

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION
May 9, 2023

The Clark County Quorum Court met on the above date at 5:30 pm in the District Courtroom. Judge Troy Tucker presided. The roll was called by County Clerk Tracy Rider. The following justices were present: Andrea Angle, Michael Ankton, Wayne Baumgardner, Zach Bledsoe, Tracy Drake, Vanilla Hannah, B.J. Johns, Jimmy King, Albert Neal, Mark Overturf and Jenna Scott.

County Judge Troy Tucker called the meeting to order. Justice Albert Neal gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Justice Bledsoe made the motion to adopt the agenda. Justice Overturf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote, no opposition.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES: Justice Ankton made the motion to adopt the minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting. Justice Angle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote, no opposition.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Personnel Committee met. Justice Neal reported that they discussed creating a new position for the District Court Office as Chief Deputy Clerk. Justice Neal also reported that they discussed The Public Defender's Office moving locations and had toured the premises.

Budget Committee met on 4/28/23. Justice Bledsoe reported that they discussed The Public Defender's Office moving but had asked her to bring more information and to present it at this meeting. They also discussed the change of pay for a current employee of the District Court and creating a new position for her.

Treasurer Karen Arnold gave her report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Justice Angle made a motion to create the position of chief deputy for the District Court. Justice Drake seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Hannah, King, Overturf, Scott. Nay: Neal. The motion carried 9-1.

2. Justice Bledsoe made a motion to appropriate \$1500 from and to the appropriate funds for the new Chief Deputy Position, effective next payroll. Justice Hannah seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Hannah, King, Overturf, Scott. Nay: Neal. The motion carried 9-1.
3. Justice Scott made a motion to allow Shelley Short up to 15 minutes to give her first quarter EDCCC report. Justice Baumgardner seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote, no opposition. Shelley gave her report. Mr. Kluck showed video footage and updates on the new bypass.
4. Justice Ankton made a motion to read Proposed Ordinance 2023-03 "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LIVE STREAM SERVICE ABAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR EACH REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY QUORUM COURT MEETING" for its second reading. Justice Scott seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote, no opposition.

Rider read the Proposed Ordinance in its entirety.

Justice Ankton made a motion to adopt the Proposed Ordinance 2023-03. Justice Scott seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Hannah, King, Neal, Overturf, Scott. The motion carried 10-0.

5. Judge Tucker presented TAP Grant Resolution and Proclamation. Justice Overturf made a motion to Read Proposed Resolution 2023-03 "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF CLARK COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM OR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS" in its entirety. Justice Hannah seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Hannah, Johns, King, Neal, Overturf, Scott. The motion carried 11-0.

Rider read the Proposed Resolution in its entirety.

Justice Baumgardner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03. Justice Scott seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Hannah, Johns, King, Neal, Overturf, Scott. The motion carried 11-0.

6. Raymond Funderburk presented the Court with an estimate for new tasers. After some discussion it was decided that he did not need a vote to purchase.

DISPOSAL REPORT:

None.

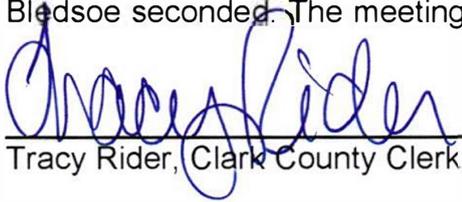
JUDGE TUCKERS REPORT:

- National day of prayer was a success.
- May 20, 2023 from 8am-12pm we will have a county wide hazardous waste drop off at the Clark County Fairgrounds.
- Gurdon election is tomorrow from 7:30am-7:30pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Justice Ankton graduates Friday.
- Justice Hannah reminded everyone of the Veolia Kiln that will come through on May 15, 2023

With there being no further business, Justice Johns made a motion to adjourn. Justice Bledsoe seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Tracy Rider, Clark County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF

CLARK COUNTY

TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM OR
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, *Clark County* understands Federal-aid Transportation Alternatives Program or Recreational Trails Program Funds are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match to develop or improve **Clark County Regional Trail System**, and

WHEREAS, *Clark County* understands that Federal-aid Funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual monetary reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CLARK COUNTY THAT:

SECTION I: *Clark County* will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

SECTION II: *Troy Tucker, Clark County Judge*, is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

SECTION III: *The Clark County Quorum Court* pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation to initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 8th day of May, 2023.

Signed: _____


Troy Tucker, Clark County Judge

ATTEST: _____
(SEAL)

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: During National Foster Care Month, we recommit to caring for all our state's daughters and sons, and we reaffirm our belief that no young person should feel as though they are on their own; and

WHEREAS: All children deserve the chance to grow up in a loving, permanent home. When children lack stable homes and strong support structures, they face enormous barriers to reaching their fullest potential – difficulties no child should have to experience, especially not on their own; and

WHEREAS: Children are best raised in families, rather than institutions. And each year, men and women of all backgrounds open their homes and hearts to foster children. These selfless individuals step up and serve as loving parents and family members along with dedicated teachers, mentors, caseworkers, and faith leaders – helping foster children realize their highest aspirations despite facing many difficulties; and

WHEREAS: Many children in Arkansas are waiting for loving homes, and it is important to ensure all qualified caregivers have the opportunity to serve as foster or adoptive parents; and

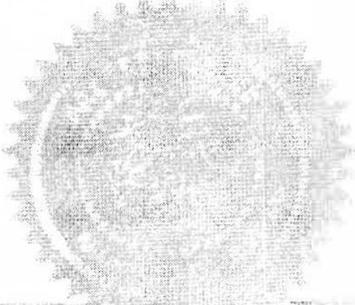
WHEREAS: There are many ways each of us can work to make a difference in the life of a foster child in Arkansas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TROY TUCKER, Clark County Judge in Arkadelphia, AR, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as

ARKANSAS FOSTER CARE MONTH

In the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to identify the ways we can brighten the future of foster children throughout our state and seek for every young Arkansan to know the safety, security, and love of a family.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2023.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Troy Tucker", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is located in the bottom right area of the page.

Troy Tucker, Clark County Judge

IN THE QUORUM COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LIVE STREAM SERVICE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR EACH REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY QUORUM COURT MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Clark County Quorum Court meets monthly, and those aforementioned meetings are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Quorum Court hereby wishes to provide and/or establish a live stream service to cover every regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which will be available to the general public starting with the year 2023;

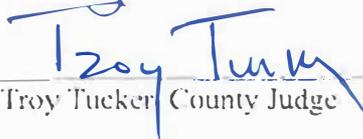
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The court will make a live stream service available to the public to cover each regularly scheduled monthly Quorum Court meeting.

Section 2. This live stream service shall begin in the year 2023 and shall continue unless an unforeseen circumstance prevents the service or unless it is suspended or discontinued by the Quorum Court.

Approved by the Clark County Quorum Court this 8th day of May, 2023.

ATTEST: 
Tracy Rider, County Clerk

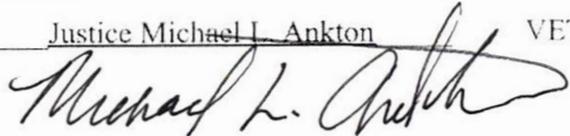
APPROVED: 
Troy Tucker, County Judge

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

Sponsor Justice Michael L. Ankton

VETOED: _____



SALES TAX

Apr-23 \$	324,143.15	Apr-22 \$	343,484.14
Mar-23 \$	360,807.83		

Projection for County General	\$	143,811.79
Actual for County General	\$	149,300.33
Difference	\$	5,488.54

EDCCC SALES TAX

Apr-23 \$	162,071.58	Apr-22 \$	171,742.07
Mar-23 \$	180,403.91		

2023 EDCCC Sales Tax Portion	Bond Sales Tax Payment	Total Sales Tax Proceeds
Apr-23 \$	105,475.21 \$	56,596.37 \$

Current Interest rate on checking account is 5.31%