

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Carroll County Quorum Court
November 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Carroll County Quorum Court was held at Southern Heights Baptist Church, Berryville. The meeting was called to order by Judge Sam Barr after JP Larry Swofford led the assembled in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 5:00pm with roll call having none of the Justices absent. Notice of the meeting was sent to the Press with one member present as well as several department heads, elected officials, and Steven Simmons with the Prosecuting Attorney's office. The meeting was audio recorded and made available to KTHS radio and Carroll County News. The Journal of Proceedings from the October 18th meeting were approved with a motion by JP Roger Hall and second by JP John Howerton. JP Chuck Olson announced that there would be a meeting of the Personnel Committee at some point in the next week. No other committees had activities to report. With no changes to the agenda and no public comments, the meeting moved to a brief report by Jeff Hatley with Ozark Regional Transit. It was reported that ridership has improved area-wide. He reported that there were 75 riders in Carroll County in October giving a YTD total of 1,738. Last year at the same time the ridership in the County was 864. Several questions of JPs were addressed. JP Don McNeely's speaking, County Judge Richard Williams, had been running late and was unable to address the Quorum Court. JP McNeely reported that he was to talk about an idea that Mr. Williams had worked up while he had been in office pertaining to funding a new courthouse. It was expressed that Mr. Williams would try to reschedule. There was no old business.

In New Business, a resolution to confirm the appointment of two members of the Eastern District Ambulance Commission. A motion by JP Jack Deaton and seconded by JP Matt Phillips were made with the vote being unanimous. A similar resolution was also presented to confirm the reappointments of two members of the Western District Ambulance Commission. A motion was made by JP Deaton and seconded by JP Matt Phillips. The motion carried.

The roof of the Detention Center is leaking which has led to damage of one of the inmate pods rendering it uninhabitable. JP Chuck Olson said that this would buy time until the roof could get replaced. The committee would look at putting bids out in March with the Judge's approval. JP Don McNeely said the flat roofs are difficult to keep maintained and perhaps the Quorum Court should look at pitching the roof to assist with drainage of rainwater. The motion carried with JP Deaton and JP Olson making the motion and second.

The remaining ordinances with the exception of the 2022 Budget Ordinance went through their first readings. The second and third readings will be done in December. First to be approved for its first reading was the ordinance to approve the contribution of local matching funds for the NWAEDD. JPs Phillips & Harrie Farrow made the motion and second. The second ordinance in its first reading was the 2022 Levying of Taxes. JP Swofford and JP Deaton made the motion and second. The first reading was unanimous. The last of the ordinances concerned the annual ordinance establishing the compensation for elected officials for the 2022 Budget year. JP Deaton said that elected officials received a 4.5% cost of living increase. A motion was made by JP Matt Phillips and seconded by JP Craig Hicks. The first reading carried.

The 2022 Budget Ordinance was passed unanimously. JP Deaton made the motion to accept the ordinance and JP Phillips seconded the motion. JP Deaton reported that the budget had an overall increase in expenditures of 7% and reminded everyone that there was the 10% that is held back and 2/3rds of revenue was earmarked for the budget. JP Harrie Farrow thanked the

Budget Committee for their expediency recalling a time before she was a JP when the budget was brought to the Quorum Court very late. JP Deaton responded that he had promised that he'd get the budget to the Quorum Court by November. He said everyone worked very hard to get that goal achieved.

JP Don McNeely thanked the Budget Committee during JP Comments for their work in getting it delivered to the Quorum Court. With that Judge Barr thanked everyone for coming and entertained a motion to adjourn which JP Matt Phillips and JP Craig Hicks gave.