

QUORUM COURT MEETING April 17, 2023

The Cross County Quorum Court held a regular meeting Monday, April 17, 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 Kevin Jumper, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was called, and all Justices were present. Justice Anthony Jarrett made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2023 regular meeting with Justice Scott May seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices were in favor.

Budget Reports: Justice Scott May reported that the budget committee met and discussed the ordinances that were tabled in March.

Personnel Report: No report to be given.

Building Report: No report to be given.

Road/Bridges Report: Justice Jerry Rushing reported that the road department was working on grading roads at the beginning of March, but in the wake of the tornado, most efforts have been focused on clean up. Justice Carl Loewer commended the road department on all their hard work cleaning up the tornado damage.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff David West reported that he had emailed his monthly report and that Justices are welcome to call him with any questions or concerns.

Coroner Eli Long addressed the Quorum Court regarding the budget for the Coroner. He asked for pay for the Deputy Coroner, as well as access to APERS for the Coroner. He asked for the Quorum Court to consider providing a vehicle for the Coroner. There was discussion regarding ordering a mobile refrigeration unit. Judge Lynn Blake recommended that this be referred to the budget and personnel committees for further consideration.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AND LINE ITEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING MISTAKES, SHORTAGES, AND UNEXPECTED EXPENDITURES COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS A CLEAN-UP ORDINANCE. THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 BUDGET: The ordinance was read by Justice Carl Loewer. Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to move the ordinance to second and third reading title only; Justice Anthony Jarrett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Justice Carl Loewer read the ordinance on second title reading only; Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept with Justice Carl Loewer seconding it; all Justices present voted in favor. Justice Carl Loewer read the ordinance on third title reading only; Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept and Justice Carl Loewer seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Ordinance 2023-8 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court book of records.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$129,353.33 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO CIRCUIT CLERK FUND LINE ITEM #1000-1021001 AND TO APPROVE \$1,000.00 ANNUAL RAISES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2023, TO THE FIFTEEN (15) CURRENT NON-ELECTED COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES: The ordinance was sponsored by Judge Lynn Blake and the

Quorum Court Budget Committee with elected official Rhonda Sullivan. The ordinance was read by County Attorney Vince Guest. Justice Glenda Vance made a motion to move the ordinance to second and third reading title only; Justice Gloria Aldridge seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. County Attorney Vince Guest read the ordinance on second title reading only. Justice Glenda Vance made a motion to accept with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding the motion; a roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. County Attorney Vince Guest read the ordinance on third title reading only. Justice Glenda Vance (?) made a motion to accept with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding the motion; a roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Ordinance 2023-11 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court book of records.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$750,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED ROAD DEPARTMENT FUND 2000 TO ROAD DEPARTMENT LEASE PURCHASE LINE ITEM 2000-2003073 TO REPLENISH THE AMOUNT THAT WAS PAID FOR THREE (3) ROAD GRADERS: Judge Lynn Blake sponsored the ordinance. The ordinance was read by Justice Kevin Jumper. Justice Carl Loewer (?) made a motion to move the ordinance to second and third title reading only, which was seconded by Justice Jerry Rushing (?). A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Justice Kevin Jumper read the ordinance on second title reading only: a roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Justice Kevin Jumper read the ordinance on third title reading only. Justice Jerry Rushing (?) made a motion to accept and Justice Carl Loewer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Ordinance 2023-9 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court book of records.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE SPENDING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED AMERICAN RESCUE FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 TO THE EMERGENCY DISASTER EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM 3046-1003154: The ordinance was sponsored by Judge Lynn Blake and the Quorum Court Budget Committee. Justice Carl Loewer (?) made a motion to accept. The ordinance was read by Justice Carl Loewer. Justice Kevin Jumper made a motion to move the ordinance to second and third reading title only; Justice Glenda Vance seconded the motion. All Justices voted in favor. Justice Carl Loewer read the ordinance on second title reading only. Justice Kevin Jumper made a motion to accept with Justice Glenda Vance seconding the motion; a voice vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Justice Carl Loewer read the ordinance on third title reading only; Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to accept and Justice seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Ordinance 2023-10 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court book of records.

A Resolution to be entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF CROSS COUNTY, ARKANSAS, RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CROSS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Judge Lynn Blake asked the Cross County Quorum Court to approve to appoint Anthony Jarrett and Brandon Gentry to the Cross County Economic Development Corporation Board. Justice Glenda Vance read the resolution. Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to approve and Justice seconded. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Resolution 2023-3 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court book of records.

Judge Lynn Blake asked the Quorum Court to approve the contractors that the City of Wynne approved for disaster clean up and removal. American Rescue Funds will be used to pay the upfront costs, then all funds will be reimbursed. Justice Anthony Jarrett made a motion to accept and Justices Amy Imboden and Gloria Aldridge seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor of using the same companies as the City of Wynne.

Judge Lynn Blake commended the community and the volunteers for coming together during the tornado aftermath. Justice Kevin Jumper also commended Mayor Jennifer Hobbs, the county crews, city crews, volunteers, Josh Orman, and Matt West for all their work and assistance after the tornado. Sheriff David West also spoke about all the help received from other sheriff and police departments. Mike Hamrick also mentioned Tim Fisher and other farmers that came out to assist the community members affected by the tornado. Mayor Jennifer Hobbs spoke about how well volunteers turned out.

Judge Lynn Blake asked the Quorum Court members to approve a new sound system. He asked them to approve a quote from Anyway Technologies. After some discussion, Justice Anthony Jarrett asked if other quotes could be requested.

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Glenda Vance and seconded by Justice Amy Imboden. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Sanders

Cross County Clerk