

August 12, 2008

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on Monday, August 11, 2008, 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. Members of the Court present:

Tim Stewart	Robert Cuzzort	Deborah Wyatt
David McIntosh	Mike Hatfield	Bill Cash
Orville Arms	Charles Barnett	
James Darmstaedter	James McLean	

Arms made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with a correction being made on the minutes stating that Tim Stewart had made a verbal request to receive the Solid Waste audit reports by year. Wyatt seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Hicks then made a special proclamation declaring Miss Ashlen Batson Day August 19, 2008 .

The Sheriff's report was handed out, as was the Treasurer's report.

Judge Hicks told the court that a few weeks before Mr. Bill Walmsley had volunteered his services to prepare papers to form a non-profit corporation for Economic Development in Independence County. Judge Hicks presented a tentative economic board to the court. Barnett stated that it was a good list and was a good way to have the whole county represented. After much discussion, Barnett made a motion to have special meeting on Monday, August 18, 2008 to discuss resolution calling for a special election. Arms seconded. Motion carried. Barnett made a motion to look at ½ cents sales tax at the special meeting. Stewart seconded. Those voting Yea: Stewart, Wyatt, Cuzzort, Hatfield, Cash, Barnett and McLean. Those voting Nay: McIntosh, Arms and Darmstaedter. Motion carried.

Cuzzort introduced Resolution 2008-11, a resolution authorizing the County Judge of Independence County to apply for a grant on behalf of the Bethesda Volunteers Fire Department. Hicks stated that a correction needed to be made on the resolution. Barnett then made a motion to amend. Hatfield seconded. Motion to accept as amended carried.

Wyatt introduced Resolution 2008-12, a resolution authorizing the County Judge of Independence County to apply for a grant for the construction of a child care center. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. McLean seconded. Motion carried.

Barnett introduced the third reading for Ordinance 2008-15, an ordinance authorizing and directing the collection of a ninety –six (\$96.00) per year trash collection service charge within the unincorporated areas of Independence County and authorizing and directing the County Judge's office to send out quarterly statements and to collect said trash collection service charge in 2009 and each year thereafter or until directed otherwise. The clerk read the third and final reading of the ordinance in its entirety. Wyatt seconded. Those voting Yea: Wyatt, Cuzzort, Cash and Barnett. Those voting Nay: Stewart, McIntosh, Arms, Darmstaedter, Hatfield and McLean. Motion failed.

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McLean introduced Ordinance 2008-20, an ordinance amending ordinance 2007-56 and the annual budget for 2008 for the purpose of appropriating funds into the Juvenile Detention Construction, The USDA Solid Waste Bond Fund, and the Juvenile Detention Center Fund; amending the annual budget for 2008, amending anticipated revenues, and for other purposes for the calendar year 2008. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Jeffery from the Sheriff's Office spoke to the court regarding the need for a new roof on the CID Building. Hicks told the court that he would like to see a three man committee to decide what route to take on the roof. McLean, Barnett and Darmstaedter volunteered.

Without further comments, motion was made and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Wooldridge