential flooding, and current dry spell.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.