

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Carroll County Quorum Court
June 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Carroll County Quorum Court was held at the Southern Heights Baptist Church, Berryville, at 5:00 pm. Notice to the press was made and the meeting was audio recorded. Press was present as were several spectators and County Attorney Thomas Allgood. JP Larry Swofford was asked by County Judge Sam Barr to lead the group in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Judge called the meeting to order at 5:02pm and asked County Clerk Connie Doss to conduct rollcall. JPs John Howerton and Roger Hall were absent. All nine other Justices were present. The Judge asked for a motion to approve the Journal from the May 17th meeting. JP Harrie Farrow made that motion with JP Swofford giving the second. The Journal was passed with no amendments.

In Committee Reports, JP Jack Deaton reported that the Budget Committee had met concerning Dispatch/911 and JP Chuck Olson added that the Personnel Committee would be meeting after the Quorum Court meeting to further discuss the situation with the idea of possibly adding a position to oversee Dispatch/911/OEM. He also reported as a member of the Facilities Committee that the committee was waiting on the drawings from Butch Berry in order to proceed with renovations to the foyer area in the Eastern District Courthouse. JP Olson also asked for suggestions of someone who could do necessary plaster repairs to the interior walls by District Court office in the Western District Courthouse.

There were no changes to the agenda. There were also no public comments. Ms. VonDa Moore from Mercy Hospital sponsored by JP Matt Phillips was asked to come forward to bring the Court up to date on their Board Members. She let the Justices know that Board Members Richard Harp and Deretha Walker had terms expiring and they would be replaced by Linda Tamayo of North Arkansas College and Dean Lee of the Berryville Chamber of Commerce. They would be serving 3 year terms. JP Olson asked if the hospital had a considerations toward expansion and Ms. Moore responded that this was always the goal but that the hospital must be able to support the services it had while looking to expansion. She also said that she would be back to present end of year financials and said that the hospital had several new physicians.

There was no Old Business. In New Business, there were three resolutions updating board members to the Hospital, Berryville and Eureka Springs Libraries. The Resolution appointing Dean Lee and Linda Tamayo passed with a motion by JP Matt Phillips and seconded by JP Don McNeely. A motion by JP Harrie Farrow and seconded by JP Chuck Olson confirmed the appointments to the Berryville Library. The measure was retroactive to catch everyone who was currently on the Board. JP McNeely offered JP Farrow a compliment for a job well done in putting the information together. The final Resolution was to confirm the appointment of Lamont Richie to the Eureka Springs Library Board replacing the vacating Mark Minton. The motion was made by JP Farrow and seconded by JP Craig Hicks.

Next on the agenda was an appropriation ordinance that put funds in to the Sheriff's line items to pay out STEP Grant moneys received. JP Jack Deaton commented that plans for the

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2022 Budget were to add this money on the front end so ordinances wouldn't be needed. JP Deaton made the motion to accept and JP Phillips seconded.

During the May Quorum Court meeting Ordinance 2021-20 was passed to establish Fund 1006 the American Rescue Plan Fund however, as explained by County Clerk Doss, AR Legislative Audit had revised its instructions and needed to make the fund go under a restricted fund area as opposed to what it was now as unrestricted. The new ordinance would establish the restricted fund and rescind the unrestricted fund number currently on the books of the County Treasurer and Clerk. JP Jack Deaton made the motion to accept and JP Phillips made the second.

The Berryville and Green Forest Libraries, it was discovered were using two vendors who had relatives that were either a Board member or a County Employee. Those needed to be reported under Arkansas Code 14-14-1202. JP Duan Coatney asked why the County was paying for lawn services when either the Road Department or the 309 Detainees at the Detention Center could be doing this work. It was explained that the 309's were no longer available for County use per Sheriff Ross and that to add a position to do this work would be more costly than the contracted work. JP Jack Deaton moved to adopt and JP Larry Swofford made the second. JP Coatney voted "Nay" with all others present voting "Yea". The measure passed. The two vendors are Two Brothers Lawn Care and My Electrician.

Last on the agenda of business was an ordinance allowing a vacation pay-out in lieu of taking the time off for an employee of the Road Department. This County Road employee would stand to lose eighty hours because the Road Department has stayed busy and he had been unable to take the time off. JP Kellie Matt made the motion to accept and JP Swofford seconded. The measure passed with no opposition.

Under JP Comments, JP Jack Deaton asked JPs to contact their local, rural fire departments in their areas to remind them that they needed to keep the County Clerk's office up to date with their personnel changes as County pays for Workman's Comp. He also commented that it was the goal to start working on the 2022 Budget around the third week of August. JP Don McNeely wanted to offer his compliment to County Clerk Connie Doss going above and beyond to get the PSAP Report in to State 911. JP Jack Deaton also spoke of the report that had been due on April 1st that Dispatch had not gotten completed and could have cost the County \$435K in funding for Dispatch. JP Matt Phillips told everyone that the renovation work at the Health Department was going well and that there would be an Open House on August 4th and that an email had been forwarded to them with the details.

The Judge's Comments also brought a "Thank You" to County Clerk Doss for stepping up to get the report in. He then entertained a motion to adjourn which JP Kellie Matt quickly gave with JP Matt Phillips giving a hearty second. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

The meeting audio has been uploaded to the County's website located at <http://co.carroll.ar.us/QuorumCourt/Agenda> .

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