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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
December 18, 2020

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Osceola Courthouse with County Judge John Alan Nelson presiding.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash	Justice Jackson
Justice Fleeman	Justice Nelson
Justice Henton (via phone)	Justice Norvell
Justice Hepler	Justice White

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

No reading and approval of minutes due to there being no November meeting conducted.

In the treasurer's report, Treasurer Peggy Meatte reported the interest rate on \$100,000.00 for one year at First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas in Osceola is .50%. The sales tax revenue has been good for the last couple of months.

Under new business, Judge Nelson stated there was an Attorney-Client Agreement from County Attorney Jeremy Thomas which needed to be voted upon. The voice vote was unanimous to pass the agreement.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE DISTRICT, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MISSISSIPI FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND LEVYING SAID TAXES FOR COLLECTION IN THE YEAR 2021, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. O-2020-39 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2021; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING ACCOUNTS; APPROPRIATING TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Jackson seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. O-2020-40 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 CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice Nelson moved for adoption and Justice White seconded. Before the vote was taken, Justice Ash made a motion to get the lawyers involved and to table this ordinance until the court could get some answers, Justice Norvell seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Norvell and White; Nay --- Nelson: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. O-2020-41 was tabled 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 THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY COURTHOUSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice Jackson moved for adoption, Justice Norvell seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. O-2020-42 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SUB-FUND OF COUNTY GENERAL TO BE CALLED THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. O-2020-43 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 APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice Nelson moved for adoption, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. O-2020-44 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 CARES ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Nelson, Norvell and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Belcher, Burge and Clay. O-2020-45 was adopted by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary