

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The Carroll County Quorum Court held their regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019, in the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville. All Quorum Court members were present with the exception of JP Jack Deaton. Members of 4H led those assembled in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by Judge Sam Barr and 5:02pm and roll call was taken.

The Journal of Proceedings from the August 19, 2019 meeting was approved. JP Larry Swofford made the motion to accept and JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken.

JP John Howerton made a motion to have the Item D – Ordinance to establish a new position to the Sheriff's department called Court Complex Security Deputy with appropriations to fund the position to the end of the year, withdrawn and replaced with a new ordinance at the recommendation of the combined Budget and Personnel Committee. On September 12th, the two committees met to discuss the ordinance involving the new position and an alternative plan was approved to go to the full Quorum Court to appropriate enough funds into the County Judge's budget to hire security at least until the end of the year. JP Larry Swofford seconded the change in the Agenda and all JPs present approved the change.

Under Public Comments, retired Sheriff Bob Grudek inquired about why county deputy vehicles were parked in Alpena and Holiday Island without a deputy. He remembered having a guideline in place that all county deputies had to live within the county boundaries within one year of hire. He says having deputies outside of the county that have to get to their vehicles slows response time and also adds wear and tear to the county vehicle. He asked that the Quorum Court look into the matter.

Mr. Brad Handley with Handley Investigations handed out packets to the Quorum Court that included his credentials and contract should the Quorum Court approve the appropriation to have his company provide security services to the Eastern District Courthouse. Judge Sam Barr asked if the JPs had any questions and no one did.

Having no other public comments, the Judge moved on to Miscellaneous. JP Craig Hicks said that Robert Bartos was not able to attend and would come at another time. Judge Barr asked if JP Hicks was making a motion to change the item and he said he would make that motion. JP Larry Swofford seconded the change with all JPs approving.

There was no old business.

In new business an appropriation for the Airport was approved after JP Howerton made a motion to accept and JP Matt Phillips seconded. The appropriation was to reimburse the insurance line item for a vehicle that was crushed and had not been running all of 2019, but insurance was paid on it. A roll call vote was taken and the measure approved.

An Ordinance to reimburse funds from a STEP grant to the Sheriff's Dept. was approved with a motion made by JP Chuck Olson and seconded by JP Marty Johnson. The measure was approved by roll call vote.

An appropriation ordinance to fund the Sheriff's Dept (1000-0400) for the remainder of the year was approved with a motion by JP Matt Phillips and a second by JP John Howerton. The question of not having enough information on the ordinance about the whys was brought up by JP Harrie Farrow. JP Matt Phillips told JPs that it was to finish the department out with

enough funding until the end of the year and that line items were chosen where funds were likely needed. The question concerning what constituted small equipment was also asked and Major Jerry Williams with the Sheriff's Dept. was requested to respond. His response was that it is the line item used for computers, etc.. County Clerk Connie Doss after being recognized responded that that was not correct and said it was for those items that did not need to be capitalized. Laptops and computers should go to line item Machinery & Equipment. After no further discussion, the quorum court did a roll call vote and passed the measure.

Lastly, a motion made by JP John Howerton and seconded by JP Larry Swofford to approve the added ordinance that would appropriate funds necessary to hire security services for the Eastern District Courthouse Complex. JP Larry Swofford said that the budget committee decided to go this route until the end of the year and it would be looked at during budget time. JP Harrie Farrow asked if this was a financial decision and was given the response of "Yes". JPs asked when a security person would be available and Mr. Handley with Handley Investigations said he would have someone at the courthouse the following morning.

Under JP Comments: JP Matt Phillips made sure that everyone knew that the budget process for 2020 would be starting very soon and reminded everyone that September 27th was the date set for a Flu Clinic at the Health Dept.

JP Craig Hicks said that JPs should reach out to members of the "radio board" and that there were issues going on within the committee. He said that Mayor Tim McKinney had resigned and that he had a letter he would give to Connie Doss to email out to members and that she would also have a list of board members.

JP Don McNeely talked briefly about the dog nuisance ordinance that he was working on. He has realized that it is a much bigger problem within the county than once thought and he gave the court some examples of recent situations. He said he was going to contact local Mayors in an effort to see if resources (dog catchers) could be shared. JP Marty Johnson asked if the Humane Society had been contacted concerning the cases JP McNeely cited and they had not. JP Harrie Farrow asked about the dumping of animals and whether spaying/neuter program would be related to help with the dumping of animals. JP McNeely commented that the problem has been going on "since the beginning of time".

The Judge asked if Mr. Jim Kelley, road foreman, would please update the JPs concerning roads in Carroll County. Jim said that the bridge slab at County Road 677 off of 103 otherwise known as Race Track Road was complete. He thought the cost was about \$34,000. He also said that the county road dept. laid about 3,000 tons of hot mix, but that more was needed obviously with the associated need of more funds. He said he has kept some funds in reserve in the event of an emergency should one occur before the end of the year.

The Judge also recognized resident Danny Inman who thanked everyone for the wonderful road at County Road 501, 504, and 513.

JP Matt Phillips made a motion to adjourn and JP Harrie Farrow seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.