

CROSS COUNTY

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QUORUM COURT MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2023

The Cross County Quorum Court held a regular meeting Monday, October 16, 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. Justice Glenda Vance made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2023 regular meeting with Justice Scott May seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices in attendance were in favor.

Budget Committee Report: Justice Scott May said they held a Budget Meeting, and they are waiting for the rough drafts to look at the 2024 Budget. Judge Lynn Blake announced that there needs to be a Budget meeting scheduled with Mayor Jennifer Hobbs concerning increasing jail fees.

Personnel Committee Report: Justice Glenda Vance reports that the Personnel Committee has not met and there is nothing to report.

Building Committee Report: Before the report was given Judge Lynn Blake said that he already has the estimate for the roof on the Health Department and the Annex roof has damage to the roof in addition to the leak and Mike Hamrick has contacted someone concerning that. Justice Carl Loewer mentioned again that something needs to be done with the fountain in the front of the courthouse since it's just a "money pit".

Road/Bridges Committee Report: Justice Jerry Rushing reported that the road department has been "grading dust and hauling gravel".

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff David West had e-mailed his report to everyone and there were no questions concerning it.

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: A motion was made by Justice Carl Loewer and seconded by Justice Scott May to put the Ordinance on second reading title only. The Ordinance was read for the second reading title only by County Attorney Vince Guest. Justice Anthony Jarrett made a motion to accept with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted yes. Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to put the Ordinance on third reading title only with Justice Gloria Aldridge seconding it. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices voted no except Justice Loewer, Justice Vance and Justice Aldridge who voted yes. It was the intent of Justice Loewer's motion that the ordinance be read the final time tonight without coming back before the Court in November. Without the passage of Justice Loewer's motion, the Ordinance will be brought back at the November meeting for the third and final reading and final vote.

Immediate Past County Judge Donnie Sanders and County Treasurer Peg Hess desired to consult with the Craighead County Treasurer concerning one possible manner to handle the county's remaining ARPA

Funds, but the two were only going to pursue this meeting with the blessing of the Court. A voice vote was taken whereby all Justices approved of Sanders and Hess meeting with the Craighead County Treasurer regarding possible uses of the county's ARPA Funds

Justice Scott May elaborated on the Budget meeting that was held Monday, October 23, 2024, in the Courthouse boardroom, with Justice Anthony Jarrett and himself in attendance, to discuss increasing the Jail fees that the cities pay. He said he just wanted the Court to be informed that they voted to give the Sheriff authority to talk with all the mayors concerning these fees and relay the information back to them. The decision was made at that point for the county budget committee to meet with the Wynne City Council budget committee and Mayor Jennifer Hobbs at 6pm in the courthouse boardroom to discuss the new jail fees for 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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