MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY QUORUM COURT

REGULAR SESSION

February 12, 2024

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, David Forthman, Vanilla Hannah, Jimmy King, Albert Neal and Jenna Scott.

County Judge Troy Tucker called the meeting to order. Dr. Lewis Shepherd gave the invocation.

Judge Tucker asked that the Agenda be amended to add a proclamation to be presented to FBLA. Justice Bledsoe made a motion to add the proclamation. Justice Hannah seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Justice Scott made the motion to adopt the amended agenda. Justice Baumgardner seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES: Justice Baumgardner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the January 2024 meeting as presented. Justice Bledsoe seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Personnel Committee did not meet.

Budget Committee did not meet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ashley Wesley with AHS FBLA gave a brief overview of the local chapter. Judge Tucker presented Mrs. Wesley and her students with a Proclamation Proclaiming this week as FBLA week.
2. Justice Scott made a motion to give Shelley Short 15 minutes to give her reports. Justice Angle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, motion carried by voice vote 10-0.

Shelley Short provided the EDCCC 2023 annual report and the 2022 EDCCC audit.

1. Justice Scott made a motion to read A Proposed Resolution 2024-01 “A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF CLARK COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT. SOUTH FORK TERRE NOIRE CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON MCMILLAN ROAD STRUCTURE NO. 20243” *Sponsor Justice Baumgardner.* Justice Baumgardner seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote 10-0

Rider read the proposed ordinance in its entirety.

Justice Baumgardner made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. Justice Angle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, King, Neal, and Scott. The motion carried 10-0.

1. Justice Scott withdrew her Proposed Ordinance 2024-01 stating that she needed to make some minor modifications and will bring it back next month.
2. Dan Turner gave his annual Hot Check Accounts presentation.
3. Justice Scott made a motion to read Appropriation Ordinance NO 2024-02 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2023-19 APPROPRIATING FUNDS; MAKING SPECIFIC ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE CLARK COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2024” *Sponsor: Justice* *Bledsoe.* Justice Forthman seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, King, Neal, and Scott. The motion carried 10-0.

Rider read the proposed ordinance in its entirety.

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

1. Justice Baumgardner made a motion to appropriate $16,500 from county general to capital outlay for a new server for the Assessors office as theirs went out. Justice Bledsoe seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, King, Neal, and Scott. The motion carried 10-0.

DISPOSAL REPORT:

JUDGE TUCKERS REPORT:

United Healthcare and Baptist officially worked out an agreement so employees can continue being seen.

Bob Sanders sent a letter to allow the elderly to work to help with their taxes.

Justice Neal is to get with the Judge’s office to schedule a personnel committee meeting to discuss the Men United Youth Program again.

The bad weather has caused several leaks and repairs will be costly so will need to be bid out.

The county has several employees out with Covid and the Flu.

Judge Tucker presented Justice Baumgardner with a Proclamation proclaiming Farm Bureau week.

Justice Scott discussed livestream.

Justice Ankton announced L. M. Goza Middle School will have a Black History Celebration on February 22, 2024, at 9:50 AM in the Arkadelphia Senior High School Gymnasium, where Mayor Jaylen Smith of Earle, AR, will be the keynote speaker.

The Clark County NAACP will host its Annual Black History Program on February 25, 2024, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, AR, at 4 pm. Judge Carlton Jones will be the keynote speaker.

Justice Neal announced that he will be receiving the BH Award from the Black Caucus for the late Dr. Jerry Gerald this week.

Justice Hannah thanked Shelley Short for the Valentine’s Day candy.

With there being no further business, Justice Bledsoe made a motion to adjourn. Justice Baumgardner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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Tracy Rider, Clark County Clerk

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