

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
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April 14, 2009

The Independence County Quorum Court met in regular session on Monday April 13, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess Carpenter Building. Judge Bill Hicks presided. County Treasurer Linda Foreman, County Sheriff Keith Bowers, Circuit Clerk Debbie Finley, District Clerk Dianna Melton and County Clerk Karen Wooldridge were also present. Members of the Court present were:

Tim Stewart	Larry Nelson
Gary Bridgman	Danny Carter
Deborah Wyatt	Bill Cash
Anne Moore	Waymon Long
Bobby Weaver	Tony Thompson
Margaret Boothby	

Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. Thompson seconded and all voted yea to approve.

Bridgman addressed the Court regarding the Solid Waste Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2009. He advised that the committee had come up with some exceptions on the Solid Waste Fee, such as remoteness, vacant land, multiple houses, and unoccupied houses. An exemption application was handed out which Tax payers that meet these exemptions could fill out at the County Judges Office. If the Judge's Office decides that they should not be exempt and the taxpayers disagree, there would be an appeal process. Bridgman thanked the County Treasurer and Collector for their helpful information. Bridgman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting. Thompson seconded and motion carried to approve.

Judge Hicks informed the Court of the Interlocal meeting held with Newark on April 7, 2009. He said that the meeting went well and there were really no comments.

The Sheriff's report was handed out with Sheriff Bowers telling the Court that between March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> the amount of comp time used was 534 hours. Long asked Bowers if using this comp time was causing any hardship. Bowers stated not at this time. Bridgman asked if the Comp time would be under control by the end of the year. Bowers said that he felt that it would.

The Treasurer's Report was handed out. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

The Tax Collector's report was handed out. Hicks told the Court that the collector stated that in March of 2008 the amount collected was \$715,972.21 and for March, 2009, the amount was \$1,165,399.41. He stated that Ms. Perkey was doing a great job.

There were no Citizens Comments.

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Stewart introduced Resolution 2009-04, a resolution authorizing the County Judge and the County Clerk to enter into an engineering agreement with Graham Engineers from Little Rock for a project with Future Fuel Chemical Company. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Long seconded and all voted to approve resolution.

Nelson introduced Resolution 2009-05, a resolution of the County of Independence certifying local government endorsement of business 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. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Carter introduced Ordinance 2009-16, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county general funds, to the Sales Tax-Recreation budget; establishing a new line-item; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Thompson introduced Ordinance 2009-17, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county general funds to the County Grant-In-Aid budget; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Boothby seconded. Motion carried.

Long introduced Ordinance 2009-18, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county general funds, to the District Court budget; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Weaver introduced Ordinance 2009-19, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county general funds, amending anticipated revenues; appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

Boothby introduced Ordinance 2009-20, an ordinance to amend ordinance 2007-11 for the purpose of amending subsection F of section 7 entitled: Compensatory Time/Overtime Pay of the Independence County Employee Handbook of 2007, and for other purposes. The Clerk read the ordinance in its entry. Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules for the second reading of the ordinance. Moore seconded. The motion carried. The clerk read by title. Long then made a motion for the third and final reading. Wyatt seconded. Motion carried. The clerk read the final reading by title. Nelson made a motion to approve ordinance, Weaver seconded and motion carried.

Bridgman introduced Ordinance 2009-21, an ordinance amending ordinance 2009-14 for the purpose of correcting an erroneous date in the title and for other purposes. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Boothby seconded. Motion carried.

Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2009-22, an ordinance amending ordinance 2009-15 for the purpose of correcting an erroneous date in the title, and for other purposes. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

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Pat Dunegan spoke to the Court requesting money they failed to ask for out of the 2008 budget. Moore made a motion to approve the request. Long seconded. Motion carried.

Hicks told the Court that Chad Smart who was on the agenda would not be present tonight but would probably be on next months agenda. Thompson asked did he have a general catagory. Hicks stated that Smart said he had a policy and procedure matter.

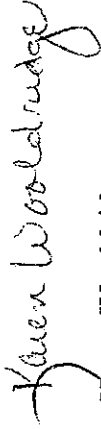
Hicks told the Court that he had a letter from the Economic Development Committee which Mr. Ed Mabry chairs. The letter stated that at this time they felt a need to hire one employee. Thompson asked if the funding was in place. Hicks thought that part would come from the Economic Development Foundation and part from the Economic Development Funds. Thompson made a motion to start the interviewing. Long seconded. Motion carried.

Hicks told the Court that we had received a letter from the City of Batesville thanking the County for its support during their Waste Water Special Election.

Thompson stated that he appreciated receiving the Hydro reports in the packets.

Without further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Wooldridge