

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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The Quorum Court held their regular monthly meeting at the Road Department located at 93 Homestyle Drive, Berryville next to the Kings River Bridge on Hwy 62. COVID-19 precautions were in place. Press was duly notified and arrangements for the recording of the meeting was made to those members of the press that made requests. The meeting was not video recorded, but was audio recorded. JP John Howerton led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Sam Barr called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and roll call was taken. JP Marty Johnson was absent and Justices tried to contact him via phone to participate in the meeting. Service was not available due to the metal building situation. The Journal Proceedings were approved with a motion made by JP Howerton and seconded by JP Chuck Olson. JP John Howerton made a motion to have a resolution added to the agenda for the Carroll County Airport. JP Jack Deaton seconded the motion and item "I" was added.

Under Public Comments resident Kimberly Clark who lives at Pivot Rock Park near Lake Leatherwood said that the county road in the area was dangerous because of the winding curves and requested that the Justices explore the possibility of widening the road and adding asphalt. She asked how would "we go about doing this?" The Judge nor the Justices made a response to the query.

There was no Miscellaneous or Old Business to discuss.

A Resolution sponsored by JP Olson on behalf of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District Commission was first on the agenda. JP Olson moved to accept the resolution that would confirm the appointments of Angie Tennille Shaw and Richard September to the Commission for three-year terms each expiring in April of 2023. JP Craig Hicks seconded the motion and all present voted in favor approving the measure.

JP Jack Deaton made a motion to accept the ordinance allowing Tamara Johnson to be hired as contract help for the Prosecuting Attorney's office. She had recently retired, but with COVID, the department had not hired anyone to replace her. She is also married to JP Marty Johnson and the ordinance acknowledges the relationship under AR Code 14-14-1202. JP Harrie Farrow inquired as to what was meant by "Goods and Services" and the response was that this was recommended language to use under the code. JP Roger Hall seconded the motion and the ordinance passed.

An ordinance authorizing the fee schedule for co-pays on inmate health services was revised to add x-ray services to the ordinance that was passed (2020-15). The previous ordinance was rescinded with this ordinance. JP Deaton made the motion to accept and JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion. In discussion, JP Harrie Farrow asked if Turn-Key was "okay" with the change. JP Deaton responded that they wanted this. JP Farrow inquired about the co-pay on a CT scan and whether the co-pay is the same as under Section 3 of the new ordinance. Sheriff Jim Ross was asked to respond and he said the department wanted to keep things legal and justified. JP Kelly Matt responded that JPs should look at Sections 7,8, & 9 where it states that balances that inmates accrue would go to the Prosecuting Attorney's office to pursue when the inmate was brought before the Circuit Judge. JP Farrow continued with asking how much would be charged for a CT scan and how much would the county charge for the co-pay. JP Jack Deaton responded that Section 3 was self-explanatory. He also said that the detention center has the furlough tool that could be utilized depending on the crime committed in order to release an inmate that had several ailments so the county would not have to pay for all of the medical

needs. JP Farrow responded back that Section 3 only refers to those tests listed. “Is this what Turn-Key wanted?” JP Farrow was concerned with Section 3. A JP said that the Commissary Fund was used to hold collected fees. JP Deaton said that they were not lawyers and nothing was bullet-proof and the Justices could only do they best they could. They can’t possibly cover every contingency. JP Olson said that the ordinance was a guideline and we get what we can. A voice vote passed the ordinance with all present approving the measure.

An ordinance rescinding the position of Operation Commander and adding a Deputy was approved by all present after a motion was made by JP Deaton and seconded by JP Larry Swofford. JP Deaton explained that during budget meetings in 2019 the committee eliminated a deputy position and added the supervisory position at the request of the Sheriff. Now, he explained, the department wants their deputy position returned so it would put more boots on the ground. The person previously holding the position of Operation Commander recently resigned. The Sheriff said at the beginning he needed the extra command personnel to keep things going, but now things have smoothed out. One of the JPs inquired about the May 9th date and was told that when the ordinance was written it was unknown as to whether the department had already hired someone and the date would cover that contingency. Thomas Allgood with the Prosecuting Attorney’s office said the ordinance was fine as written.

An ordinance transferring funds from the Detention Center budget back to the sales tax fund was in response to the two part time nurses being hired by Turn-Key Health. In a previous committee meeting and Quorum Court meeting approving Turn-Key it was discussed that excess funds would have to be moved out of the budget because many of these costs were now being covered by County General. County Clerk Connie Doss read the ordinance at JP Kelly Matt’s request to add the figures as those numbers had not been finalized until after the ordinance was sent out to Justices in their monthly packets. A final payroll for the part-time nurses had not been processed yet to know what the balance in the line item would be. There was no other explanation or discussion. The motion was made by JP Deaton and seconded by JP Phillips with all present accepting the ordinance.

JP Craig Hicks made a motion with JP Matt Phillips’ second to accept a routine ordinance to appropriate funds back to certain line items as reimbursements. JP Hicks explained that put money back to line items so that bills could be paid. A voice vote passed the measure.

JP Craig Hicks also made a motion with JP Larry Swofford’s second to accept an ordinance that would transfer appropriated funds between line items that had been requested by several departments. The measure passed.

Last of the ordinances was new appropriation requests. JP Jack Deaton made the motion to accept with JP Roger Hall making the second. JP Olson said that part of the new money would improve the situation at the Public Defender’s office whose window area was not secure allowing for unauthorized access. It would also help with safety concerns of COVID. The County and Circuit Clerks also needed sneeze guard protection in their offices for the same reason. The roof of the Courthouse was leaking again asserted JP Deaton so more funds were needed to make those repairs over the Circuit Clerk’s office. JP Don McNeely asked why the roof was still leaking and JP Chuck Olson said they were correcting as they went. JP Swofford said that it was an old, flat roof and had been a problem for as long as he could remember. JP Phillips also reminded everyone that the air conditioning units were on the roof which caused vibration and the heavy units tended to make the roof sag. JP Deaton also explained that there was an additional overage on the handicap ramp located at the Community Building (Old Courthouse) on the square and the County Clerk was made aware of it only recently. JP Harrie

Farrow asked if the city had been notified and whether they would help pay. JP Deaton asked if she would like to ask them. It was explained in the discussion that City Inspector Carl Goines had made changes to the design of the ramp to avoid a utility pole that would cost the city to move. Mr. Goines had not contacted the County about the change. JP Howerton said that there was no use butting heads and JP Deaton reminded everyone that Carl did the county a favor when he had inspected the building earlier last year. The ordinance was passed.

Lastly, the resolution for a CARES Act grant was approved by the Justices. It will be a 100% grant for \$20,000 to assist in the loss of income at the Carroll County Airport. JP John Howerton sponsored the resolution. The resolution passed with all present voting affirmatively.

Under JP Comments JP Matt Phillips said that COVID testing was now available at the County Health Department. He also said that Ozark Regional Transit has had a loss in revenue and they were still working on the situation of getting veterans to their VA appointments. He said that Jeff Newberry said this was not a reoccurring need, but the need was there nonetheless. JP Kellie Matt inquired as to who to contact about renting the Community Room on the square and was reminded that this time was for comments. JP Jack Deaton let the group know that the emergency ordinance (2020-12) was being used well, but that there was a few "milking" the system. There may be a need to revisit the ordinance should the virus make a resurgence in the fall and winter.

The Judge told the JPs that they had received a bill for zero money for the bridge on County Road 705. The NWEDD covered any remaining costs. He also said that he wasn't sure when there would be a possible release of funds for the grant that would build a storage shed at the road department so he didn't know if they would get the money or not. One of the JPs also brought up the situation with the ramp at the Community Building would need to be painted soon and it was also discovered that the door is now not big enough for a wheelchair to pass through it.

The Judge entertained a motion to adjourn which JP Matt Phillips gave and JP Kellie Matt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.