

# CROSS COUNTY

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### QUORUM COURT MEETING September 18, 2023

The Cross County Quorum Court held a regular meeting Monday, September 18, 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 except Justice Carl Loewer. Justice Glenda Vance made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2023 regular meeting with Justice Jerry Rushing seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices in attendance were in favor.

**Budget Reports:** Justice Scott May said they held a Budget Meeting a couple of weeks ago concerning the Sheriff's Ordinance on the agenda for tonight. They will be looking at the 2024 Budget in the weeks to come.

**Personnel Report:** No report to be given.

**Building Report:** Justice Carl Loewer was absent, so Judge Lynn Blake reported on the repairs being done to a door in the courthouse, a leak in the Annex Building, they are finishing up with FEMA at the Library & Museum and looking into a roof issue at the Health Department.

**Road/Bridges Report:** Justice Jerry Rushing reported that the road department has been working on getting trees off CR 344, 331 and part of CR 338. They have also been graveling CR 333 and 326 but it's not doing much good because it is so dry.

**Sheriff Report:** Sheriff David West wasn't there but he had e-mailed his report to everyone.

Judge Lynn Blake announced that the storm damage cleanup is complete and that a lot of the cost the County spent will be reimbursed to us from FEMA.

**AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$11,500.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED COUNTY GENERAL FUND 1000 TO THE CROSS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MISCELLANEOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND LINE**

**ITEM #1000-04003093:** The ordinance was read by Justice Anthoney Jarrett: Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept with Justice Scott May seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to put the Ordinance on second and third reading title only with Justice Scott May seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. The Ordinance was read for the second reading title only by Justice Anthoney Jarrett. Justice Scott May made a motion to accept with Justice Jerry Rushing seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. The Ordinance was read for the third reading title only by Justice Anthoney Jarrett. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept and approve with Justice Scott May seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. Ordinance 2023-21 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 \$375,599.00 FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT:** The ordinance was read by Justice Scott May. Justice Glenda Vance made a motion to accept with Justice Jerry Rushing seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. Justice Anthoney Jarrett made a motion to put the Ordinance on second and third reading title only with Justice Glenda Vance seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. The Ordinance was read for the second reading title only by Justice Scott May. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept with Justice Glenda Vance seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. The Ordinance was read for the third reading title only by Justice Scott May. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept and approve with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. After some discussion, Ordinance 2023-20 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 \$47,794.00:** The Ordinance was read by Justice Kevin Jumper. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to put the Ordinance on second and third reading title only with Justice Glenda Vance seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. The Ordinance was read for the second reading title only by Justice Kevin Jumper. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. The Ordinance was read for the third reading title only by Justice Kevin Jumper. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to accept and approve with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. After some discussion, Ordinance 2023-22 has been duly adopted and recorded in the Quorum Court Book of Records.

Gary Sparks with CrossRidge Community Hospital came before the Quorum Court asking them to consider approving the two Ordinances required for the Hospital 1% Sales Tax. One Ordinance levies the tax and the other one calls for the Election on the Sales and Use Tax. The first Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE (1) PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN CROSS COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR FORTY-EIGHT (48) MONTHS TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HOSPITAL AND RELATED HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORT FACILITIES; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO:** The Ordinance was read by Mr. Gary Sparks. After a very lengthy discussion concerning the rate to be placed on the ballot, Justice Glenda Vance made a motion to put the Ordinance on second and third reading title only with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted no except for Justice Glenda Vance and Justice Gloria Aldridge who made the motion and second. A motion was made by Justice Glenda Vance with Justice Gloria Aldridge in order to go forward with a discussion concerning the Ordinance. After more discussion, a motion was made by Justice Scott May and seconded by Justice Amy Imboden to accept the Ordinance as it is written and bring it back next month for the second reading. Once Mr. Gary Sparks was finished reading the second Ordinance, the County Attorney, Vince Guest, spoke up and said the second Ordinance can't be passed until the first Ordinance is passed. At that point, Justice Glenda Vance made a motion to table the second Ordinance with Justice Anthoney Jarrett seconding it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Jerry Rushing and seconded by Justice Amy Imboden. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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