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Quorum Court Minutes

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Resolution 2017-1 – PASSED

Appropriation Ordinance 2017-1 - PASSED

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JANUARY 23, 2017
5:30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

- ✓I. Roll Call
- ✓II. Approval of minutes for December, 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. Reappointment of Jerold D. McGregor to the Philadelphia Fire District Board of Directors.
 - b. Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Special Revenue Accounts that have already been incurred.

January 23, 2017 Quorum Court Meeting

11 Justices of the Peace Present, Justice Billie Sue Hoggard and Josh Longmire were absent.

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

Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve the minutes from the meetings occurring during December 2016 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Steve Cline. All voted to approve the motion.

Justice Richard Rogers read the Public Service Committee report. – *Appendix 1*

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

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

Resolution 2017-1 was read to re-appoint Jerold D. McGregor to the Philadelphia Fire Protection District. Justice Cline moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Justice Rogers. All voted in favor of the motion and the resolution was passed. – *Appendix 4*

Appropriation Ordinance 2017-1 was read which approved various court order transfers that were made throughout the year to various funds. Justice Weinstock moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Justice Cline. All voted in favor of the motion and the ordinance was passed. – *Appendix 5*

Judge Ed Hill called for discussion on the main issue that so many were present for at this meeting which was the topic of the operations of the Lake City Courthouse.

First State Representative Dan Sullivan, which represents the Easter District, spoke and stated that he had reached out the Legislative Audit concerning the operations of the Lake City Courthouse and if they were in conflict with the law. Legislative Audit mentioned that their primary goal is looking to mitigate risks which is why the segregation of duties findings that has been brought into question not just in this situation but in almost all 75 counties around the state. He also mention the AG opinion which was sought on the topic last year in which both parties that were in dispute at the time stated their various questions which were then posed to the AG. Representative Sullivan stated that in his opinion the AG opinion did not seem to lead that the office was in violation of the law; however, he did state that segregation of duties was not a part of or an asked question in that opinion. After various questions were posed to Representative Sullivan from the audience, he closed by stating that if there is true question by citizens about the validity of the operations of the courthouse or by interested parties that the topic may need to be litigated in order to garner a finite answer on the matter.

Next Prosecuting Attorney Scott Ellington spoke on the issue. Ellington stated that he has been in attendance at various meetings where the discussion of the operations of Lake City courthouse has been the main topic in the past few weeks. He stated that his opinion on the matter has not changed and that Memorandums of Agreement could be entered into by the various officials in order to allow courthouse employees that ability to continue operating and move forward from the issue. Former

Easter District Deputy Clerk Leisa Couch stated that during her tenure in that office that the operations of the facility were never called into question until recently. She stated that no elected official has ever come and spent the day there and seen operations or offered training or assistance to the office unless it was requested and by in large they have self-taught and been self-sufficient in the Eastern District office. Justice Terry Couch interjected that this is one of the best parts about the Lake City office as they are truly a blessing on the county being able to perform all of these duties and in years past this has been a bragging point for the Quorum Court and the citizens of the Eastern District.

Eastern District Clerk Sue Gurley stated that changes were made effective without communication that they were going to happen upon the opening of the office on January 3rd. She stated that numerous programs were locked out and that segregation of duties was enforced while it had not been fully communicated and it had a major effect on the services provided to the citizens in the office.

Troy Henry, an Attorney in Craighead County, stated that the courthouse helps and benefits many people. He stated in the last 15-20 years it appears that the majority of government talk has shifted to saving money as opposed to providing ample services to the citizens that they govern over. He stated that he agrees with Scott Ellington that MOA's would be a way that this could be resolved and that he was amazed and disturbed that duties were segregated in the office. He went on to state that the four elected official with services in that office should be ashamed that they allowed that to happen.

Mayors Barry Riley of Caraway, Darrel Kirby of Bay, Kenneth Jones of Brookland, and Jon Milligan of Lake City stated their support for retaining the operations as they were in the Lake City Courthouse as the vast majority of their citizens either live in the Eastern District or travel to the Eastern District to do business as opposed to coming to Jonesboro due to the burden and hindrances involved.

County Assessor Hannah Towell stated that she was doing her best to follow the interpretation of the law that was presented to her in order to avoid any potential liabilities that could be incurred. She did so by relocating a full time deputy from her office in Jonesboro to Lake City until this matter could be handled.

Justice Rogers made a motion to table the issue until a resolution could be found between the elected official's affected which was seconded by Justice Cline. All voted in favor and urged the elected officials to find a solution as soon as possible.

With no further business to be discussed Justice Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice David Tennison all were in favor and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:50pm.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee

January 9, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Public Service Committee assembled after the opening of the court meeting and briefing from Judge Ed Hill.

Chair Richard Rogers called the meeting to order. Those present included Justice Rogers, and Justices Fred Bowers, Billie Sue Hoggard, and Aaron Harris.

- a. Recommendation from Philadelphia Fire Protection District to re-appoint Jerold D. McGregor to an additional five year term, Motion made by Fred Bowers, seconded by Aaron Harris to recommend the motion, all in favor; Resolution will come before the full court on January 23, 2017.
- b. Circuit Clerk Candace Edwards, County Kade Holliday, and Assessor Hannah Towell; and others were present. The three elected officials that were present proposed a possible solution regarding the Lake City Clerk's office to be viewed by the full court at the next meeting on January 23, 2017. Public Service agreed to forward it to the full court.

With no other business at hand, meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

January 9, 2017

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

Press: Jonesboro Sun

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, Tax Collector Wes Eddington, and other guests.

Justice Bryant called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:45 PM after the full court meeting. Bryant asked Treasurer McNatt to bring the committee up to date on revenues and expenditures. He noted that County General and County Roads are currently in good standing, however, bills incurred in year 2016 will continue to be paid through January and possibly into February of this year. Local sales tax and 4 lane road tax continue to increase. McNatt noted that net revenues have turned to the positive from years 2011 through 2016. The E911 fund and other funds has transfers in to cover negative balances at the end of 2016. Some committee members inquired as to beginning the budget process earlier in the year to give more time to process the information in a more timely manner. It was noted that some key costs are not available until November and December, such as health insurance. The Finance committee unanimously agreed to ask the full court to ask Judge Hill to have the upcoming budget committee approved and in place by November 1, 2017 to begin the process.

Justice Pasmore noted that he felt that some chief deputies needed a salary adjustment due to their responsibilities. Justice Bryant noted that any pay increase should be for all employees or none at all. Justice Weinstock noted that a comprehensive salary and job description study should be completed by June and that study should give insight as to equitable salaries for employees.

The committee also agreed to ask the Judge's Office to send out notices to all offices and departments asking them to keep spending below all allocations thereby improving the prospect of employee raises for the upcoming year.

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

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
January 9, 2017
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 and Tony Thomas.

Justice Cline called the meeting to order after the meeting of the full court and welcomed David Tennison to the committee:

1. Eugene Neff updated the committee on the monthly road report also distributed during the meeting of the full court.
2. Updates were provided on the following projects:
 - a. Bono Railroad Bridge/Overpass
 - b. Equipment acquisition for 2017 and an explanation of the bidding process needed for those items.
3. Eugene Neff answered a number of questions related to a variety of concerns presented to the committee. There was also general discussion among members on a variety of topics.
4. Jeff Bricker with the Jonesboro Sun joined the committee briefly to ask questions related to unspent funds in the Road Department for the 2016 budget year. Most in the meeting could not speak to specific items that were asked until more information was acquired.

With no other business, the committee stood adjourned.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, ACT 742 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, STATES THAT THE COUNTY JUDGE OF EACH COUNTY IS THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO APPOINT AND REAPPOINT BOARD MEMBERS TO THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, THE SAID COUNTY JUDGE DOES HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FOLLOWING TERM DETAILED BELOW:

(JEROLD D. MCGREGOR) WILL BE SERVING AN ADDITIONAL (5) YEAR TERM, SAID TERM WILL 6-27-2016 and expire on 6-27-2021.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT THAT JEROLD D. MCGREGOR, 268 CR 770, JONESBORO, AR 72401. MR. MCGREGOR WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM; TERM TO BEGIN ON APRIL 1, 2017 AND EXPIRE ON APRIL 1, 2022.

Dated this 23rd day of JANUARY 2017.

APPROVED: 
JUDGE ED HILL
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS INTO COUNTY GENERAL FOR EXPENDITURES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCURRED AND PAID, AND DISBURSEMENTS BY THE COUNTY TREASURER TO FUND OTHER OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS, AND TO TRANSFER COUNTY GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AS NECESSARY.

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SECTION 1. That Craighead County receives monies each year that are Special Revenue Account Funds. These special revenues are received from various sources and are used for funding some County offices.

SECTION 2. That section 2 of this Appropriation Ordinance is for the purpose of reimbursing County General Funds for expenditures that have already been expended for the operation of various offices and departments and transfers in amounts that are listed below for the calendar year 2016.

From Fund 3038 Voting System Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	Transfer Amount
From Fund 3416 Sheriff's Donation Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$4.53
From Fund 3574 General Improvement Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$75.45
From Fund 3596 Sheriff Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$6.97
	\$0.02

SECTION 3. That section 3 of this Appropriation Ordinance is for the direct transfer of funds and amounts by the County Treasurer to the various agencies and departments listed below for the operation of those agencies and departments.

Fund 3008 Craighead County Public Library	\$795,265.42
Fund 6400 Jonesboro Public Library	\$2,298,915.99

SECTION 4. That section 4 of this Appropriation Ordinance is for the transfer of Administration of Justice Funds and amounts to the agencies and departments listed below and approving court order transfers.

Fund 6498 Prosecutor's Victim/Witness Fund to Prosecuting Attorney(approving Ct order, dated 2-4-16, for dept operations)	\$50,190.91
Fund 6498 Prosecutor's Victim/Witness Fund to Prosecuting Attorney(approving Ct order, dated 9-1-16, for dept operations)	\$40,385.84

SECTION 5. That section 5 of this Appropriation Ordinance is for the transfer of funds from fund to fund and approving court order transfers.

From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3006 Recorder's Cost Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$65,000.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3018 County Detention Facility Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$50,000.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3020 Emergency 911 Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$282,000.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3505 SAMHSA Juvenile Drug Court Expansion Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$1,500.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3506 FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$272.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3562 Accountability Court Grant DWI Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$134.70
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3568 Hazard Mitigation Project Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$22,500.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3570 ADEM Homeland Security FY15 Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$65,041.29
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3572 SAMHSA Adult Collaboration Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$79,200.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3572 SAMHSA Adult Collaboration Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$3,740.00
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3578 District Court DWI Court Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$13,981.53
From Fund 1000 County Gen Fund to Fund 3598 Courthouse Security Grant Fund(approving ct order 2016-98)	\$191.31

Be It Resolved by the Craighead County Quorum Court that these transfers be made and court order transfers be approved as described, by the Craighead County Treasurer, upon passage of this Appropriation Ordinance.

Dated This 23rd Day Of January, 2017.

Approved: 
Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge

Attest: 
Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk