

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Carroll County Quorum Court
MARCH 15, 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 upon request to one inquiring party (KTHS Radio). One member of the press was present as well as a Suellyn Frye, Collector Kay Phillips, Lt. Jeff Heinzl, and Thomas Allgood from the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Judge Sam Barr asked to have the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance recited. He then called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. County Clerk Connie Doss called roll. All members were present with the exception of John Howerton and the JP4 position continues to be vacant.

The Journal of Proceedings from the February 22nd meeting was approved after a motion was made by JP Harrie Farrow and second by JP Matt Phillips. JP Craig Hicks commented on the CARES funds received and an email that had come from Eddie Jones confirming that funds received were to be considered unrestricted. There were no changes to the Agenda and no one from the public wished to make any comments.

Lt. Heinzl from the Sheriff's Department, sponsored by JP Craig Hicks, introduced himself as a law enforcement person since 1991. He felt that the Sheriff's Dept. has quality deputies. He also commented that the radios in the county were a concern and understood the equipment needs and money involved. He also noted that the expected 5 new cars would be coming some time in April or May. Some of the Justices questions included Narcan training, drug problem in the county (acid, meth), dead spaces that the radios encounter, and that staffing was better as the Chief Deputy was "putting people where they belong".

There was no old business.

Under new business, a resolution to appoint new members to the Lake Forest SSD was approved with a motion and second by JP Chuck Olson and JP Matt Phillips. JP Olson said this was a routine turnover in commissioners.

JP Olson explained the process that Highland Park SSD went through in order to dissolve the SSD saying that the ordinance was the final step. JP Olson moved to approve and JP Phillips seconded. The roll call vote approved the dissolving of the entity known as Highland Park Subordinate District.

The Health Department requested electricity be made available to the "guard shack" that was given to them by the state to hold outdoor clinics. That with the canopy purchased by the County allows the department to hold clinics more efficiently. JP Phillips motioned to accept and JP Harrie Farrow seconded. The measure was approved.

Collector Kay Phillips requested the creation of a new position for her office. The salary line items were pro-rated to cover the rest of the year. JP Jack Deaton made the motion to accept saying that Mrs. Kay's office had gotten behind and that one of her staff was retiring and needed to start training the replacement. The request had gone through both the Budget and Personnel committees and would be looked at during budget time to see if the position needed to be permanent or temporary. JP Craig Hicks seconded the motion and the ordinance was passed.

The ordinance to appropriate grant funds for the Eureka Springs Library's Raising a Reader Program was approved. JP Farrow and JP Olson made motions and the roll call vote approved the ordinance. JP Deaton asked how long would the grant last this time, but it was unknown.

JP Jack Deaton made a motion and JP Matt Phillips seconded the motion to approve the transfer of excess County General funds appropriated to the Detention Center Fund (3018) to pay for invoices from Turn-Key Health, the third party healthcare providers to inmates. The measure was approved.

The second in the series to finish recordkeeping for 2020 is to transfer money between funds where the claims were correct, but had been entered incorrectly. The accounts payable moved from single to multi-fund affidavits and this was suggested to be a side effect of the changeover. JP Deaton and JP Hicks made the motions and the ordinance was approved.

Lastly, was the “cleanup ordinance” to close the 2020 budget year. JP Deaton reiterated that this was an annual ordinance. JP Deaton and JP Hicks made the motions to accept and the roll call vote was unanimous.

In JP Comments, JP Olson reminded Justices that the architect was due to come to the Eastern District Courthouse soon to look at enlarging the front area of the courthouse to accommodate higher volumes of people. He hoped to have more soon. JP Farrow expressed excitement about the Covid 19 vaccine and urged the JPs to spread the word for their constituents to get their vaccine.

Judge Sam Barr thanked everyone for attending and entertained a motion to adjourn which JP Matt Phillips gave and JP Kellie Matt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.