

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
September 24, 2019

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Blytheville Courthouse with County Judge John Alan Nelson presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by McKinley Walker, Kayla Thompson and Amare Ecton from Blytheville Elementary School. Justice Bill Nelson gave the invocation.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash  
Justice Fleeman  
Justice Henton  
Justice Hepler

Justice Jackson  
Justice Nelson  
Justice Norvell  
Justice White

Absent: Justices Belcher, Burge and Clay. Also in attendance: County Attorney Jeremy Thomas.

Justice White moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members. Justice Nelson seconded the motion and the voice vote was unanimous.

In the treasurer's report, Deputy County Treasurer Candace Nichols reported the current interest rate at Farmers Bank is currently 2.35% on \$100,000.00 for one year and the sales tax revenue received for last month was up for August. She also reported the funds in County General had dropped quite a bit since last month.

**Committee Reports:**

*Finance Committee:* Justice White reported the committee had met three times and most of the discussions pertained to the budgetary process. He also stated there were a couple of items to come before the committee which the Planning and Development Committee would present to the full court.

*Planning and Development Committee:* Justice Nelson reported Clif Chitwood, Economic Development Director came before the committee and presented three items:

- Based upon a legal opinion from Dover, Dixon and Horne, PLLC, it is now legal for a county to transmit incentive money to a company by reimbursing them for expenses made for land, building, equipment, railroads and infrastructures.
- Mr. Davis' Pickles request for Economic Development's assistance in acquiring a larger building for operation.
- Funds for studies to prepare and certify two cites (one in Osceola District and one in Chickasawba District) and make them shovel ready.

**New Business:**

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PREVIOUS ORDINANCE O-2019-03 TO SHOW CORRECTED NAMES OF THE ESSENCE PRIVATE CLUB.

Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Ash moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only and Justice Norvell seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Following the second reading by title only, Justice Ash moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only and Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Following the third reading by title only, Justice Ash moved to adopt, Justice Norvell seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay.

Ordinance O-2019-31 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MISSISSIPPI COUNTY TO DO BUSINESS WITH EAGLE LASER ENGRAVING LOCATED IN LEACHVILLE, ARKANSAS. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice White moved to adopt and Justice Fleeman seconded. After some discussion, Justice Norvell made a motion to table ordinance number O-2019-32, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD CURRENTLY VACANT TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Ash moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only and Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Following the second reading by title only, Justice White moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only and Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Following the third reading by title only, Justice Ash moved to adopt, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Following the vote to adopt, Justice White made a motion to attach the Emergency Clause making this ordinance effective immediately, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: : Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Ordinance O-2019-33 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an appropriation ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NUCOR STEEL ARKANSAS INCENTIVE AWARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Nelson moved to adopt, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay -- - None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Ordinance O-2019-34 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an appropriation ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS LANDFILL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Norville made a motion to adopt, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Ordinance O-2019-35 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an appropriation ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Nelson moved to adopt, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Ordinance O-2019-36 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an appropriation ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FUNDING OF A CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Nelson moved to adopt, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. Ordinance O-2019-37 was adopted by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice White moved to adjourn, Justice Hepler seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The September 2019 session of the Mississippi County Quorum Court adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie  
Mississippi County Clerk/Secretary