

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**January 28, 2019**

The Carroll County Quorum Court held their regular meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 in the Eastern District Courthouse Jury Room in Berryville. Circuit Court Judge Scott Jackson was still in session at the time of the meeting. It was agreed that the meeting could take place in the Jury Room. No Video of the Quorum Court proceedings are available as a result of the move. All Quorum Court members were present. Members of 4-H Youth Leadership Academy were in attendance and offered the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Their names are Sarah Prunte and Emily Blodgett. The meeting was called to order by Judge Sam Barr at 5:00pm. Elected Officials were cordially invited to a lunch sponsored by the Carroll County Extension Homemakers on February 26<sup>th</sup> at noon at the church across from the courthouse. County Clerk Connie Doss was asked to send the invite to everyone.

JP John Howerton made a motion to accept the Journal of Proceedings from the previous meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Larry Swofford. A voice vote was taken with all members affirming the motion.

There were no changes to the Agenda.  
There were no public comments.

Jason LaForge with Harris Radio made a presentation concerning a proposal to add radio upgrade service(s) to the County's existing public safety (Dispatch, Sheriff) Phase I/Legacy system. Discussion ensued between Quorum Court members, Sam Ward (Communications Specialist for the County Judge's office), and emergency personnel that were in the gallery. Much of the conversation was about coverage or lack thereof in certain areas of the county due to terrain. Other conversation concerned outages due to lightening and/or Entergy outages. By adding Eureka Springs as a backup for the equipment located at the Sheriff's office, the concern for having the system down for a length of time would be minimized. The greatest concerns were cost and actual need and the eventual Federal mandates that would likely come. The question of whether the county would have to put the proposed project out to bid was also cited. JP Jack Deaton thought that perhaps since Phase I had been originally bid, the county may be able to bypass the process because Phase II was an extension of Phase I. It will be explored further. JP Jack Deaton made a motion to table the discussion and JP Marty Johnson seconded the motion with all members affirming.

In Old Business the ordinance amending the County Employee handbook was read, motioned to accept by JP Chuck Olson and seconded by JP Kellie Matt. The voice vote carried. A motion was made by JP Jack Deaton and seconded by JP Chuck Olson to dispense with waiting until the next meeting for a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and go with a vote. A voice vote was taken with all members adopting the "Catastrophic Sick Leave Bank" as read. Employees & Department heads will receive the addition to the handbook electronically or paper as needed. The new hire packets will be revised to include the new information.

A motion was made by JP Craig Hicks to approve a Resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for a grant on behalf of the Carroll County Fair Association. JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion and the Resolution carried by a voice vote of all members.

A motion was made by JP Jack Deaton to approve the payoff funding for the APERS unfunded liability for the District Court West in the amount of \$124,877.78 paying the amount

off 16 years early in an effort to save the 7.15% interest. It was surmised that even paying the interest every year, the principal would barely be reduced leaving the county to still pay it off. JP Chuck Olson seconded the motion and a voice vote of the members affirmed the appropriation ordinance.

A motion was then made by JP Jack Deaton to approve the portion of the APERS unfunded liability for the District Court East's share in the amount of \$25,251.79. A second by JP Matt Phillips was made and a voice vote to approve the ordinance was done. It was approved.

A supplemental appropriation ordinance to add monies to the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, and County Judge's budgets for 2019 was so moved by JP Chuck Olson and seconded by JP Jack Deaton. The appropriation would add \$4000 per office to assist in the cost of retaining security to the county offices at the Berryville Courthouse. Concern was voiced about the need for security all of the time. The Security person makes daily visits to the courthouse and is present during court days as the Bailiff must stay in the courtroom. JP Jack Deaton seconded the motion. A voice count of the members had two, JP Craig Hicks and JP Don McNeely, voting Nay with the remaining members voting for the appropriation. The majority carried.

An update ordinance amending an older ordinance #96-2 was so moved for approval by JP Chuck Olson and seconded by JP Jack Deaton. The original ordinance 96-2 that the Carroll County Solid Waste Authority sites for payment of a grant that the county pays for recycling support no longer meets the invoice presented. The 2019 budget, however, already had the correct amount approved. The ordinance simply allows for agreement between the grant funds issued to the Carroll County Solid Waste Authority approved in the 2019 budget and the ordinance previously used to justify the grant. A voice vote was taken with all members approving the appropriation ordinance.

JP Jack Deaton moved to accept an ordinance appropriating money approved in the 2019 budget ordinance for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District's annual membership fee. JP John Howerton seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of the members.

Under JP Comments JP Jack Deaton apologized to those assembled for the cramped conditions. JP Chuck Olson told everyone that the county has signed a contract with Ramjack to stabilize the SW corner of the courthouse foundation and that Wednesday the roofers who had replaced the roof would be onsite to repair issues that has been ongoing since the roof was done. JP Jack Deaton announced a Budget Committee meeting for Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 4PM to meet in the Jury Room. The time and date was accepted by committee members.

JP Marty Phillips made a motion to adjourn with JP Jack Deaton seconding. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.