

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Carroll County Quorum Court
April 18, 2022

The Quorum Court met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2022, at Southern Heights Baptist Church in Berryville. Notice was sent to local press outlets with one member of the Press present and two FOIA requests for the recording. The meeting was audio recorded and will be made available on the County's website. The meeting was called to order by Judge Griffin at 5:00pm with JP Craig Hicks leading the assembled in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was conducted finding all members of the Quorum Court in attendance. Also present were several elected officials of the County, members of the Sheriff's Department, CERT, OEM, and several candidates. A motion by JP Larry Swofford to accept the Journal from the March 21st meeting was made with JP Chuck Olson seconding the motion. A voice vote approved the Journal. JP Harrie Farrow made a request to have Mrs. Sally Gorrell with the Eureka Springs Community Center added as a sponsored speaker and moved to item "a" under Miscellaneous. JP John Howerton seconded the motion and a voice vote affirmed the change to the agenda.

In Committee Reports, JP Jack Deaton reported that the Budget Committee had met to discuss a ½ ton vs ¾ ton truck for the Detention Center/Sheriff's office. JP Deaton brought the alternative idea to the Detention Center and the ½ ton was rejected as not being adequate to transport a piece of heavier equipment. This will be discussed again during budget time in the fall. JP Chuck Olson said that the bids for the Detention Center roof was in process. JP Craig Hicks reported for the Judicial Building Committee that the RFQs had been received and opened with some of the literature having been passed out to the Justices for their review.

JP Harrie Farrow introduced her guest, Sally Gorrell, who is a board member to the Eureka Springs Community Center. Sally and Debbie Davis who was asked to stand during part of Sally's talk is also a board member. Mrs. Gorrell spoke to the Quorum Court about the activities of the Center, their membership, programs, and how they receive their funding. They currently receive no funding from the City of Eureka Springs and asked about ARP funds could be used to help. They noted that an Executive Director was needed. JP Hicks suggested that they contact the city about a share of their ARP funds received.

CID Officer Bobby Engles, representing the Sheriff's Office, reported on the first quarter stats for the department. While he gave a breakdown of call volume in Dispatch, he also reported on the number of civil process papers, citations, and number of male and female detainees that the Detention Center had seen during the period. Officer Engles fielded several questions from the JPs requesting further clarification and additional information that Officer Engles said he would provide with the next quarterly reporting.

OEM Mike McKelvey reintroduced himself briefly to the Quorum Court citing his experience in the applicable fields. He has already worked to bring the SORT team and the Mennonite Disaster Recovery team together in a better working relationship. A goal of Mr.

McKelvey is to have regular meetings with fire districts, city councils, and fire chiefs in order to build relationships and plan for emergencies.

Lastly, County Clerk Connie Doss spoke about the responsibilities of the Clerk's office. She also spoke to her immediate need of space to conduct elections and to prepare for elections as well as train poll workers. In addition, she reported that a human resources person with an associates degree in HR fresh out of college averaged a base salary of about \$43,000 in Arkansas. With that base salary, the cost to the County would be \$62,786.

There was no Old Business nor New Business.

In JP Comments, JP John Howerton reported that the Airport was looking into land acquisition for future expansion and would be looking at firms that specialize in this process in order for them to qualify for FAA Grants. They were looking at a one-year timeline before beginning. He also reported that he thought an offer had been made to one of the manager candidates. JP Deaton reported that next month there would be a couple of ordinances on the agenda to fund the Western District Courthouse work that had been on the 2021 budget, but work had not begun and completed until 2022 and there is a need to add ceiling fans in the same courthouse. He also said that he would be meeting with Ka-Comm about the new tower at Holiday Island. JP Hicks said work to update the Employee Handbook was in process and the hope would be to have a Personnel Committee meeting on Monday. JP Kellie Matt reported that Branson Police donated equipment to the Sheriff's department.

Judge Griffin asked for a motion to dismiss which was given by JP Matt Phillips and seconded by JP Craig Hicks. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.