

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JULY 15, 2019**

The Carroll County Quorum Court held their regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019, in the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville. All Quorum Court members were present. Members of 4H were present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. Members were Phynix McQuiston and C'ara Smith, both of Berryville Middle School. Parents are Ramond McQuiston and Kimberly McQuiston-Smith. The Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm and roll call was taken by County Clerk Connie Doss.

The Journal of Proceedings from the June 17th, 2019 meeting was revised with wording JP Harrie Farrow wished to be clarified. A motion and second was made with all adopting the Journal as so amended.

A motion was made by JP Larry Swofford and seconded by JP Jack Deaton to amend the Agenda to add a resolution (d.) for the South Carroll County Fire District and to add four appropriation ordinances (i-l) that were discussed and approved to add to the agenda at the July 8, 2019 Finance/Budget Committee meeting. A voice vote was taken and the items were added.

Under Public Comments, Chris Fischer expressed his gratitude and appreciation to JP Marty Johnson for setting up the Carroll Electric building so concerned residents on Keels Creek and Kings River could meet concerning Legacy Mines. He reported that about 70 people showed with 16 of them speaking. Information was given out to everyone on the permits issued. Legacy Mines representatives and the ADEQ were not there, but had been invited. He also said that in addition Sheriff Jim Ross and a couple of the JPs were present. Mike Shaw also spoke concerning the roads around CR 309 in relation to the new truck traffic.

Under Misc., JP Jack Deaton asked Sam Ward to speak to the JPs and present a framed certificate to Mr. Martin Vinson who is retired and in ill health but assisted greatly in the repair and upkeep of the emergency radio system of the county at little to no cost to the county for his services. After the presentation JP Deaton presented Sam Ward with a letter from the Judge's office expressing the County's gratitude for Sam's dedication to the County with respect to the emergency radios. Mr. Ward is due to retire soon.

In Old Business, the Ordinance stating approval of the Quorum Court for the County Judge to enter into an agreement with Washington County concerning the NWAR Crisis Stabilization Unit was narrowly passed with a 6/5 vote. This Ordinance requires a simple majority to pass. A motion to approve and seconded was made and the vote taken. Discussion involved input from the Sheriff saying the county didn't have to return people back to the county if taken to the Unit, jailers were okay to transport, and the cities were not interested in signing likely because their officers would bring them to the County jail for the county to take care of. JP Chuck Olson agreed that the cities were not entering into the agreement, there is a 72 hour maximum hold @ \$40 per day. He also said that Pulaski County's Stabilization Unit rates had already been raised to \$52 a day. JP Harrie Farrow said that this was a totally voluntary use situation for us and an available tool. She also inquired as to the County's liability and it was responded that it is no more than any other transport.

A resolution approving the confirmation of Jackie Graff for a five year term to the Lake Forest Subordinate Service District was passed. A motion by JP Chuck Olson and seconded by JP Matt Phillips was done and a vote was taken. JP Olson said that the Lake Forest SSD was primarily a water district and that Jackie Graff would be an asset.

A resolution approving the confirmation of Chryl Hoyt from Inspiration Point Fire Protection District to the Western Carroll County Ambulance District was passed. A motion by JP Chuck Olson and seconded by JP Larry Swofford brought discussion concerning the number of years to serve. The ordinance read five years, but all thought it should be three. A motion was made by JP Chuck Olson and seconded by JP Don McNeely to change the number of years to three was approved by voice vote. A vote was then taken to approve the ordinance with amended change.

The resolution to approve another member to the Western Carroll County Ambulance District was also changed to reflect three years instead of five. JP Chuck Olson made the motion with a second from JP Jack Deaton to make the change. A motion by JP Chuck Olson to approve the amended resolution was made. JP Harrie Farrow seconded and a vote was taken. Mr. Jim Hughes of the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department was confirmed for a three year term.

A resolution approving the County Judge to apply for a grant to purchase Jaws of Life and equipment for the South Carroll County Fire District was approved. JP John Howerton made the motion and JP Chuck Olson seconded. JP Howerton said that this would replace equipment that was 25-28 years old. JP Jack Deaton said the resolution was added because the deadline was coming up quickly.

An ordinance appropriating funds to County Buildings was necessary because the bill for Friendly Glass had recently been presented for payment. The date of the bill was January 2019. Previous year's appropriations for this project had already been "cleaned up" and the funds were no longer available. The check was issued in June and the County Clerk would not let the check be mailed to the vendor until the funds for the bill was appropriated. JP Kellie Matt made a motion to accept and JP Matt Phillips seconded with a vote taken to approve the appropriation. The question was asked as to the handicap ramp and the response was that the Carroll County Extension Homemakers Club Country Chicks have been informed that the work needs to be completed and time was running out.

JP Larry Swofford made a motion with JP Matt Phillips seconding it to approve COBRASERV funds received for an employee separated from the county to be reimbursed to the department and line item. All approved the measure by vote.

JP Larry Swofford made a motion to accept the ordinance that would amend the Carroll County Employee Handbook to add language for Direct Deposit policies. JP Mary Johnson seconded the motion. JP Harrie Farrow questioned the need for the emergency clause that is in the ordinance and felt it was used too often. JP Larry Swofford agreed, but it does become necessary. The ordinance passed by vote and will be added to the Employee Handbook.

The Road Department held an auction on June 15, 2019 and sold \$34,175.64 of equipment for the road department, Eastern District Circuit Court, and Elections. The funds need to be reimbursed to the departmental line items. JP Chuck Olson made a motion that was seconded by JP Larry Swofford and passed by vote.

Scotty Collins, maintenance & custodian for the Eastern District Courthouse and Annex requested at the Finance/Budget committee meeting the purchase of a floor cleaning machine and supplies to better maintain the floors of the buildings. JP Matt Phillips made a motion to accept the appropriation ordinance for the purchase of the equipment and supplies and JP Chuck Olson made a second. The appropriation ordinance was passed by vote.

JP Jack Deaton made a motion to accept appropriation of funds to the road and bridge fund for the purchase of a tractor and side cutter through the Sourcewell resource. JP Chuck

Olson made a second. A vote was taken with all approving the ordinance. JP Deaton said that the equipment to be replaced had over 8,000 hours on it.

Search and Rescue made a request through ordinance for the purchase of a Zodiac type inflatable boat to assist in rescue operations. The boat to be replaced is leaking and doesn't stay inflated. JP Matt Phillips made a motion and JP Larry Swofford seconded to send the measure to a vote. Discussion between JP John Howerton and JP Larry Swofford concerning the amount to be appropriated ensued with both agreeing to the \$3,500 as stated on the ordinance. A vote was taken with approval of the appropriation and transfer of funds between line items to make up the \$4,566.85 that was presented in an estimate received.

The last ordinance to be reviewed concerned an employee who was going to lose vacation time if it wasn't used. The employee made the request to be paid for the time in lieu of taking the time off as the department has recently experienced the loss of an employee and had been short staffed making it difficult to take the time off. JP Harrie Farrow asked about the 49 hours and County Clerk Connie Doss had left out the word 'hours' which was added. JP Jack Deaton made a motion and JP Larry Swofford seconded the motion with a vote to approve the ordinance. No additional funds were required to be appropriated as the line item has enough in it to cover the vacation time due to being short staffed.

Under JP Comments the following comments were made:

JP Matt Phillips said that the grant for the Health Unit was not approved.

JP Craig Hicks reminded everyone that the land the library was going to purchase by the city of Berryville was now going to be donated by the city.

JP John Howerton asked for an update on Courthouse maintenance being done.

JP Chuck Olson was disappointed that the roof of the courthouse was still leaking despite being repaired again. The work to reseal the exterior of the Courthouse was on the vendor's schedule.

JP Jack Deaton added that work had commenced in the County Clerk's office.

JP Marty Johnson talked again about Legacy Mines and ADEQ not being present at the community meeting. JP Harrie Farrow thought that a resolution could be passed concerning compatibility with the area as there could be an impact on tourism which is based on our environment.

Both JPs Deaton and Olson said that the Personnel Committee needed to meet concerning a replacement for Sam Ward.

JP Don McNeely is having Thomas Allgood write an ordinance concerning owners keeping large numbers of dogs. JP Larry Swofford thought that would open a can of worms. JP Swofford also spoke briefly about the Land Use Plan that the county currently has and that its intent was to keep governmental agencies from coming into the county against the wishes of the county.

County Judge Sam Barr gave a statement concerning the funds received in the Auction with a breakdown of income and expenses associated with the sale.

Judge Sam Barr entertained a motion by JP Matt Phillips and seconded by JP Marty Johnson to adjourn the meeting. It was approved by all and the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.