

April 15, 2008

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on Monday, April 14, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess B. Carpenter Building. Judge Bill Hicks presided. County Treasurer Linda Forman and County Clerk Karen Woodriddle were present. Members of the Court present:

Tim Stewart
Deborah Wyatt
David McIntosh
Orville Arms
James Darmstaedter

Robert Cuzzort
Bill Cash
James McLean
Karry Phillips

Stewart made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Wyatt seconded. Motion carried.

Joseph and Kimberlee Thomas with Meadowland Media spoke to the court about starting to film the meetings. They plan to start at the June meeting if possible.

Sheriff Bowers spoke to the court regarding amending the Newark-County interlocal agreement. He told the court that Newark was now in a position to hire another deputy. The clerk read the agreement in its entirety. Darmstaedter made a motion to verbally approve the agreement as read with ordinance to be done in May's meeting. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Foreman handed out the treasurer's report, stating that the money had been repaid to the two contingency funds that had been used for Solid Waste. She also stated that the amount to each fund paid back was \$52,000.00.

Claudette Parks told the court that there was an increase in recycling of about 10% in the first 3 months of this year. The increase was in plastics and textiles. cardboard was down, but Parks stated that was due to some of the manufacturing plants shutting down.

Debbie O'Neal spoke to the court about the flyer that was in their packet on needle disposal safety. She asked that everyone consider these guidelines and place flyers where they could be seen.

Judge Chaney Taylor and District Court Clerk Donna Gay spoke to the court about adding an additional deputy to the district court staff. Judge Taylor stated that the district clerk would now be entering all tickets and taking the majority of all fine money and the office was in the process of going to a new computer system. The employees will have 3 weeks of training for the new system. McLean made a motion to take this request before the budget committee. Motion was seconded and carried.

Stewart asked the court members if they had a chance to look at the proposed resolution on sexual exploitation. Darmstaedter made a motion to put into resolution for next month. Arms seconded. Motion carried.

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McLean introduced Resolution 2008-05, a resolution of the County of Independence certifying local government endorsement of business (Pilgrims Pride) to participate in the tax back program (as authorized by Section 15-4-2706 (d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003). The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Darmstaedter seconded. Motion carried.


Arms introduced Ordinance 2008-07, an ordinance amending ordinance 2007-56 and the annual budget for 2008, as amended, for the purpose of transferring funds between line items, in the county general fund and juvenile detention center fund; appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2008. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. McLean seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Balsler addressed the court regarding the volunteer tax to the Humane Society of Independence County stating that he did pay the tax and then had a problem with the humane society not taking some dogs that he had called about.

McLean praised all workers involved in the flood disaster work for a job well done.

With no further comments, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Wooldridge
Independence County Clerk