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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
February 23, 2021

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Mississippi County Courthouse in Burdette, Arkansas with County Judge John Alan Nelson presiding.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash
Justice Burge
Justice Cullom
Justice Fleeman
Justice Henton
Justice Hepler

Justice Jackson
Justice Mangat
Justice McClanahan
Justice McDonald
Justice White

Absent: None. Also in attendance: County Attorney Jacob Holmes.

Justice White moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members. Justice Cullom seconded the motion and the voice vote was unanimous.

In the Treasurer's Report, County Treasurer Peggy Meatte reported the interest rate is currently .55% on \$100,000.00 for one year at 1st National Bank of Eastern Arkansas in Osceola. She stated the sales tax revenue was up from last month and county funds are in good shape.

The following committee reports were given:

1. Road & Bridges: Justice Ash reported the committee met on February 2, 2021. He stated Judge Nelson had come before the committee requesting the road department be allowed to purchase three new pickup trucks. Following discussion, the committee agreed to the purchase and funds for the purchase could be moved from one line item to another to enable the purchase.

2. Personnel Committee: Justice Ash reported the committee met on February 2, 2021. He informed the court that MeLisa Logan, Mississippi County Election Co-Ordinator, had asked for a slot to be created for a trainer. This would allow her to be paid while training the new coordinator. The committee agreed and passed to the full court.

Due to the retirement of the 911 Co-Ordinator, a motion was made and seconded to combine the office of 911 and the OEM with a salary of \$36,500.00. This was also passed to the full court for a vote.

There was also some discussion concerning the county lawsuit.

3. Insurance Committee: Justice Fleeman reported the committee met on February 4, 2021 to discuss the \$653,000.00 lawsuit against Gerber. Jeremy Thomas, attorney representing the county in arbitration, was present at the meeting and speculated the trial date could possibly be in 2022. He stated if the county paid the employees' unpaid claims, the county would potentially be reimbursed if we won the lawsuit. Justice Fleeman said our attorney suggested the county collect affidavits from employees with claims.

Judge Nelson asked the clerk to read a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF NEW TITLES WITHIN THE ELECTION BUDGET AND THE OEM BUDGET. Following the reading, Justice Ash moved for adoption, Justice Jackson seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- None. R-2021-01 was adopted by the court.

Judge Nelson asked the clerk 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 White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- None. O-2021-04 was adopted by the court.

Judge Nelson asked the clerk 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 ELECTION COORDINATOR TRAINING. Following the reading, Justice Ash moved for adoption, Justice Cullom seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- None. O-2021-05 was adopted by the court.

Judge Nelson asked the clerk 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 TITLE OF E-911/OEM COORDINATOR. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- None. O-2021-06 was adopted by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice Ash moved to adjourn, Justice White seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary