

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
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August 11, 2009

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on August 10th, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess B. Carpenter Building. Judge Bill Hicks presided. Independence County Sheriff Keith Bowers, Treasurer Linda Foreman and County Clerk Karen Wooldridge were 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	

Boothby stated that the minutes from the July 13, 2009 meeting needed a correction made on page 2 in the old business paragraph. The amount the property would cost the county needed to be approximately \$90,000.00. Thompson made a motion to approve corrected minutes. Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's report was handed out with Bridgman stating that the sheriff's office had done an outstanding job with reducing the comp time. Judge Hicks stated they needed to have a law enforcement committee meeting to discuss the school resource officers comp time and the need to work out something with the schools. After questions were asked regarding the Warrant fees on the report and the sheriff explained that as mentioned in the July meeting they were planning on discussing the problem with the district court's new computer system with Judge Taylor. Stewart stated that he would like to have a law enforcement committee meeting on August 18, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. to discuss these issues. Weaver stated that he would be out of town on the 18<sup>th</sup> and ask if it could be set for another date. After discussing to have it on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to hold the meeting as stated earlier on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The court asked that Judge Chaney Taylor be present for this meeting.

The treasurer's report was handed out with Ms. Foreman stating that we were holding our own with a slight increase in sales tax. Ms. Foreman handed out the information that some members had requested at an earlier meeting and explained the report to the members.

The county road report was handed out.

The Hydro report was handed out with Judge Hicks stating that the first rent check had been received.

Judge Hicks acknowledged Representative James McLean, Mayor of Batesville Rick Elumbaugh and Batesville City Councilman Thomas Bryant being at the meeting.

Thomas Wood of 6190 White Drive, Batesville, Arkansas addressed about having a problem with the trash pickup service. He stated that several times his trash can had not been completely emptied.

The Mayor of Batesville, Rick Elumbaugh spoke to the court regarding a possible bypass for the City of Batesville. After much discussion, Thompson made a motion to bring back a formal resolution at the next meeting. Bridgman seconded and motion carried.

Discussion on the Hydroelectric Project Legal Fund began with Hicks stating that he had frozen the fund and that there was at this date around \$40,000.00 in the fund.. After further discussion Long made a motion to freeze expenditures from the fund without the Quorum Court's approval. Thompson seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Renee Martin told the court that the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Commission had asked for an extension on recommending someone for the position of director for the Commission at the last meeting and would now like to make their recommendation. After going over the resumes and having three interviews, they recommended Ed Mabry for the position. Thompson then made a motion to accept the recommendation of the commission for the hiring of Ed Mabry as director. Bridgman seconded the motion thanking the commission for their wise choice. All voted yea except Anne Moore who abstained from voting. Motion carried. Mr. Mabry then gave a report to the court the different items that he had been working on. He also stated that everything was rolling well.

Debra Sutterfield with the Independence County Library spoke to the court to give them information on what had been happening with the Library. She told the court that she had attended a Broadband Summit with the Gates Foundation in Little Rock with information on a pilot grant program for upgrades. She stated that this was the third time that the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation had funded monies to the Arkansas Library. The cost of the grant funding would be a little over \$2,000.00. Sutterfield told the court that more space was needed based on standards, the upcoming district wide library cards, the benefits of being in the regional library system, and other information that the court wanted to hear.

Moore introduced Resolution 2009-09, a resolution of appreciation. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Boothby seconded. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2009-37, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental anticipated revenues, appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Stewart seconded. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Stewart introduced Ordinance 2009-38, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county general funds, establishing new line-items, 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. The motion carried with all voting yea.

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Nelson introduced Ordinance 2009-39, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county road funds, appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Boothby seconded. The motion carried with all voting yea.

Thompson introduced Ordinance 2009-40, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for the year 2009, as amended, for the purpose of transferring funds between line-items and categories, in the county general fund; establishing new line-items; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Cash seconded. With all voting yea, motion carried.

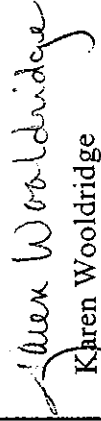
Weaver introduced Ordinance 2009-41, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental senior citizens funds; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Nelson seconded. Motion carried with everyone voting yea.

Boothby introduced Ordinance 2009-42, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of establishing a fund in the books of the county and a budget division entitled: "Independence County Economic Development Fund" with said funds to be derived from an economic development sales tax, anticipating and appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Long seconded. Motion carried with all members voting yea.

Judge Hicks informed the court that Johnny Abbott with the City of Batesville had asked if the County would contribute with the Christmas Lights again this year. Last year the County appropriating \$1, 500.00 to help on this. Hicks asked the Court if they wanted to appropriate money for this year.

Without further discussion, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Karen Wooldridge