

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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The Carroll County Quorum Court held their regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019 in the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville. With the exception of JP Marty Johnson who was absent due to the death of his father, all other members were present. Members of 4H once again were in attendance to offer the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Gracie Harris lead those assembled in the Pledge while Nella Forney offered the invocation. The meeting was called to Order by County Judge Sam Barr at 5:02pm and roll call was taken.

JP Jack Deaton made a motion to accept the Journal of Proceedings from the February 25th meeting with corrections/clarifications made to with respect to the radio situation and the fact we are currently at 154-175 frequency spectrum. A second was made by JP Chuck Olson and a voice vote taken with all in favor.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

Under Miscellaneous Olivia Foster and Tamara Allen spoke to the QC Members updating them on happenings with the Extension Cooperative and 4H. Among the many programs offered, they spoke about the new Young Cattlemen's group that is 3rd in the nation for its efforts. The Cooperative will also be offering workshops on feral hog control and drought management. The ladies were sponsored by Kellie Matt

Jeff Hatley with Ozark Regional Transit offered an update of ridership and overall better participation and funds to the organization. He was sponsored by Matt Phillips.

Bo Allen asked to be removed from the agenda and would speak to the Budget Committee before proceeding.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business:

The "cleanup" ordinance (2019-16) was passed after a motion by JP Jack Deaton to approve the Ordinance and JP Chuck Olson seconded. There was no discussion.

A motion was made by JP Deaton to approve Ordinance 2019-17 to pay long-time employee James Kelley for vacation time in lieu of taking time off from work. JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion and it was approved by the QC members present.

JP Jack Deaton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-18 which will give funds to the County Judge and Veterans Services for internet connection after 911 Dispatch removes the remaining equipment from the courthouse which would leave those departments without service. The Ordinance also reimburses Court House Maintenance East (0108) for awning repairs, etc.

after storm damage. The funds came from an insurance claim. JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion and it was approved by QC members present.

The next three ordinances are all reimbursements for scraping of old equipment, cars, and other metals. Ordinance 2019-19 reimbursed the Sheriff's department share for \$1,015.19 by order of Carroll County Court Order(s) 2019-04, 2019-05 & 2019-07 and signed by Judge Barr on February 28, 2019. JP Jack Deaton made a motion to accept the ordinance and JP Chuck Olson seconded with all members present adopting the ordinance.

The second of the three was for the County Detention Facility Fund with a total of \$514.80 being reimbursed for scraping items listed above. JP Jack Deaton made a motion with JP Larry Swofford seconding the motion to accept the Ordinance. It passed.

The third of the three is the share of funds received for scraping items. Emergency 911 Services received \$125.74 and a motion was made by JP Deaton and seconded by JP Phillips to accept the motion. The Ordinance (2019-21) passed with a voice vote taken.

Ordinance 2019-22 concerns the expenses of the Quorum Court. It was discussed that the cost to post ordinances and resolutions required more than what was appropriated in the 2019 Budget Ordinance (2018-46). Quorum Court members would also be paid for some committee meetings. JP Deaton made a motion to pass the ordinance with JP Matt Phillips making a second. All JP's present voted to approve the ordinance.

JP Olson told the QC and gallery that Harness Roofing would be coming to put up the guttering soon.

JP Jack Deaton let everyone know that the budget committee would be discussing arrangements between the Judge's office, Dispatch, and Veteran's Services. Dispatch was finishing moving equipment so Judge Barr could move into their space at the Courthouse. Veteran's Services would be moving into the Judge's office space.

He also discussed the need to have more people involved in the planning for upgrading the radios and that there was definitely interference in the lines that caused another disruption of service to local law enforcement. JP Deaton opened up the idea of a sales tax with a possible 5 year Sunset Clause. He said Mayor McKinney (Berryville) is also looking into the situation. JP Howerton asked how the county would proceed with a Sales Tax and Attny Thomas Allgood will look into it, but thought that the process was for the QC to vote on it and then it would go on a ballot. Craig Hicks admitted that there does appear to be a problem with the radios and Kellie Matt suggested it was a good idea to get all of the Mayors, etc. in a room to talk about the situation. JP Larry Swofford thought it should be a County wide sales tax to include the cities so that the whole system would get the upgrade as Eureka Springs was on its own system. Eureka Springs is the backup for Carroll County and visa versa. A time frame was discussed but the thought was that it needed to happen this year. County Clerk Connie Doss told the QC that the only scheduled election this year was the School Board Election on May 21, 2019. There was also a concern with a proposed bill on the state level that would decrease/consolidate the number

of 911 Centers in the State and whether Carroll County would possibly be one of those to be eliminated and added to Benton County.

JP Howerton asked if there were any questions concerning the Airport. The commission is looking into grant money to replace a ~~terminal~~ hanger. He also pointed to a listing of the grants the commission has received to date. There is a question also about the mowing situation as a mower was just purchased but the Airport was looking at hiring the mowing out.

JP Don McNeely inquired about the electrical inspection and JP Deaton responded that it should happen this next Monday and Tuesday.

Road Foreman Jim Kelley said the weather was making road work difficult but that they were doing the best they can.

Judge Sam Barr read a statement concerning Carroll County Court Orders 2019-04,05, & 07 that were in regard to Detention, 911, and the Sheriff's office recycling/scraping items. He also mentioned that he thought there would be another Order concerning scrapped tin-horns that would be on April's agenda for the road department to be reimbursed.

The Judge asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm with JP Matt Phillips and JP Harrie Farrow making those motions.