

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT
November 18, 2019

The Carroll County Quorum Court held their regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, in the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation were led by the Langhover children who are members of Farewell 4H Club. The meeting was called to order by County Judge Sam Barr at 5:03pm and roll call was taken with all Quorum Court members present. The Journal of Proceedings from the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved with JP Marty Johnson making a motion and JP Roger Hall seconding the motion. All JPs were in favor of accepting the Journal.

JP Jack Deaton asked to have agenda item “F” added to the agenda for an ordinance establishing a fund with the County Treasurer for the Additional Motor Fuel Tax. The added item was accepted.

There were no public comments or miscellaneous items on the agenda.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, the South Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department received funds to purchase equipment through the Rural Community Grant Program. A total of \$14,988.50 needed to be appropriated to the department so the equipment could be purchased. A motion was made by JP Deaton and seconded by JP Phillips to approve the transfer of funds to the line item. The measure was approved.

The Berryville Library received funds from the Carroll & Madison Public Library Foundation to purchase computers. JP Phillips made a motion to accept with JP Olson seconding the motion. A roll call vote approved the measure.

JP Jack Deaton made a motion to accept the ordinance moving \$100,000 into the Courthouse Fund. JP Phillips seconded the motion. In discussion JP Farrow asked for clarification concerning the Courthouse Fund and whether there was a separate one for Eastern & Western District Courthouses. JP Deaton said that there wasn’t and also mentioned again that there would have to be repairs done to the Western District Courthouse in the coming year. The measure was approved.

A motion was made by JP Larry Swofford to accept an ordinance that would correct the longevity compensation chart in the current employee handbook and to back pay certain employees who did not receive the correct amount in 2018. Funds would be appropriated to compensate those employees. JP Swofford asked County Clerk Connie Doss to explain the discrepancy and she did. No JPs had further questions. The motion was seconded by JP Harrie Farrow and a vote was taken. The ordinance was approved.

JP Chuck Olson explained that the ordinance concerning roof repair at the detention center was due to a long-standing leak that had done damage inside. JP Olson made a motion to

accept with JP Larry Swofford making a second. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance was passed.

The added item was an ordinance to establish a fund for additional motor fuel tax fund (Act 416 of 2019). JP Deaton made a motion to accept and JP Olson seconded the motion. In discussion JP Deaton explained that a special fund needed to be set up to hold the funds for better tracking purposes. JP McNeely asked where the money was going to be spent and JP Deaton responded that the funds would still be road department funds and that this had to be kept in a separate fund. The measure passed.

JP Comments: JP Olson said that Harness Roofing would be at the Courthouse this week to make repairs to the Courthouse roof over the area of the Courtroom. JP Harrie Farrow talked about the Crisis Stabilization Unit and that funding had been made available from the State for the Unit located in Washington County that Carroll County can utilize. JP Farrow said after reading the article contacted officials to get confirmation as to whether the grant made the Unit a no daily fee situation for Carroll County as well as Washington County. The response was that the grant likely would cover the cost for 2020 and possible most of 2021. JP Jack Deaton thanked the budget committee for its work on the 2020 budget and thanked JP Howerton and JP Swofford for their assistance and continuity as they had served on the budget committee previously. JP Deaton told the Quorum Court that they were given a comparison of expenses as they had received in the past and they were also given a rough draft of the 2020 Budget Ordinance that they would be voting on in December. JP Deaton said that most everyone received some sort of raise this year with some departments going with a set amount to some working with a merit type system. JP Marty Johnson brought up the issue of a 5cent per use charge for Constables running a plate check and wondered if that shouldn't be covered under the Sheriff's department. JP Larry Swofford said that the Constables are more on the State level and hold the same authority as the Sheriff. JP McNeely said that he had spoken with another company that would like the opportunity to speak with the Sheriff's Department about its outsourcing of medical care for the Detention Center inmates. He felt that the department should not be in the medical business due to liability issued. Sheriff Jim Ross said he would like to speak with this other company. Also, JP McNeely asked if there were any problems with inmates getting needed clergy & religious organizational services due to the new application and background checks on all clergy entering the Detention Center to counsel inmates. Sheriff Ross responded that with the exception of one clergyman that needed to finish the process, the Detention Center was meeting the needs.

With that the Judge entertained a motion to adjourn. JP Marty Johnson and JP Roger Hall made the motion and second. All members being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.