

QUORUM COURT MEETING JANUARY 23, 2023

The Cross County Quorum Court held a regular meeting January 23, 2023, in the Lobby of the Cross County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Judge Lynn Blake called the meeting to order. Prayer was said by Justice Glenda Vance, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was called, and all Justices were present except Justice Gloria Aldridge. Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2022 regular meeting with Justice Scott May seconding it. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices present were in favor.

Budget Reports: No report to be given.

Personnel Report: Justice Glenda Vance stated that the personnel committee would plan to set a meeting within the next week.

Building Report: No report to be given.

Road/Bridges Report: The bridge on Hwy 115 was repaired, although it may need more work done in the future. The road department has been working to gravel and grade county roads.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff David West stated he emailed the Quorum Court members his monthly report and jail audit. Sheriff West stated that if any Quorum Court members had questions, they could contact him.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CROSS COUNTY TO PURCHASE SERVICES FROM A.J.'S AUTOMOTIVE, ANDREWS WRECKER SERVICE, III D FARM & AG, AND DAVIS MACHINE SHOP AS PROVIDED BY ARKANSAS ANNOTATED CODE §14-14-1202: The ordinance was sponsored by Justice Scott May. Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to amend the four ordinances on the agenda into a single ordinance to include all four businesses. Justice Glenda Vance seconded the motion. The ordinance was read by Justice Scott May. A motion to accept was made by Justice Carl Loewer with Justice Kevin Jumper seconding. The roll was called; all Justices present voted in favor. Ordinance #2023-3 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court Book of records.

A Resolution to be entitled: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE EXECUTION OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH US BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE: The resolution was sponsored by Justice Anthony Jarrett and Justice Scott May; it was read by Justice Anthony Jarrett. A motion to accept was made by Justice Carl Loewer with Justice Scott May seconding. The roll was called, and all Justices present were in favor. Resolution 2023-1 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court Book of records.

Judge Lynn Blake started discussion regarding an update to the 911 system that will affect the Sheriff's Department, the County Clerk's Office (in regard to voter registration), and the County Assessor's Office. The upgrade is a requirement by DataScout and will cause \$15,000. There is funding available in the 911 Emergency Fund to cover the cost. All Justices present voted affirmatively in a voice vote to move forward to move the funding from unappropriated funds out of the 911 Emergency Fund.

Judge Lynn Blake asked for a motion to begin negotiation and start the contract process to lease a new gravel pit for the Road Department to excavate gravel. A motion was made by Justice Scott May and seconded by Justice Glenda Vance to begin the process. A voice vote was taken; all Justices present voted affirmatively.

County Collector Kristy Davis introduced a new employee, Michele George, who is training to be the County Collector Chief Deputy.

Jessica Harris, from the St. Bernard Senior Life Center, spoke to the Quorum Court regarding funding. Judge Lynn Blake requested that she submit a proposal to the County Judge's Office to be brought before the next Quorum Court Budget Committee meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Carl Loewer with Justice Scott May seconding. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices present were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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