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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
Special Session
April 09, 2019

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in an emergency special session at 6:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Blytheville Courthouse with County Judge John Alan Nelson presiding. Justice Neil Burge gave the invocation.

The following members answered roll call:

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

Absent: Justice Belcher. Also present - County Attorney Jeremy Thomas.

Judge Nelson stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider an ordinance authorizing the issuance of sales and use tax bonds for the purpose of financing improvements to the County Courthouses. Judge Nelson introduced Taylor Marshall, from Friday, Eldredge and Clark and Michael McBryde from Stephens, Inc., who gave the court an update on the progress of the bonds to finance the renovations to the courthouses.

Justice White informed the court this emergency ordinance required three readings and proceeded to make a motion to suspend the rules and read the first reading of the ordinance by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZIING THE ISSUANCE OF SALES AND USE TAX BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; PLEDGING COLLECTIONS OF A 0.5% SALES AND USE TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; PRESCIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Following the first reading by the clerk, Justice White moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. Following the second reading of the ordinance, Justice White moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third and final reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. Following the third reading by title only, 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. Emergency Ordinance No. O-2019-06 was adopted by the court.

Justice White then made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause in conjunction with the aforementioned ordinance. Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance title: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF THE ESSENCE EVENT CENTER, INC. TO OPERATE AS A PRIVATE CLUB IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 2044 E ST HWY 18, BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS. Following the reading, Justice Norvell moved for adoption, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. Ordinance O-2019-03 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice Nelson moved to adopt, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. Ordinance O-2019-05 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MISSISSIPPI COUNTY TO DO BUSINESS WITH COMMERCIAL COLLECTIONS, INC. LOCATED IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS. Following the reading, Justice White made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the second reading by title only, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. Following the second reading by title only, Justice White made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. Following the third reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent---Belcher. Ordinance O-2019-07 was adopted by the court.

Judge Nelson gave the court an update on plans to move the offices out to ANC.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice White moved to adjourn, Justice Burge seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary