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February 26, 2007

The Independence County Quorum Court held it's regular session on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess B. Carpenter Building. Judge Bill Hicks presided. County Clerk Karen Wooldridge and County Treasurer Linda Foreman were present: Those present were:

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

Barnett Made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting along with the minutes on the Ad Hock Committee meeting held on January 16th. Arms seconded. By voice vote, the minutes were approved.

Sheriff's report, Juvenile Detention report, and Hot Check report were handed out. County Treasurer Linda Foreman gave the treasurer's report stating that Sales Tax was down by about 25%. This was due to a refund being made to an Area Business.

Bill Hoskins with the Bethesda Fire Department gave his annual report for the County Sales Tax Money received. Cuzzort asked about the new sub-station. Hoskins stated that it would be located between Mountain Springs Road and Bethesda Road. Hoskins also stated that Bethesda Fire Department rating was a class 7. Hoskins was asked by Cash if these reports took very much of his time. Hoskins stated that it took about 10 minutes.

Judge Hicks stated that Colleen Jackson with the Batesville Arts Council was present, but that he would like for her request to be brought before the Recreation Committee first. He also pulled Ordinance 2007-09 to be sent to the Law Enforcement Committee. He then set up the Committee meetings for March 1st. The Ad Hock Committee will meet at 5:30, Law Enforcement at 6:00-6:30, and Recreation at 7:30.

McLean introduced Resolution 2007-5, A resolution authorizing the Independence County Judge to employ private Attorneys for the purpose of instituting litigation against the manufactures of ephedrine to enable Independence County, Arkansas to recover portions of it's costs over the years related to Methamphetamine production and use, including but not limited to Law Enforcement Health Care, Health and Human Service costs, ect. and for other matters pertaining thereto. The Clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. Cash seconded. By voice vote, motion carried.

Stewart introduced Ordinance 2007-03, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007 for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds to the County General Fund with said funds to be derived from anticipated reimbursements from the Federal Government for overtime work with organized crime task force, establishing a new line-item and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. McIntosh seconded. By voice vote, motion carried.

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Cuzzort introduced Ordinance 2007-04, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007, for the purpose of appropriating funds; establishing a budget within County General Fund entitled "Community Service Budget", with said funds to be derived from anticipated community service fees; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

Barnett introduced Ordinance 2007-05, 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; establishing a new line-item to the Solid Waste Collection budget entitled "Overtime" with said funds to be derived from anticipated revenues; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The Clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. McIntosh seconded. Motion carried.

Phillips introduced Ordinance 2007-06, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007 for the purpose of transferring funds within the County General Fund, County Road Fund, and Collector's Automation Fund, establishing a new line-item; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. Hatfield asked about the Jail transfer. Hicks stated that this was for coporal certificate pay and that the money was being moved from one line-item to another. Barnett asked about the contract labor for the Judge's office. Hicks said that the office needed someone at times to work. The hours would total around 15 a month. Hicks then stated that the money moved in the road department was for a welder position. Motion carried.

Darmstaedter introduced Ordinance 2007-07, an ordinance authorizing the financing of certain equipment to be used by Independence County, authorizing the execution and delivery of a promissory note between Independence County, Arkansas and White River Planning and Development District, Inc.; authorizing and prescribing other matters relating to the equipment and the purchase thereof. The clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. Arms seconded. Motion carried.

Arms introduced Ordinance 2007-08, an ordinance authorizing and directing the County Tax Collector to place on the 2007 Tax settlement and each year thereafter, a \$10.00 volunteer Tax for the support of the Humane Society of Independence County and to collect the volunteer tax in 2008 and subsequent years, and for other purposes. The clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. Barnett seconded. McLean then made a motion to amend the reading to read Volunteer contribution. Stewart seconded. Those voting yea: Stewart, Phillips, Wyatt, McIntosh, Arms, Cuzzort, Hatfield, Cash. Barnett, and McLean. Those voting Nay: Darmstaedter. Motion was approved.

Cash introduced Ordinance 2007-10, an ordinance authorizing the financing certain equipment to be used by Independence County; authorizing the execution and delivery of a promissory note between Independence County, Arkansas and Scott Financial Services and Leasing, LLC; authorizing and prescribing other matters relating to the equipment and the purchase thereof. Hicks stated that the ordinance needed to be corrected to read County Road instead of County General. Hatfield made a motion to correct and Darmstaedter seconded. The clerk read the ordinance in it's entirety. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

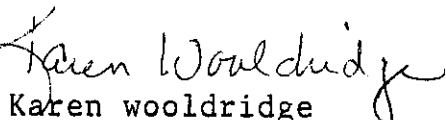
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Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2007-11, an ordinance to be entitled: Independence County Employee Handbook of 2007, establishing the general employment policies of Independence County and for other purposes. Barnett made a motion to suspend the rules. McLean seconded. After suspending the rules, the clerk read the ordinance for three readings and gave roll call. Those voting Yea: Stewart, Phillips, Wyatt, McIntosh, Arms, Darmstaedter, Cuzzort, Cash, and Barnett. Those voting Nay: Hatfield and McLean. Motion carried.

Judge Hicks asked if there were any Cizitens Comments. Robert Marshall spoke to the Court regarding the condition of certain county roads.

Cuzzort made a motion to adjourn. Cash seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Karen wooldridge