

Quorum Court Minutes

10/26/2015

RESOLUTION – 2015-14 - PASSED

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AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
October 26, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

Briefing by Judge Ed Hill to Court Members.

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of minutes for September, 2015 meeting.

III. MPO Presentation

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

- 1. Resolution regarding the reappointment of David Worlow to a second term on the Craighead Nursing Center Board of Directors.**

October 26, 2015

12 Justices of the Peace present, Justice Josh Longmire absent.

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order.

Representatives from the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization made a presentation to the Court explaining their purpose and overall objective.

Distributed to the Court was the "Momentum 2040" power point presentation – *Appendix 1*

After a brief overview of the current projects and future goals the Court was encouraged to ask questions. Justice Barbara Weinstock questioned who funded their organization. A representative answered that the Federal Highway Administration funds a portion of their salaries and that a jurisdictions involvement must match a certain percentage of their salary. Justice Ray Kidd inquired about the funding of the new JETS transfer station. The representative stated funding was procured from the Federal Transit Administration. Justice Garry Meadows asked who managed and evaluated the impact of the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization. The representative answered that along with the Policy Committee, the Mayor and County Judge are key points of management.

Justice David Tennison read the Public Service Committee report. – *Appendix 2*

Justice Ken Stacks read the Finance Committee report. – *Appendix 3*

Justice Terry Couch inquired about the cost of locks for the varying offices asking for additional security. Assistant to the Judge Tony Thomas explained that the addition of locks can usually be acquired by calling Building Maintenance as in the case of the Payroll and Accounts Payable office, which now has a deadbolt lock. Justice Meadows stated that the subject of security was brought up by each elected official and after walking through the courthouse he could see the reason for the security concerns. Justice Meadows requested that Sheriff Marty Boyd present his ideas for security to the Court. Boyd addressed the Court by presenting two ideas, the first being a new court complex located near the jail which would be built with security in mind and eliminate the need to transport inmates to court. This building would house all courts as well as the Circuit Clerks office. This plan would be the most costly, however, it would also be a long term solution. The second idea is to have one secure entrance with two security guards each at the Courthouse and Annex building. The cost to the county would be about \$236,000.00 with the biggest portion going to the hire of the private security. Boyd encouraged the court to look at both options.

Justice Kidd praised Tax Collector Marsha Phillips on the good job her office did during the busy tax collecting season.

Justice Ray Kidd read the Road and Transportation Committee report. – *Appendix 4*

Judge Hill addressed Justice Josh Longmire's complaints on roads 760, 745 and 712. Hill presented videos taken while driving down the roads in question and commented that there had been some miscommunication from Justice Longmire as well as the Jonesboro Sun on the condition of the roads.

Resolution 2015-6 was read – *Appendix 5*. Justice Weinstock moved to pass, Justice Stacks seconded. The resolution passed with all present voting in favor.

Justice Couch addressed the Court reading a letter a he had written addressing his concerns with combining of the Eastern and Western District Clerk's budget. He asked for his fellow Justices to make a motion that would separate the two budgets. Circuit Clerk Candace Edwards addressed Justice Couch's concerns by explaining the statute that makes her ultimately responsible for the Eastern District just as Boyd is responsible for his Eastern District counterpart. Justice Couch stated he did not understand the statute as she did and that her office was different than the Sheriff's. Edwards explained that the statute does not differentiate the two offices but she would abide by the Courts decision. Tax Collector Marsha Phillips cited a law she found on the internet that states the Eastern and Western District have been separate since the 1800's. Edwards countered that she has seen the law Phillips cited and that the 2003 statute, currently in question, negates the earlier law. Justice Meadows stated that Edwards has fixed many issues in her office and that the statute allowing the two budgets to be combined may be correct. Justice Meadows also encouraged the Eastern District Officials to come to the Quorum Court meetings as the other elected officials do. Justice Fred Bowers encouraged Edwards to attain a decision from the Attorney General on the meaning of the statute. Judge Hill commented that an opinion from the Attorney General would be interpreted differently depending on the party reading it and instead recommended a sit down between Edwards, Justice Couch, and Eastern District Clerk Lesia Couch. No motion was made.

With no further business to be discussed Justice Jim Bryant motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Ray Kidd, all were in favor.

Momentum 2040
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What is an MPO?

- Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - Urbanized Areas, 50,000+ people
- MPO Committee's:
 - Policy Committee
 - Mayor's, Judge, Highway Dept.
 - Other elected officials
- Technical Advisory Committee



Poll – MPO Area

- What is the fastest growing city (population) in the MPO Area (based on 2014 census estimates)?

- Little Rock
- Jonesboro
- Bay
- Bono
- Brookland




Jonesboro MPO (2003)

Area	2000	2010	2014
Bay	1,800	1,803	1,796
Bono	1,512	2,131	2,159
Brookland	1,332	1,642	3,111
Jonesboro	55,515	67,253	72,210
* Craighead County	82,148	96,443	102,518

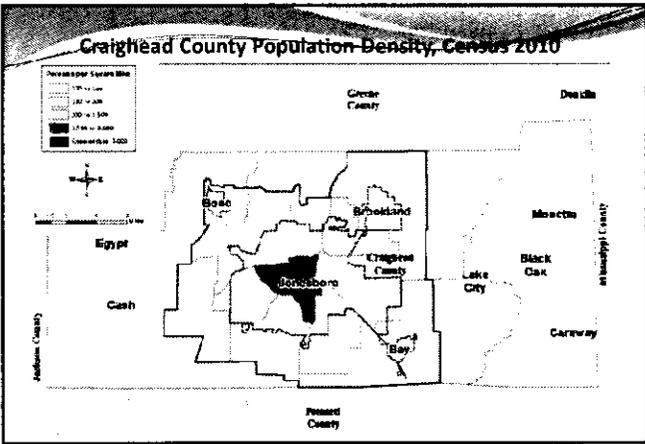
The Work and Purpose of an MPO

Name	Period	Updated
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	1 year	Annually
Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	4 years	3 Years
Annual List of Obligated Projects (ALOP)	1 year	Annually
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	25 years	5 Years
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	Ongoing	As Needed

MTP Development Process

- Continuing
 - An ongoing process
- Cooperative
 - Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies
 - Public
- Comprehensive
 - Think Regional
 - Multi-Modal

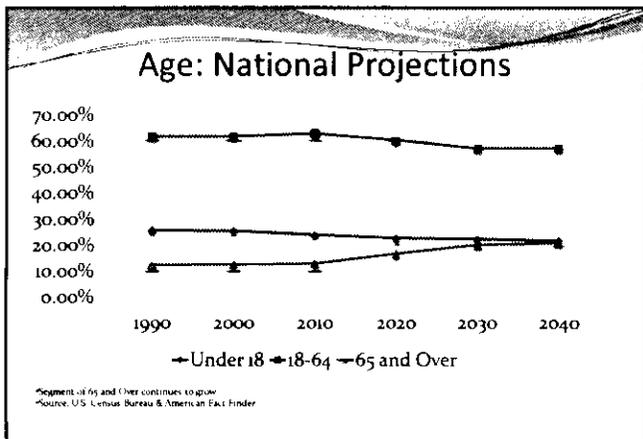
Trends and Projections



Poll - Age

- What is the fastest growing age cohort in MPA?
 - A. Under 18 years
 - B. 18 - 64 years
 - C. 65 years and over





AHTD Average Daily Traffic (ADT) 2014

Road	From	To	2010	2014	Average Annual Change
Highway 18 Overpass	Cain Street	Watt Street	13,000	14,000	250
Harrisburg Road	Parker Road	Forrest Hill Rd.	9,600	12,000	600
Red Wolf	Highland Drive	Netleton Ave.	32,000	34,000	500
Intersection of Hwy. 49 and Hwy. 351	1,000 Feet West of Intersection		31,000	36,000	1,250
Hwy. 18 (Southwest Dr.) at Main St.	500 Feet South of Intersection 500 Feet North of Intersection		14,000	11,000	-750

*Source: Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD)

Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Momentum 2040

MTP 2035 Goals

- Develop a transportation system that affords mobility for all and provides good access to employment, education, housing, services, and recreation areas.
- Manage, maintain, and enhance the existing transportation system in order to maximize safety and efficiency and reduce the need for new roadway and bridge construction
- Minimize the impact of traffic on neighborhoods and the local street system by maximizing the use of regional highway facilities for long trips.

MTP 2035 Goals Continued...

- Promote a transportation system that minimizes negative cultural, social, economic and environmental impacts while preserving and enhancing neighborhood livability.
- Reduce the need for roadway construction by developing viable transportation alternatives that reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled and reliance on the automobile as a mode of travel
- Improve the integration of land use and transportation planning.
- Develop a short-range transportation improvement program with public and private participation.

The People's Opinion

- Citizen's Advisory Committee
- Community Values Survey
- Community Workshops
- Chamber of Commerce survey
- Downtown Jonesboro and Johnson Ave Pedestrian/Bike studies

Your
Opinion
matters

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC, 2014)

- 10 CAC meetings
- MTP 2035 Goals:
 - Review
 - Rate



Community Values Survey

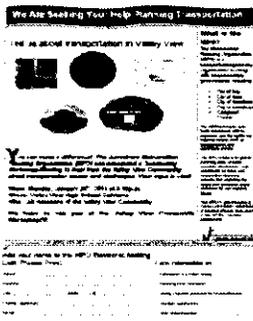
- September - October 2014
- 553 respondents/2000 Surveys
 - **Maintaining** local streets and roads
 - **Improving** and constructing highways
 - Adding and maintaining sidewalks
 - Improving the timing of traffic lights
 - Improving major North-South/Streets through Jonesboro
 - Reducing traffic delays caused by trains.



• <http://www.jonesboro.org/331/Transportation-Studies-and-Resources>

Community Workshops

- 6 community workshops:
 - Arkansas State University
 - City of Bay
 - City of Bono
 - North Jonesboro
 - Valley View
 - Woodsprings



Recurring Issues Throughout the Process

- Safety in school zones
- Railroad crossings
- Public Transit



Chamber of Commerce Survey

- Online
- 1,850 people participated in the survey
 - Jonesboro residents
 - Many between 44-64 years



Poll – Chamber of Commerce

What was the most cited need in the Chamber of Commerce survey?

- Economic Development
- Housing
- Transportation Issues/Infrastructure



Chamber of Commerce Survey: Community Satisfaction

- Infrastructure assets rated slightly above average
- Road capacity, air service, mass transit, and pedestrian & bike routes were rated below average.
- Future economic growth potential was rated highest while image as a visitor destination was rated lowest

MPO Ped./Bike Studies High Priority Projects

- Johnson Avenue
 - Pedestrian safety is a major issue
 - Suggestions included ways to separate pedestrians from traffic
- Downtown Study
 - Connectivity between ASU and Downtown
 - Suggestions for Aggie Road Connection Improvements
 - Suggestions for Fisher Street pedestrian/bicycle bridge

MAP - 21 (2012)

- Performance Measures and Targets.
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Agreed Upon
 - Realistic
 - Timebound



MTP 2040 Goals

- 1) Mobility, Accessibility, and Connectivity
- 2) Efficiency and Reliability
- 3) Safety
- 4) Quality of Life
- 5) Economic Vitality

Mobility, Accessibility, and Connectivity

Enhance the mobility and connectivity of all modes of transportation while providing access to key destinations.



DO THE RIGHT MIX

Efficiency and Reliability

Improve the integration of land use and transportation planning in order to maximize the efficiency and reliability of our transportation system.



Safety

Provide and maintain a safe transportation system that will reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads annually.



Quality of Life

Enhance the performance of our transportation system by protecting and improving the social, cultural and environmental qualities of our region.



Economic Vitality

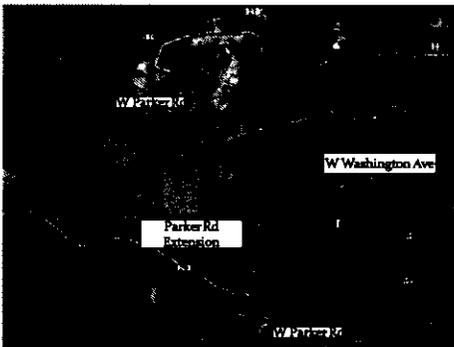
Encourage public and private participation in the development of a transportation system that supports local business operations and attracts new businesses to our region.



CURRENT PROJECTS

- Parker Road Extension
- AR 226 Cash Bypass
- Roundabout
- Hwy. 18 Overpass
- Hwy. 351(Airport Road)/Aggie Road Intersection Improvements
- Central Transfer Station

Parker Road Extension



Highway 18 Overpass



Central Transfer Station (Now Open)

What is the top goal to you personally?

- A. Mobility, Accessibility, Connectivity
- B. Efficiency and Reliability
- C. Safety
- D. Quality of Life
- E. Economic Vitality




What is the top goal for the region?

- A. Mobility, Accessibility, Connectivity
- B. Efficiency and Reliability
- B. Safety
- C. Quality of Life
- D. Economic Vitality




Next Steps...

- City Councils/Community Organizations
- Technical Committee
- Policy Committee
- Public Comment Period



Questions/Comments

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Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
October 12, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after briefing by Judge Ed Hill. Members present were Chair David Tennison, Fred Bowers, Richard Rogers, and Billie Sue Hoggard.

1. Recommendation to reappoint David Worlow to a second term on the Craighead County Nursing Center. Fred Bowers made a motion, seconded by Billie Sue Hoggard to approve the reappointment; all members voted "Yes" on this issue. Resolution will come before the full court on October 26, 2015 for their approval.

With on other business to be discussed, the committee adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

October 12, 2015

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Ken Stacks, and Justices Barbara Weinstock, Josh Longmire, and Garry Meadows. Justice Bryant was absent.

Press: Hunter Field, Jonesboro Sun

Others present: Al Haines, County Clerk Kade Holliday, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, Collector Marsha Phillips, Deputy Collector Teresa Presley, Assessor Hannah Towell, Accounts Payable Clerk MaryAnn Nimmo, and other guests.

Justice Stacks called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:40 PM after the full court meeting.

Treasurer McNatt brought the committee up to date on revenues and expenditures year to date and they are on track for this time of year at approximately 75%. He noted that revenues are increasing on a more positive tract than some other Arkansas counties largely due to sales tax revenues.

Justice Longmire and Weinstock inquired as to the progress of bidding and combining copier leases in order to receive a better bulk pricing. Haines was asked to proceed with the task if approved by his supervisors.

Other inquiries included cutting phone expenses. Haines advised that the IT Department is looking at internet phone systems (VOIP) in order to have more reliable and less expensive phone service.

Reducing Electrical expenses were discussed with various ways to reduce electrical consumption. EG: Installing LED lighting and installing automatic light shut off devices. Stacks noted that these measures require upfront costs.

Phillips and Nimmo noted that more safety measures need to be in place, that being windows at Collectors windows be upgraded to protect employees and personal documents and additional locks in the accounts payable office to protect employee records. Additionally, Holliday noted that courthouse entrances should be more secure.

Phillips noted that collections are near \$33,000,000 year to date.

With no other business to be discussed, the committee stood adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
October 12, 2015
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, Judge Hill, and Tony Thomas.

Justice Kidd 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. Referencing roads mentioned in the full meeting, Neff indicated CR 760 we recently overlaid and striped. Crews overlaid 1235 feet (quarter mile) of CR 745. Crews are currently working on CR 712. Patching has occurred over the past few weeks in preparation for overlaying and stripping. Overlays have also occurred on the following county roads: 912, 760, 846, 849.
 - b. Laying our own asphalt is saving money per project and will allow the completion of more projects. Crews are still focused on doing their own roadway striping thanks to the City of Jonesboro who provided the county some excess equipment.
2. The overall condition of gravel roads were discussed going into the colder season. Neff indicated Craighead County was in good condition and that crews would focus on keeping roads that way moving forward.
3. Justice Cline and Judge Hill discussed the bid letting with AHTD and the implications it has on the Bono Bridge project.
4. There was some discussion on various minor updates and suggestions.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE CRAIGHEAD NURSING CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

WHEREAS, That on June 26, 2000, Ordinance 2000-9 was passed by the Craighead County Quorum Court that created a five-member administrative board for the Craighead Nursing Center.

WHEREAS, The five member board was established by Resolution 2000-14. Mr. David Worlow, 100 East Huntington, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Craighead County Nursing Center. He has been recommended to serve a second five (5) year term on the board.

WHEREAS, The Craighead County Judge and the Quorum Court has recommended that Mr. David Worlow be reappointed by the Craighead County Quorum Court to fill this position.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT THAT David Worlow, 100 East Huntington, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 be appointed to the Craighead Nursing Center Board of Directors for a five (5) year term, said term to become effective October 26, 2015 and expiring October 26, 2020 upon passage of this resolution.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2015.

Approved: Ed Hill
Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge

Attest: Kade Holliday
Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk