

Quorum Court Minutes

04/22/2019

April 22, 2019 Quorum Court Minutes

13 Justices Present. All Justices' present.

Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was held at Bono Lake. The first order of business was the approval of the meeting minutes from April 8, 2019. Justice Weinstock made motion to approve the minutes and Justice Longmire seconded the motion which was then unanimously passed. A copy of same is attached as **Addendum A**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Justice Richard Rogers read the Public Service Committee Report from April 8, 2019. Same is attached **Addendum B**.

Justice Josh Longmire read the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from April 8, 2019. Please see attached **Addendum C**.

Justice Steve Cline read the Road Committee Minutes from April 8, 2019. A copy of same is attached hereto as **Addendum x D**.

OLD BUSINESS: None to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy Clerk read a Resolution recommending the appointment of board members to the Board of Directors of Brookland Fire Protection District. County Judge, Marvin Day, recommended the appointment of Rob Ingram of Brookland, Arkansas, John Burns of Brookland, Arkansas and Robert Cooper of Jonesboro, Arkansas to be appointed to a five (5) year term to begin April 22, 2019 and end April 22, 2024. Justice Steve Cline made motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Justice Dan Pasmore. The Resolution was put to a vote and unanimously passed. A copy of same is attached as **Addendum E**.

An Appropriation Ordinance regarding final revisions to the 2018 County Budget was read. Justice Rogers made motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Justice Pasmore. The Ordinance was unanimously passed. Same is attached as **Addendum F**.

Finally, an Ordinance establishing security and prohibiting loitering, firearms and ATV use on the Bono Lake Property was read for the first time. Judge Day asked for any questions from visitors present. Mr. Scott Webb stated that he felt if ATVs were not allowed at Bono Lake, motorcycles should be banned as well. He further opined that there should be rules made and kept rather than ban the usage of ATVs at Bono Lake. Mr. Jerry Price stated that ATVs are different regarding their travel. Four (4) wheels do not cause as much erosion. He further stated that if you get rid of ATVs, motorcycles should be banned as well. Mr. Tommy Stacey noted that he agreed with the aforementioned public opinion. Mr. Dan Shaw, Mayor of Bono suggested that if ATV riders maintained the trails as the motorcycle groups currently do for the motorcycle trails, it might not be necessary to ban them from Bono Lake. Mr. John

Webb stated that even with an Ordinance banning the use of an ATV, people will continue to use them regardless. Mr. Greg Newsom stated that there would not be the need to ban ATV usage if an organized trail system were implemented at Bono Lake. He further stated that currently the motorcycle trails are maintained by individuals who use the trails and the same could be implemented for ATV trails. Justice Darrel Cook noted that the motorcycles have been racing on the county roads surrounding the park which annoy residents in the area. Judge Day agreed to have the Craighead County Sherriff's Department patrol the surrounding county roads to deter the motorcycles. Justice Pasmore explained to all present that he was not in agreement with banning the ATV usage at Bono Lake until he saw firsthand the damage and erosion at Craighead Forrest Park. After witnessing Craighead Forest, he changed his mind. Justice Cline stated that if ATVs are allowed on Bono Lake properties, people will come from all over the area with their ATVs to ride at Bono Lake. Cline felt this would cause even more damage than originally expected. Once discussions were concluded, Justice Couch made motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Justice Price. The Ordinance was put to a vote and unanimously passed. Same is attached hereto as **Addendum G**.

Announcements: Judge Day made note that another Circuit Judge position would be added and decided in the November 2020 election. He advised that his office would be in the process of preparing a new office space for our newly elected judge.

Judge Day advised that as a result of retirement, this would be the last Quorum Court meeting attended by Linda Denny of the Craighead County Tax Collectors office. All present congratulated her on her years of service to Craighead County, as well as her upcoming retirement.

Lastly, Judge Day noted that the National Day of Prayer was scheduled for May 2nd and corporate prayer would be held at Walnut Street Baptist Church.

With no further business, Justice Price made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Justice Williams. Judge Day adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.