

Quorum Court Minutes

7/25/16

Ordinance 2016-5 - PASSED

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AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JULY 25, 2016
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 June, 2016.**

✓ **III. Committee Reports:**

✓ **a. Public Service Committee Report.**

✓ **b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.**

✓ **c. Roads and Transportation Report.**

✓ **IV. Old Business:**

None

✓ **V. New Business:**

✓ **a. Ordinance amending Ordinance #1984-11 to re-
Define boundaries and government of the
Egypt Fire Protection District.**

July 25, 2016 Quorum Court Meeting

11 Justices of the Peace were present. Justice Max Render and Justice Richard Rogers were absent.

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order

Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve the minutes from the meetings occurring during June 2016 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Jim Bryant. All voted to approve the motion and accept the minutes from the June 2016 meeting.

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

Justice Jim Bryant read the Finance Committee report. – *Appendix 2*

Justice Kidd inquired about the Special Election cost. County Clerk Kade Holliday answered that the reimbursement for the cost of both Special Elections would fall between \$24,000 and \$30,000.

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

Justice Weinstock asked when Ironplanet would arrive for the Live Auction of Road equipment. Judge Hill answered they would be here Wednesday and there may be an option to watch the auction live online.

Justice Weinstock then asked if equipment had been purchased this year. Judge Hill answered that equipment such as graders were purchased this year through advertised bids that were opened at 2pm on a designated date. Justice Josh Longmire questioned why bids were not opened during the full Court. Judge Hill answered that his office is trying different approaches for the opening of bids in order to allow more of the vendors to be present. Justice Stacks added School Board meetings where bids are opened also have issues with schedules. Justice Longmire stated he would like bids to be opened during the full Court. Justice Terry Couch added that he also liked to open the bids during the meetings with the full Court but no decisions are made after their opening because the bids are then handed over to Purchasing Department Al Haines where they are examined and a decision is made and brought back to the Court at a later time. Judge Hill will continue to try different strategies to accommodate all those who wish to be present during the opening of bids.

Justice Ray Kidd asked for an update on the status of security at the Courthouse and Annex. Sheriff Marty Boyd explained that the Court Security Council made up of various Supervisors and Elected Officials, including himself, discuss and research grants that may offer opportunities for security upgrades. Boyd stated that though cameras, panic buttons, and locks have been added there was a need for people who could supply security as well. Justice Weinstock inquired about bullet proof glass. Boyd responded that this would be expensive. Boyd stated he would be working with the departments and their elected officials to have Active Shooter Training. Justice Longmire asked if there was a possibility for concealed weapons to be carried by those with the proper license. Boyd stated that this subject was discussed during the committee's meeting but no further action was taken. Justice Longmire asked what Boyd's thoughts were on the subject. Boyd stated he felt there were pros and cons to the idea but his

most concerning thought was if a licensed employee did have a weapon out, how would law enforcement distinguish them from a threat. Justice Kidd was pleased on the thoughtful discussion and looked forward to any update on the Emergency Action plan. Justice Garry Meadows stated that while watching the Republican National Convention he was most in favor of Donald Trump's idea that an attack on our police is an attack on America.

Ordinance 2016-5 was read – *Appendix 4*. Justice Weinstock moved to pass, Justice Tennison seconded. Justice Kidd asked if this concerned Lawrence County. Mayor Scruggs was introduced and stated that Lawrence County opted to withdraw and new boundaries had to be established. Assistant to the Judge Tony Thomas added that Craighead County covered Lawrence County in the original agreement.

Justice Weinstock inquired when the Court and Elected Officials would receive the final audit report. Judge Hill replied that from his last conversation with Legislative Audit the Court and all elected officials would receive the report in the mail in about 6 weeks. Assistant to the Judge Tony Thomas added that the report is sent on Legislative Audit's schedule.

With no further business to be discussed Justice Weinstock motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Couch, all were in favor and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
July 11, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after briefing by Judge Ed Hill.

David Tennison, Richard Rogers, Fred Bowers and Chair Billie Sue Hoggard attended the meeting; Also present was Don Scruggs, Mayor of Egypt.

1. Mayor Scruggs was present to answer any questions regarding an Ordinance to amend an original agreement with Lawrence County concerning the Egypt Fire Protection District. New boundaries have been established and an Ordinance detailing these changes will come before the full court for their approval.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

July 11, 2016

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

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

Justice Longmire called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:35 PM and asked Treasurer McNatt to update the committee on current revenues. McNatt stated that sales tax took a small dip for June but still well ahead of a year ago. General, Road, and Capital funds are in good standing at this time of year. He also noted a couple areas to monitor are Circuit Court and Lower Court Cost revenues. All election costs have been invoiced to the City of Jonesboro for the special election earlier this year.

Justice Weinstock inquired about the upcoming health insurance talks for 2017. Tony Thomas stated that quarterly reports are received regarding insurance company payout expenses. Keeping costs down through training seminars, using primary care physician instead of the emergency room, and looking at trend data are some ways to reduce health insurance costs. All safety training and other meetings should be documented and forwarded to the proper agencies which could help reduce health insurance costs as well as worker comp costs.

Courtroom and courthouse safety was discussed to some extent. Security is being implemented in phases and a court Security Committee is heading up this project. Part of the process includes courtroom security, inside cameras, and internal office access in some of the buildings. Future security may include building entry access and final stage of security may be outside grounds monitoring.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting stood adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
July 11, 2016
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, Wes Baxter, and Judge Hill.

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. Road work on CR 751 is all but complete. A few minor details are being finished but nothing major. CR 422 is slated for widening and being built up as the next project. CR 361 is the next roadway slated for improvements.
 - b. Equipment has been prepared for sale on IronPlanet. Equipment for sale includes the following: graders, trucks, tractor, and excavator.
2. Judge Hill indicated he has spoken with the railroad and AHTD often to continue the easement acquisition needed for the Bono Bridge.
3. General discussion was held on a number of issues presented by members of the committee and Judge Hill.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance # 1984-11 redefining the boundaries and government of the Egypt Fire Protection District.

ARTICLE 1 Whereas the Quorum Court of Lawrence County has voted on May 9, 2016 and opted to withdraw from the original agreement between Craighead and Lawrence Counties defined in Ordinance # 1984-11 the new boundaries of the Egypt Fire District shall be as follows;

ARTICLE 2 The Boundaries of this district shall be redefined as follows;

All the lands of sections

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,28,29,30, and the portions of Sections 22,27, that lie on the west side of the Cache River in Township 14 North, Range 1 East, Craighead County, Arkansas.

All of Sections 4,5,6,7,8,9,16,17,18, in Township 14 North, Range 2 East, Craighead County, Arkansas.

ARTICLE 3 The district shall be administered by a President and a Secretary having such authority as is permitted by law, to be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Craighead County Judge.

ARTICLE 4 All other Articles of the original Craighead County Ordinance #1984-11 creating the District shall remain in force as written in Ordinance #1984-11.

Article 5 In as much as the Egypt community is at this time in need for fire protection, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the peace, health, and safety, is declared to be in full force and effective from and after its passage.

DATED: 7/25/16

APPROVED: _____



Craighead County Judge

ATTEST _____



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