

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Carroll County Quorum Court
August 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Carroll County Quorum Court was held at the Southern Heights Baptist Church, Berryville and was called to order by Judge Sam Barr at 5:00 pm. The meeting was audio recorded with one request by the press to have it sent to them. Two members of the Press were present along with Attorney Thomas Allgood and several elected officials and interested taxpayers. Notice to the Press was sent via email. The Invocation was said and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was done with JP Kellie Matt being absent. JP Roger Hall made a motion to accept the Journal of Proceedings from the July 19th meeting. JP Duane Coatney seconded the motion and it carried.

JP Chuck Olson spoke briefly updating the Quorum Court on the progress with the plan to remodel the front and lobby of the Eastern District Courthouse. The Building & Grounds Committee has posted requests for bids in the Carroll County Newspaper. JP Jack Deaton spoke for the Budget Committee saying that meetings for the 2022 Budget cycle were getting set up to begin shortly.

JP Chuck Olson requested a change to the agenda to add item "D" which was a resolution for the Inspiration Point Rural Fire District to have a temporary board member added while another board member was temporarily not able to fulfil his duties.

There were no Public Comments. There was nothing under Miscellaneous and no Old Business.

In New Business, an appropriation ordinance was introduced to finish up a grant for the Carroll County Historical Society/Old Courthouse. JP Matt Phillips made the motion to accept the ordinance and JP Chuck Olson seconded. A Roll Call vote passed the ordinance with no objections.

Several departments were showing in the red on their bottom line for their respective budgets and JP Deaton said that this was a clean up to save time at the end of the year. He also stated that Dispatch had several bills that had been piling up and had just come to the Clerk's office to be paid. JP Harrie Farrow inquired as to why Juvenile Probation funds were needed and JP Deaton responded that Carroll County has no facilities to hold juveniles and that the higher need and associated costs were unexpected. The motion was made by JP Jack Deaton and seconded by JP Matt Phillips. The motion carried.

An ordinance was introduced that would give Central Dispatch employees a dollar an hour raise. JP Phillips said that the budget committee had met and thought that there was a need for the raise and that they will look again at the end of the year to see if it could be raised a bit more. JP Matt Phillips made the motion to accept the appropriation and JP Craig Hicks seconded. The roll call vote was unanimous and the measure passed. The raise will go into effect with the pay period beginning August 29, 2021.

Lastly, JP Chuck Olson had added a resolution for a temporary commissioner to be approved for Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District. Member Joe Foust was going to be unable to fulfil his duties due to an illness and a request was made to make the temporary appointment until Mr. Foust could return to his duties. JPs Matt & Deaton both asked JP Olson if the position would go back to Mr. Foust and JP Olson responded that it would. JP Matt also asked if JP Olson could let the Quorum Court know when Mr. Foust returns to his duties.

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Under JP Comments, JP Jack Deaton introduced the new Office of Emergency Management employee, Joanne Griesenhaur. JP Matt Phillips inquired as to whether department heads and elected officials could get to the meetings so if there were any questions that the JPs wished to ask, the officials would be present to answer those questions. JP Duane Coatney said that if the meetings were done during business hours then it might be possible to have more attend. County Clerk Connie Doss added that she sends out as routine to all department heads and elected officials an email with the agenda, resolutions, and ordinances along with the time, place, and date.

Judge Barr asked if County Clerk Doss would please read the list of items that have been approved for disposal from the County inventory. For later reference, these items are listed on Court Orders 2021-11, 12, 15, & 21 which include electronics and an old icemaker. After that, the Judge said he wanted to make a statement which was that the Elected Officials couldn't do anything without the help of their deputy clerks and that if was in the power of the Quorum Court to please remember that when budget time was upon them. He also thanked Southern Heights for their generosity for use of their facility to hold the meetings. With that he entertained a motion to adjourn which JP Harrie Farrow gave and JP Jack Deaton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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