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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
Emergency Special Session
March 16, 2020

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in an emergency special session at 12:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Mississippi Courthouse Annex in Blytheville, Arkansas with County Judge John Alan Nelson presiding. Justice Neal Burge gave the invocation.

The following members answered roll call:

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

Absent: Justices Belcher and Fleeman

Judge John Alan Nelson informed the court that due to the changes regarding COVID-19 and after speaking with Wayne Reynolds, OEM, the judge was concerned about our county being able to procure supplies and equipment needed to treat the public in case our traditional vendors were unable to get them for us. He informed the court he had signed a proclamation which would allow us to receive supplies from ADEM.

He also stated another reason for this meeting was to come up with a plan to be able to continue to do business as usual but limit exposure to general public. He stated the Circuit Court judges are working on a plan for court. He asked each of the elected officials how much of their office duties has to be done in person. He stressed the county really needed to work on getting each office able to conduct business via online.

Judge Nelson also stated he would ask the supervisors and elected officials to be empathetic to the needs of the employees especially those with small children or those under mandatory or voluntary quarantine.

Representatives from the following organizations or departments gave an update on all changes and plans made:

- Amanda Adams, Senior Citizens Center Director
- Sheriff Dale Cook
- Wayne Reynolds, OEM
- Dr. Sherita Willis
- Mayor James Sanders, Blytheville, Arkansas
- Mayor Rodney Robertson, Leachville, Arkansas

The Red Cross Director asked everyone who was able to give blood to please do so and to encourage others to do so as well.

There being no further business to discuss, Justice White moved to adjourn, Justice Hepler seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary