

Journal of Proceedings of the Carroll County Quorum Court
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2024

The Quorum Court met in Berryville, AR, at 5:00 pm. The meeting took place in the Eastern District Courtroom. Prior notification was sent to the Quorum Court, Elected Officials, department heads, interested parties having made requests for the agenda, and the Press. The agenda was also posted to the County Clerk's Facebook page as has been routinely done for several months. The meeting was audio recorded and has been posted along with Ordinances, Resolutions, and Journals to the County's website.

The meeting began with JP Matt Phillips leading the assembly with an invocation and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was conducted by Clerk Doss finding a quorum present. Absent were JPs Bruce Wright, Francisco Pedraza, and Jerry King. Present were JPs Jack Deaton, Harrie Farrow, Hunter Rivett, Matt Phillips, Craig Hicks, Kellie Matt, Roger Hall and John Howerton. The Journal of Proceedings from the April 16, 2024, meeting was approved with a motion to accept with amendments made by JP Jack Deaton and seconded by JP Harrie Farrow. Both had asked for clarifications prior to the meeting within the Journal which were made, and copies provided to the Justices with the areas italicized. In Committee Reports, JP John Howerton updated the Court concerning the progress being made with the Judicial Building plans and bid package saying that the bid package would be completed hopefully by the end of the month and would be "out" for bidding for at least a month. He wanted to call a meeting for May 28th at 10AM for the purpose of a final presentation with the architects. He had handed out a rendering of what the building would look like saying that the position was from Primrose Street with the Detention Center on the left side of the building. As he had mentioned there had been a few changes, JP Harrie Farrow inquired about the changes. JP Howerton responded that the building would be facing a different street for practical traffic flow purposes, a service street on the property would be added, and Judge Jackson had wanted a few small modifications to the interior design of office space.

The Judge announced that only agenda items would be allowed for public comment, so there was no public comment. There were also no sponsored speakers for the meeting and no Old Business.

Under New Business, JP Howerton made a motion that the three resolutions be read by title only, setting aside Resolution 2018-1 whereby resolutions are to be read in their entirety by the sponsor. The motion was seconded by JP Deaton with a voice vote that unanimously accepted the reading of resolutions for the meeting by title only. With that accomplished, JP Howerton made a motion to accept the first resolution that would confirm the appointment of Cynthia Olsen to the Lake Forest Subordinate Service District Commission for a five – year term. JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion and with no discussion, the roll call vote was unanimously approved by those present.

The second resolution would confirm Charlie Charlton and Nancy Rogers to the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Association District Commission. The motion again was made by JP Howerton and seconded by JP Phillips. Again, there was no discussion, and the motion was accepted unanimously.

The last resolution was to confirm the appointment of David Teigen as a commissioner to the Carroll County Airport. JP Howerton made the motion and JP Phillips seconded the motion. JP Howerton commented that Mr. Teigen had served a term and was an asset to the county and to

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the commission. JP Hunter Rivett said that he had recently attended his first "Fly-in" and found everyone welcoming and Mr. Teigen helpful with showing him the airport. As with the other two resolutions, the roll call vote for this resolution was also unanimously approved.

The meeting moved to the appropriation ordinances on the agenda. Clerk Doss, as is practice through Resolution 2016-8, reads ordinances (except emergency ordinances) by title only. The first was to appropriate the grant fund money for the Juvenile Probation Grant (Fund 3510) to their budget to continue services for the year. JP Howerton made a motion to accept, JP Craig Hicks seconded the motion and was carried with a unanimous vote of those present during the roll call vote. There was no discussion.

In discussion, JP Deaton said that the appropriation for the Adult Drug Court would assist and support health needs of those recovering and working to get back into society. He also mentioned that this was a grant that Judge Jackson received. The motion was made by JP Deaton, seconded by JP Howerton and passed in the roll call vote with no opposition.

Due to the changes that JP Howerton mentioned during committee reports, Clerk Doss had run numbers to make sure that the budget had sufficient funds to cover the costs of the work being done by Spirit Architecture. JP Howerton made the motion to approve, JP Phillips seconded, and with no discussion, the roll call vote approved the measure.

The last agenda item JP Hicks explained during discussion, was to replace what he called a "big garbage disposal" and the a/c unit over the booking area. He also explained that the sewage grinder had failed last year and it was thought that it had already been replaced, but hadn't. JP Hicks motioned to accept, JP Deaton seconded, and the roll call vote passed.

With the business completed, the Court turned to JP Comments. JP Jack Deaton said he wanted to call a Finance Committee meeting probably next week to discuss the request of OEM (Office of Emergency Management) for some equipment that JP Deaton thought would be beneficial. He asked if Thursdays were good for everyone, but would send Clerk Doss an email.

County Judge David Writer announced in the Judge's Comments that Court Order 2024-08 removed an Airport lease to purchase mower from inventory. JP Matt Phillips offered a motion to adjourn which JP Jack Deaton seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.