

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Carroll County Quorum Court
April 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Carroll County Quorum Court was held at Southern Heights Baptist Church, located at 279 Highway 221 S., Berryville at 5:00pm. Notice to the press was made and the meeting was audio recorded and made available to KTHS Radio and Carroll County News. Two members of the press were present as well as Sheriff Jim Ross, Thomas Allgood, and a taxpayer who wanted to speak during Public Comment. County Clerk Connie Doss swore in newly appointed Justice of the Peace District 4, Duane Coatney. JP Don McNeely gave the invocation and led the Justices in the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Sam Barr called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02pm. All members of the Quorum Court were present, however JP Kellie Matt was tardy, but was counted as present when she took her place at the table at about 5:07pm. The Journal of Proceedings from the March 15th meeting was approved with no corrections. The motion was made by JP Matt Phillips and seconded by JP Don McNeely.

JP Jack Deaton said that there would be a Budget Committee meeting two weeks from this meeting. There were no other committee reports or questions. JP Craig Hicks asked to add and Item "E" to the agenda. He did not specify the added item nor was it voted on to add. In Public Comments Mr. Steve Barnes spoke to the Quorum Court about incidents he had with a vicious dog that a neighbor was keeping. He asked the Quorum Court to consider a vicious dog ordinance for the County and offered a sample that County Clerk Connie Doss emailed out to Justices after the meeting. JP Deaton commented that he thought that there was such an ordinance on the books, but JP Chuck Olson said that it had been rescinded due to lack of funding.

In New Business, a resolution was approved to have Mr. Jerl Swofford be the Quorum Court's selection to the Equalization Board. Mr. Swofford will serve a three year term. The motion was made by JP McNeely and seconded by JP John Howerton.

A resolution updating the terms of all of the Eureka Springs Library Board was passed with a motion by JP Harrie Farrow and seconded by JP McNeely. JP Farrow told the Justices that this resolution had retroactive elements in it as several members of the library board had continued to serve after their initial terms had expired. There had also been some misunderstanding about meeting with County Judge Sam Barr and Covid 19 also delayed the process. JP Farrow said that now everything was sorted out and the board was up to date and thanked County Clerk Connie Doss for bringing it to her attention. JP McNeely added that all of the members' terms had expired and was glad that this resolution got it all sorted out.

An ordinance to appropriate funds for a new garage door for the Eastern District Courthouse building was passed with a motion by JP Phillips and second by JP Howerton. JP Phillips noted that the garage door would not have an opener as it was not needed saving costs to the project. The motion passed.

Lastly, an appropriation ordinance was passed with a motion by JP Phillips and seconded by JP Deaton that would pay for lawn mowing services for county buildings that had been previously serviced by the detention center trustees and their supervisor. JP Phillips said that the Sheriff's Department had contacted the Quorum Court about the decision that this service would no longer be made available to the county. JP Phillips also said that he had contacted three local lawn mowing companies, but only one was able to put in a cost estimate. The other that

responded did not have enough help and the third had not responded. JP Deaton thought that with the next budget, the costs would be split between the offices/departments, but that this year it would be better to go to County Buildings to get a better idea of costs. JP Farrow asked how much of the area around the Health Department belonged to the them and JP Phillips said it was just the small area around the building and that the field behind did not belong to the County.

JP Craig Hicks then told the Quorum Court (under Item "E") that the church building would be occupied with Vacation Bible School for the May meeting and asked if the meeting could be moved to the Road Department shop building. JP Hicks made the motion to move the May meeting to the Road Department and JP Deaton seconded. It was commented it would just be the May meeting and JP Farrow said that the adding of Item "E" had not been voted on at the beginning of the meeting. There was no further discussion and the measure to move the May Quorum Court meeting to the Road Department shop was approved with a voice vote. There were none opposed.

In JP Comments JP Olson said that there would be a Building and Grounds meeting after the Quorum Court meeting. JP Phillips said he had three items. Those were that there would be a Covid vaccine clinic day on April 28th, the electrician had started work on the wiring for the "guard shack" and that all of the required environmental testing had been completed for the renovation project at the Health Department. JP Kellie Matt said that she had attended the Quorum Court meeting in Little Rock and she took lots of notes but redistricting was discussed at some length and she had a report that she would share. County Clerk Doss noted that it looked like the same report that had been given to Justices last month via email.

Judge Sam Barr asked County Clerk Doss to read a court order for him concerning the disposal of election equipment (metal boxes, metal booth frames, etc.) that was obsolete. He also thanked everyone assembled for coming and asked for a motion to adjourn. JP Matt Phillips and JP Kellie Matt did so and the meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.