

## MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT MINUTES

June 13, 2017

The Marion County Quorum Court held its regular meeting on June 13 2017 at 6 p.m. Dawn Moffet led the Pledge of Allegiance and Judge Ott offered the prayer.

County Judge Terry Ott presided. All Justices with the exception of Justice Shipman were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Ron McPherson presented his report. Treasurer McPherson announced the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) monies were not going to be reduced, but may not be funded. He also stated that the sales tax had been increasing every month. Justice Scrima questioned the posting of FEMA monies. Treasurer McPherson responded that the FEMA money is deposited directly in the County Road fund. The money then needs to be appropriated by the Quorum Court. The court also requested that the Treasurer subtract the unappropriated money for the payments for the new trucks from the total of all the unappropriated funds. The report was accepted unanimously.

The Assessor Tonya Eppes presented her report reflecting \$828,520 worth of building permits. She stated that her office had had some trouble getting the details of the permits from Bull Shoals, but that they were now back on track and in the future will be done in a timely manner. This report was accepted unanimously.

The E-911, Grant, Library and Fair Board reports were all given and accepted unanimously.

The Law Enforcement report was given and it was announced that the Jail Standards committee had been here and had upgraded the jail from being on probation to being in a transitional state. Sheriff Evans also announced that following the groundbreaking it would take approximately 14 months to complete the new Law Enforcement Center.

Road Foreman Ted Fox gave the road report and stated that the department was getting back on schedule and was working very hard to get back to pre-storm conditions. The department had taken delivery of their new dump trucks. Justice Scrima requested that the court be made aware of the FEMA requests, including, what amount had been asked for, what amount had been approved and what amounts may be outstanding.

The Quarry report was given and it was stated that the sign had come down and would not be replaced. This decision was made because the public was trying to access the county quarry for private matters. Justice Scrima again asked about an agreement for services and what the eligibility requirements would be for such an agreement. County Attorney, Sam Pasting, stated that he thought he had sent that information to the court. Since no one got anything, he was going to look into it again.

The Solid Waste report was given by Rosemary Rogers. It was announced that the numbers were still going up, that they received the cardboard contract from Bull Shoals, and that several buildings had been completed. She also announced that they were working very hard in order to be able to hire another employee in this department.

Karen Carter reported on behalf of the Election Commission. She announced that the funding for new machines had been appropriated and already spent and Marion County was not one of the recipients. However, Faulker County, was one of the counties to receive new machines and were interested in getting rid of their old ones at no charge. The commission is actively looking into this matter.

The Personnel committee had met and reported that they were continuing to work on the Personnel Policy. They are working on the compensation time portion of the policy at this time.

The Planning Commission, Law Enforcement Committee, Solid Waste Committee and Procedures and Management Committee had no reports to offer.

Ordinance 2017-36 – Sheriff’s Department – This ordinance appropriated money from an insurance claim in the vehicles line item. Justice Madden moved to adopt and Justice McBee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-37 – Elections – This ordinance transfer money into FICA and Retirement Matching for one of the election commissioners that is also a county employee. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Mayo and seconded by Justice Madden. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-38 – FEMA \$12582.95 This money was received for FEMA project PW 110 on DR AR 4143. It was appropriated into line item repair and parts. Justice Madden made the motion to adopt, Justice McCalla seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-39 – FEMA \$16681.16. This money was received for FEMA project PW 83 on DR AR 4254 and was appropriated to other professional services. Justice Mayo made the motion to adopt, Justice McBee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-40 – FEMA \$190083.61. This money was received for FEMA project PW on DR AR 4254. \$88083.61 was appropriated to cold mix and the rest was left as unappropriated funds. Justice Mayo made a motion to adopt, Justice McBee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to suspend the rules and place two ordinances and a resolution on the agenda was made by Justice McBee and seconded by Justice Madden. This motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-41 – Grant Ordinance. This ordinance appropriated \$9820.00 to other professional services for the purpose of repairing the cupola and the courthouse wall. Justice McCalla motioned for adoption, Justice McBee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-42 – Solid Waste. This ordinance transfers \$2939.71 from line items repair and parts and other professional services to building materials and supplies for the purpose of putting new doors on the new building at the transfer station. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Madden, seconded by Justice McCalla and passed unanimously.

A resolution proposed by the group Secure Arkansas was presented . This resolution pertains to the definition of navigable waters. After some discussion on the time frame in which this was presented to the court and not having enough time to truly study the matter the Justices by voice vote voted against this resolution.

Appointments for the Equalization Board were ratified. Bob Zdora was reappointed by the schools and Sherry Hoover was reappointed by the Quorum Court.

Joseph Didden from Oakland presented to the court a letter he had written thanking Judge Ott for the road departments work on CR 142 in Oakland.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Terry Ott, County Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk