

Quorum Court Minutes

November 10, 2014

Resolution 2014-15 - **PASSED**

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KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

**AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS
NOVEMBER 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Assembly and Prayer

Roll Call

1. Dan Melton to address court members.

Public Service Committee:

- a. Discussion of any current business.

Finance and Administration Committee:

- a. Review of financial reports and discussion of any current financial matters.

Roads and Transportation Committee Meeting:

- a. County Road Superintendent Eugene Neff will update the committee concerning roads and bridges in the county.

November 10, 2014 Quorum Court Meeting

12 Justices of the Peace present. Justice Ken Stacks absent.

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order.

Dan Milton addressed the court on the issues of the Bluewater Initiative, the EPA, and coal fire plants..

A Resolution in support of local farmers was presented to the Court.

Resolution 2014-15 was read - *Appendix 1*. Justice Mike Hawkins moved to pass. Justice Jim Bryant seconded. Passed unanimously.

Also distributed to the court was Monthly Road Department Report – *Appendix 2*.

RESOLUTION 2014 - 15

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS A RESOLUTION ENTITLED: KADE HOLLIDAY, COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

A RESOLUTION TO REFRAIN SUPPORT FOR EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN AND CLEAN AIR ACT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed Clean Power Plan (CPP) rule with the stated intention of reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the language of the Clean Power Plan (CP P) expressly prohibits EPA from using Section 111(d) to regulate power plants; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule will be harmful to Arkansas' economy and energy industry and is therefore opposite to the public policy of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, EPA has no authority under the Clean Air Act (CAA) under section III(d) to set Greenhouse Gas (GHG) guidelines for existing Electric Generating Units (EGU); and

WHEREAS, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has conceded that the computer predictions for global warming and the effects of carbon emissions have been proved to be inaccurate; and

WHEREAS, efforts to prove the theory that carbon dioxide is a significant greenhouse and pollutant causing significant warming or weather effects have failed; and

WHEREAS, a recent study of NASA shows that CO2 COOLS the atmosphere and does NOT warm it as previously stated; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed Clean Power Plan (CCP) is passed, there would be harmful economic impact on current and future farmers, current and future residents, current and future business, current and future industries and local, county, and state government; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, specifically in Article 7, Section 28 boldly provides “exclusive original jurisdiction” to the county courts of the respective counties in “every other case that may be necessary for the internal improvement and local concerns of the respective counties” – which broad power of local jurisdiction belonging to the local county court has historically been cherished by Arkansas, both in the spirit and the letter of the law (see Arkansas Code 16-15-101 – 16-15-113); and

WE FURTHER FIND that the following reflects the will of the people of Craighead County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

SECTION 1: The Craighead County Quorum Court respectfully calls for the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw their illegal proposed guideline for the Clean Power Plan for Existing Power Plants; and that the concerns and principles herein conveyed by the duly elected local officials of the citizens of Craighead County be observed and respected in consideration of any rules or memorandum of understanding and future activities regarding the guidelines for Existing Power Plants.

SECTION 2: Craighead County respectfully refrains from supporting EPA’S Illegal Clean Power Act for Existing Power Plants.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from after its passage and approval on this 13th day of November 2014; and County Clerk of Craighead County is **HEREBY directed to file this resolution and forward a file-marked copy to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.**



Judge Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge



Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk