MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY QUORUM COURT

REGULAR SESSION

December 11, 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, David Forthman, Vanilla Hannah, B.J. Johns, Jimmy King, Albert Neal, and Jenna Scott.

County Judge Troy Tucker called the meeting to order. Justice Jenna Scott gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Justice Scott made the motion to adopt the amended agenda moving item 2 to item 1. Justice Angle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, Johns, King, Neal, and Scott. The motion carried 11-0.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES: Justice Bledsoe made the motion to adopt the minutes from the November 2023 meetings as presented. Justice Hannah seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, Johns, King, Neal, and Scott. The motion carried 11-0.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Personnel Committee did not meet.

Budget Committee did meet and their minutes are attached to the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bruce Bell addressed the court regarding the half cent sales tax.
2. Justice Scott made a motion to read A Proposed Ordinance 2023-14 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CLARK COUNTY ORDINANCE NO 2022-01 APPROVING GUIDELINES AND RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF TAX PROCEEDS BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF CLARK COUNTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” For its third and final reading by title only. *Sponsor: Justice Scott.* Justice Angle seconded the motion. After some discussion from Justice Neal and Justice Scott, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, Johns, King, and Scott. Nay: Neal. The motion carried 10-1.

Rider read the proposed ordinance by title only.

Justice Scott made a motion to adopt the Proposed Ordinance. Justice Angle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, Johns, King, and Scott. Nay: Neal. The motion carried 10-1.

1. Justice Johns made a motion to read A Proposed Resolution 2023-19 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.” *Sponsor: Justice Johns* by title only. Justice Baumgardner seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, Johns, King, Neal, and Scott. The motion carried 11-0.

Rider read the Proposed Ordinance by title only.

Justice Johns made a motion to adopt the Proposed Ordinance. Justice Scott seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, Johns, King, Neal, and Scott. Abstained: Ankton. The motion carried 10-1.

1. Justice Johns made a motion to read A Proposed Ordinance 2023-20 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PROMISSORY NOTE TO PROVIDE FINANCING A NEW REAR LOAD COMMERCIAL TRUCK; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERTO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.” *Sponsor: Justice Drake.* Justice Baumgardner seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows: Yea: Angle, Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Forthman, Hannah, Johns, King, Neal, and Scott. The motion carried 11-0.

Rider read the Proposed Ordinance in its entirety.

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

DISPOSAL REPORT:

JUDGE TUCKERS REPORT:

Judge Tucker invited all Justices to the County Christmas Party taking place on 12/14/23 from 12-2 in the Armory.

Judge Tucker announced that the county received a grant for the trail for $1,499,000.

Judge Tucker told the Justices that all of the County Employees were very thankful for their one time pay increases.

Rider thanked the county for adopting so many children from Angel Tree on a short notice emergency.

Bledsoe thanked the elected officials for hosting the ornament decorating event and invited the community to go see the decorations in the courthouse.

With there being no further business, Justice Johns made a motion to adjourn. Justice Scott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.

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Tracy Rider, Clark County Clerk