

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CARROLL COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JANUARY 4, 2021**

The Carroll County Quorum Court met for its biennial special session as required under ACA 14-14-904 to set date, time, and place of their meetings. The meeting was located at 279 Hwy 221 South, Berryville to accommodate social distancing and attendance spacing. The Press was notified and were present. Justices were all sworn before the meeting by County Clerk Connie Doss except for JP John Howerton who was absent. The meeting was audio recorded. Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers was present. No one attending via Zoom. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by JP Matt Phillips. Judge Sam Barr called the meeting to order at a little after 5:00pm. County Clerk Connie Doss did the roll-call with all present except John Howerton. JP4 is currently vacant awaiting appointment from the Governor.

The discussion concerning setting date, time, and place ensued for some time with PA Tony Rogers expressing concern about the current time being on Mondays at 5:00pm because Mondays were criminal court days and the docket has been very long. That means that he or one of his Deputy Prosecutors can't get to the meeting all of the time. With discussion continuing, JP Craig Hicks suggested the third Mondays at 6:00pm and it was seconded. JP Larry Swofford pointed out after further discussion and JPs weighing the pros and cons that there was a motion and second on the table. PA Tony Rogers said that 6:00pm would make a very long day for his staff. A vote was taken with all approving the ordinance except JP Chuck Olson who dissented. He had suggested Tuesdays to meet.

A vote was taken to move the January 18, 2021 meeting to the following Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. A vote was taken to move the February 15, 2021 meeting to the following Monday in observance of President's Day. Both measures were approved by all present.

Under JP Comments, JP Jack Deaton brought up that everyone had been given their laptops and that they should begin to use them. If any of the JPs had any questions, they could call either JP Deaton or Connie Doss. JP Harrie Farrow came forward to encourage everyone to be careful and to take care of their families and community as she pointed out that there were many people sick in Eureka Springs which is her district.

Judge Barr thanked everyone for being at the meeting and thanked everyone for their well wishes on his health. He entertained a motion to adjourn which was given by JP Matt Phillips and seconded by JP Kellie Matt. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.