

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

February 26, 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. Maria Cornejo, Bayli Green, Anna Claire Smith, Molly Gay, Lamon Aldridge, Connor Whitehead and Kennedy Riggs from Gosnell East Conference Team led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jason Petrous gave the invocation.

The following members answered roll call:

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

Absent: Justices Belcher, Norvell and White.

Justice Burge moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members. Justice Fleeman 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 2.95 % for one year on \$100,000.00 and the sales tax revenue received for last month was down a little from the previous month but expected it to be up again this month.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Justice Ash reported the committee met on February 15, 2019. Topics of discussion were:

- Reviewed Policy and Procedure Handbook
- County Clerk Janice Currie asked for part-time employee due to the absence of an employee in the Osceola office. The committee asked her to allow an employee from the Blytheville office to go to the Osceola office until March and they would re-visit the issue.
- Collector Susan McCormick asked to change a couple of slots. The committee elected to send the request to the Finance Committee

Finance Committee: Justice Nelson reported the committee met on February 19, 2019. Topics of discussion were:

- County is at 8% of the budget. Elected Officials are at 6-8% percent of their budget and the Automation Funds are on track.
- County has approximately \$5,000,000.00 in the bank.
- Landfill
 1. 13,000.00 ahead in revenues compared to last year.
 2. Still searching a director
 3. Will be purchasing a new compactor.
- GPS systems have been installed on the road graders.
- Collector Susan McCormick asked to change some slots around and move funding to other slots. This was tabled until later in the year.
- The County needs to get current permits for the fuel tanks on the South Division property.
- Timeline for the bond closing for the renovation. The company wants 5% of the money spent in the first six months.

New Business:

Justice Ash made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading of O-2019-03 by title only, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, and Jackson,; Nay --- Nelson: Absent--- Belcher, Norvell and White. The clerk read an ordinance titled: 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 STATE HWY 18, BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS. Justice Jackson moved to suspend the rules and move to the third reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Clay, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, and Jackson,; Nay --- Nelson: Absent--- Belcher, Norvell and White. O-2019-03 will be presented to the court again at the March court session.

Judge John Alan Nelson asked the court if they all had received a copy of a document from Catherine Dean's office along with a letter from her office as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney pertaining to the 2017/2018 hot check fees account. After reading the letter, Judge Nelson informed the court no action is required on their behalf but the court needed to be made aware.

Jason Petrous came before the court to announce his plan to hold a Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2019 and asked for the court's support.

Gene Bennett from ANC also presented a project called the Long Range Strategic Planning Initiative and asked the court's permission to set up a time with each of them and the elected officials to answer some questions. He stated the data gathered will be used to plan for the continuous improvement of the college. Permission was granted.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary