

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

April 23, 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. Michael Lamb, Allexys Lamb, Jelisa McNeary, Trinity Casinger and SzMarya Reed from the Blytheville Middle School Target Program led the Pledge of Allegiance and former Mississippi County Judge, Terri Brassfield gave the invocation.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash	Justice Hepler
Justice Burge	Justice Jackson
Justice Clay	Justice Nelson
Justice Fleeman	Justice Norvell
Justice Henton	Justice White

Absent: Justice Belcher. 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, County Treasurer Peggy Meatte reported the current interest rate at Farmers Bank is 2.75 % for one year on \$100,000.00 and the sales tax revenue received for last month was down but running about average for the month in previous years.

**Committee Reports:**

*Fire, Police & Safety Committee:* Justice Ash reported the committee met on April 15, 2019 and topics of discussion were:

- Jail fees and how they compared to other counties.
- Old fine collections
- Upgrade camera system for the jail at a cost of \$280,000.00

*Finance Committee:* Justice White reported the committee met on April 15, 2019. Topics discussed were:

- Cleanup budget
- Funding Slot #4 for the Scale House Assistant position at the landfill per Judge Nelson's request.
- The purchase of a van for Coroner's office
- Payment of utilities and security for the Juno and Snyder buildings
- Leslie Mason's request for rental of more storage space
- Harley Bradley's request for raises for his employees.

*Planning and Development Committee:* Justice Nelson reported the committee met on April 16, 2019 with Clif Chitwood who brought several projects before the committee:

- \$1,050,000.00 to Atlas for 70 jobs
- \$360,000.00 for 30 employees to Project Beta
- A \$90,000.00 study was tabled until next month's meeting.

Sheriff Aubry Dale Cook has submitted his Policy Statement for filling Emergency Vacancies and the clerk was asked to read said document. Following the reading, the court voted unanimously for approval.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING INCREASES AND/OR CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2018, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher. Ordinance O-2019-08 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2019, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher. Ordinance O-2019-09 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN PURCHASES AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF UTILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Nelson seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher. Ordinance O-2019-10 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Nelson moved for adoption, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher. Ordinance O-2019-11 was adopted by the court.

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There being no further business to come before the court, Justice Fleeman moved to adjourn, Justice White seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie  
County Clerk/Secretary