

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MAY 20, 2019**

The Carroll County Quorum Court held their regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, in the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville. All Quorum Court members were present. Members of 4H were present (Abby Jo Dwyer and Reagan Dwyer/Parents are Kelly & Keith Dwyer) to say the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. The meeting was called to order by County Judge Sam Barr at 5:05pm and roll call was taken by County Clerk Connie Doss.

The Journal of Proceedings from the April 15, 2019 Quorum Court meeting was approved with a wording amendment made by JP Harrie Farrow. The word was stricken and corrected to "balance". With the change JP Matt Phillips and JP Jack Deaton made motions to approve and seconded. All JP's approved the Journal with correction.

JP Jack Deaton requested an item be added to the bottom of the agenda in order to update and discuss renovations/maintenance being done on the Eastern District Courthouse. JPs approved the addition of item "g" on the bottom of the agenda by show of hands.

Under Public Comments two residents of County Road 905, Ruby Stinebeckner and Charlotte Keys requested that work on CR 905 needed to be done as the road was narrow. Part of the county road, the County Judge informed everyone, was part of a FEMA project and was paid for in part by FEMA. Their part of the County Road was not covered under the project. The ladies were thanked for bringing their concerns to the Quorum Court with no action taken.

There were no Miscellaneous items.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, the Quorum Court was asked to vote by hand vote to approve their representative to the Equalization Board which will meet beginning August 1st of this year. Jerl Swofford has agreed to serve another two (2) year term and the JPs voted without reservation to have Mr. Swofford serve a two-year term.

Resolution 2019-05 is a resolution approving a letter of intent between the City of Berryville and the Carroll County Library Board of Trustees to purchase land after a successful capital campaign to build a new public library. JP John Howerton asked what the total cost of the land would be. JP Craig Hicks responded that the cost would be \$45,000 and the property sits next to the city pool & the old nursing home that was torn down years ago. It is approximately 2 acres and the agreement will hold the land for three years. JP Larry Swofford also reiterated that no county funds will be used on the project and CAMALS Director Johnice Dominic who was in attendance was recognized by the County Judge to let JPs know that millage funds could not be used on the library project and that all funds to build/purchase had to come from private sources. A motion was made by JP Hicks and seconded by JP Don McNeely. A roll call vote was taken with all members approving the resolution.

A resolution (2019-06) approves an equipment rental agreement between Williams Tractor and the Carroll County Airport. A piece of equipment was traded in and their monthly payments would be lower. Over the 5 year duration of the agreement, the county would not have to appropriate additional funds to offset a difference in what is already allocated for this expenditure. JP Howerton thought this was a lease to own. The contract does list a "Privilege or Purchase Option" to purchase the leased equipment for \$1.00 to be exercised before 5/7/2024. A motion was made by JP Howerton and seconded by JP Deaton to accept the resolution. A vote was taken with all accepting the resolution.

There was the first reading of three for an ordinance amending Ordinance 1994-16 to reduce the annual assessment levied for tax year 2019 at Highland Park Subordinate Service District to zero. Highland Park is located near Mundell Road and Starkey Marina near the Dam. This is a first step in eventually allowing the District to disband according to JP Chuck Olson. JP Larry Swofford asked if this assessment was temporary and JP Olson responded that it was permanent. A vote was taken and approved after a motion was made by JP Olson and seconded by JP Matt Phillips. This item will be in Old Business at the June meeting.

It has become increasingly necessary for the position of Custodian/Maintenance to the Eastern District Courthouse and Annex to work more to keep up with duties at both locations. Ordinance 2019-29 increases the current position from 35 hours per week to 40 hours per week with costs appropriated proportionately between the two departments as a 75%/25% split. Line Items will be adjusted to accommodate the additional 10 hours per pay period (bi-weekly). JP Olson reviewed the discussion of a couple of years ago to add an additional person, but it had been decided at the time that the current position would be better. A motion was made by JP Olson and seconded by JP Farrow with a vote taken. All members agreed to the measure.

The last measure corrects reimbursements to Search & Rescue as well as Grants & Aid. JP Kelly Matt made a motion to accept the corrections and JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion. JP Farrow inquired as to what the circumstances were for the need to make the correction of the \$266.40. County Clerk Connie Doss responded that her office generally receives a stack of a couple of inches or more of checks for county bills at one time. The checks tend to stick together and once in a while one will get in the wrong envelope especially when several checks from several funds are needed to pay, in this case, a utility bill. The utility company cashed the check and credited it erroneously to two accounts and County Clerk Connie Doss contacted the utility company and requested the funds be returned so the intended vendor could be paid. The funds were returned and thus the line item needed to be reimbursed. A vote was taken with all members approving the reimbursements.

The last item was a discussion and update of the work being done on the Eastern District Courthouse. JP Deaton reminded everyone that \$50,000 was appropriated earlier in the year and the balance was down to about \$1,100. Next on the list was renovations needed in the County Clerk's office and sealing the brickwork on the exterior of the Courthouse. It was informally agreed by all present that the work should continue with appreciation from JP Farrow for keeping the Quorum Court up to date on what was being accomplished. JP Olson responded to an inquiry concerning insurance funds being used to fix the front awning. JP Howerton thought

the work should indeed continue, but two additional bids were needed on the work to be done on the exterior brick work. JP Don McNeely asked about the roof work and a short history of the previous inferior work was reviewed and that Harness Roofing did a fine job of fixing the roofing situation with a report that no further leaks have been detected in the County Clerk's office since the repairs. JP Larry Swofford joked that the bottom line is that the County should never build a building again with a flat roof! JP Deaton mentioned that JP Olson took the lead on the projects and that all JPs should take their committee work seriously and follow up on work that is done and had that been done before the county wouldn't be spending the money now to re-fix something that was not done properly the first time. JP Olson said that much of the work was preventative structurally and some was for beautification so county residents could be proud of their building. JP Farrow asked about warranty on the previous work done on the roof and JP Olson addressed the question. JP Deaton reminded everyone that the work was done to move the Judge's office to the old 911 office and Veteran's Administration was moved to the old Judge's office after the office was given a fresh coat of paint and cleaned up a bit. The old Veteran's Administration office in the lower end of the courthouse would be cleaned up at some point as funds became available and would be used for committee meetings in the future.

Under JP Comments JP Olson mentioned the security situation and the Assessor's recommendation that the position could be part time. Quorum Court members thought it was not their decision to make. Judge Barr reminded JPs that this was not the place for a discussion and the matter was tabled. No other JPs had any comments.

The Judge reported that the election commission had a piece of equipment scrapped that was outdated and had no value. The equipment brought \$19.60 at the recycling center and would be re-appropriated back into their department next month.

JP Matt Phillips made a motion to adjourn and Kelly Matt seconded with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.