

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

April 27, 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 Jackson
Justice Cullom	Justice Mangat
Justice Fleeman	Justice McClanahan
Justice Henton	Justice McDonald
Justice Hepler	Justice White

Absent: Justice Burge. Also in attendance: County Attorney Jacob Holmes.

Justice White addressed the court regarding the Legislative Audit. He asked if all members of the court had received a copy and all members acknowledged receipt of. He informed the court the report was very clean with no discrepancies or bad findings.

Justice Ash moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members and to accept said minutes with corrections. Justice White 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 down from the month before. She stated that as of April 27, 2021 the county general fund was in good shape.

The following committee reports were given:

Sanitation & Solid Waste Committee: Justice Jackson reported the committee met on March 29rd and topics of discussion were:

- Whether or not to continue the lease on a dozer. After some discussion the committee elected to continue the 36 month dozer lease.
- To replace a 2007 Ford Ranger pickup truck
- To replace a transfer pump for \$2,800.00
- Landfill being in good financial standing.

Energy & Property Committee: Justice Jackson reported the committee met on April 13th and discussed:

- Discussed budget update
- Change orders that created a catwalk
- Allowance funds still in good shape
- Appropriating \$310,000.00 to the construction fund
- Contingency fund is at \$200,000.00
- An undesignated amount of \$277,000.00
- Osceola citizens' concerns about the copper used on the dome of the Osceola Courthouse.
- Waiting on the sheriff to make a decision about the x-ray machine and metal detector for the Blytheville Courthouse which will cost approximately \$35,000.00.

Finance Committee: Justice White stated the committee had met on April 19th and topics of discussion were:

- Meeting with a representative from Municode Software Company regarding a program Mr. Steven Savage had presented at a previous meeting. This program would allow regular citizens to do an online search of resolutions and ordinances. The cost of the program is \$350.00 annually.
- Senior Citizens asked for a part-time custodian. Salary for this employee would be \$5,850.00 for the remainder of the year.
- \$310,000.00 Energy & Property appropriation
- \$200,000.00 for Workforce Training Program at ANC

Insurance Committee: Justice Fleeman reported the committee met on April 23rd with two representatives from Stephens Insurance and discussed:

- The county being currently at a 96.4 % paid loss ratio, which is high but they expected it to come down a bit.
- Wellness Incentive Plan: Cigna had designated \$10,000.00 for Mississippi County to spend on preventative care. County employees would receive \$25.00 gift cards if they participated in the wellness program.
- Kelli Jones brought a proposal to the committee from the Consolidated Administrative Services to provide 1094 and 1095 forms as the new software did not have the capability to generate the forms. The cost would be between \$1,700.00 and \$2,000.00 annually.
- Update on unpaid medical claims lawsuit. Expecting resolution in March or April of 2022.

Planning & Development Committee: Justice White informed the court the committee met and some of the items to come before the committee were:

- Dr. Shemwell's (ANC) request for \$200,000.00 for the Workforce Program.
- \$50,000.00 Incentive for Precision Steel in exchange for five jobs
- Establish an election date of August 10, 2021 for the one half cent sales tax.

The clerk was asked to read a resolution titled: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MUNICODE SOFTWARE COMPANY".

Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. R-2021-04 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE ENSURING AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT BIDDING AND CONTRACTING PROCESS. Justice White informed the court this ordinance required three readings and the first reading had taken place at last month's meeting. Justice Ash made a motion to proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Following the reading by title only, Justice White moved to proceed to the third reading at next month's meeting, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. O-2021-08 will have its third and final reading at the May meeting.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: COUNTY BOARD TRANSPARENCY REPORT ORDINANCE. Justice White informed the court this ordinance was also an ordinance that required three readings and the first reading had taken place at last month's meeting. Justice Ash made a motion to proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Jackson seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Following the reading by title only, Justice Ash moved to proceed to the third reading at next month's meeting, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat,

McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. O-2021-09 will have its third and final reading at the May Quorum Court meeting.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL ELECTION CONCERNING AN EXTENSION OF THE 0.5% SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS LEVIED THEREBY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White informed the court this too required three readings and made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Following the second reading by title only, Justice White moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Following the third reading by title only, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Ordinance No. O-2021-10 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE CALLED HE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY, Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Ordinance No. O-2021-11 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Ordinance No. O-2021-12 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THR OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING AN APROPRIATION FOR THE FUNDING OF SLOT 20 IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS' BUDGET. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Fleeman seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Cullom, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None: Absent--- Burge. Ordinance No. O-2021-13 was adopted by the court.

The clerk 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 White moved for adoption, Justice Jackson seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Fleeman, Henton, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Abstain --- Cullom: Absent--- Burge. Ordinance No. O-2021-14 was adopted by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice moved to adjourn, Justice Ash seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie
Mississippi County Clerk/Secretary