

August 13, 2007

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess B. Carpenter Building. Judge Bill Hicks presided. County Treasurer Linda Foreman and County Clerk Karen Wooldridge were present.

Arms made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. McIntosh seconded. Minutes were approved.

Rhonda Cline with A T & T spoke to the Court regarding the election held for the Phone service in Oil Trough and Newark. She stated that the issue had not been approved due to less than 50% being returned. Newark had 1276 ballots with 511 returned, 469 being yes and 42 being no. Oil Trough had 322 ballots with 135 returned showing 125 yes and 10 no. She stated that the Court could petition the Public Service Commission to ask that the rules be suspended and allow 60 days to Have another election or ask that the 50% requirement be waived. Phillips made a motion to send a letter to the Public Service Commission to request both. Barnett seconded. Motion carried.

McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting on July 12, 2007. After some discussion, Arms seconded and motion carried.

The Sheriff's reports and Treasurers reports were handed out. There were no questions.

Barnett introduced Ordinance 2007-27, An ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007, as amended, County General Fund, Circuit/Chancery/Juvenile Court Budget, for the purpose of appropriating revenues derived from the Juvenile Detention Fund; establishing a full time "Intake Officer" position and salary and establishing a new line-item; amending anticipated revenues; and, for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The Clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Hatfield seconded. Those voting Yea: Hatfield. Those voting Nay: Stewart, Phillips, Wyatt, McIntosh, Arms, Darmstaedter, Cuzzort, Cash and McLean. Barnett did not vote. Motion was defeated.

Arms introduced Ordinance 2007-29, An ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007, as amended, for the purpose of establishing a fund in the books of the county and a budget division entitled "USDA Solid Waste Bond Fund," with said funds to be derived from a USDA Bond, establishing line item, anticipating and appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The Clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Barnett seconded. Motion carried.

McLean introduced Ordinance 2007-33, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007, as amended, the County Contingency Fund and the County Road Contingency Fund, for the purpose of authorizing the transfer of funds to the Solid Waste Fund for collection budget purposes; amending the county contingency funds and county road contingency fund amending the solid waste fund anticipated revenues for 2007; and for other purposes and declaring an emergency. The Clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Stewart seconded. Those voting Yea: Stewart, Wyatt, Arms, Cuzzort, Cash, Barnett, and McLean. Those voting Nay: Phillips, McIntosh, Darmstaedter and Hatfield. Motion carried.

Stewart introduced Ordinance 2007-34, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007 for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds to the Solid Waste System Fund, with said funds to be derived from a transfer from County General Contingency Fund and the County Road Contingency Fund, amending the annual budget for 2007, amending anticipated revenues and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The Clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Cuzzort seconded. Those voting Yea: Stewart, Phillips, Wyatt, McIntosh, Arms, Darmstaedter, Cuzzort, Cash, Barnett and McLean. Those voting Nay: Hatfield. Motion carried.

McLean introduced Resolution 2007-16, a resolution authorizing County Judge of Independence County to apply for a grant on behalf of the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department. The Clerk read the resolution in its entirety. The motion carried.

Bill Hoskins spoke to the Quorum Court about being against the moving of the Contingency funds. He also spoke to the court regarding the 15% tax money moved from Road into County General funds that was to be a loan in 1997.

Without further comments and announcements, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Wooldridge
Independence County Clerk