

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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January 15, 2008

The Independence County Quorum Court meets in its regular session on Monday, January 14, 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 present:

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

Darmstaedter made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings with a correction being made to the December 17, 2007 meeting. Barnett seconded. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was handed out with Foreman stating that sales tax was up 5.9%.

In old business, James Starzy spoke to the Court about the proposed extension construction. He stated that he sees this as an opportunity for the County to get more revenue. Barnett asked if we had received any encouragement from the State. Starzy stated that the State will not talk about it right now. Barnett made a motion to authorize the project and go to bids with bids coming back to Court for approval. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried. Darmstaedter then made a motion for financing bids to come back to Court for approval. Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

David Powell, Attorney for Hydro Project spoke to the Court regarding the lawsuits filed over Mobley's claims. He stated one was filed in Batesville and one in Conway and it was still to be decided which Court would hear the case. He stated that the ACA may have revised their position and may be able to assist the County with the lawsuit. Mike Hughes was also introduced as well as Rita Potts.

In new business, Darmstaedter introduced Ordinance 2008-01, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007, as amended, for the purpose of transferring funds between line-items, categories, and budgets, within the County General Fund, Senior Citizens Fund, County Recorder Cost Fund, and DHS/Health Office Complex Fund; appropriating funds therefore; and, for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The Clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Arms seconded. Motion carried.

Hicks then introduced Mr. Don Bice to the Court to speak about the Trash issue. Bice stated that he wanted to give the Court a heads-up on what the private sector was doing about the problem. He handed out information on an In-Vessel Composting Solution system that they had looked into that could save up to \$5.00 to \$6.00 per ton. The unit has no emissions, leakage or sound. He stated that the 1st year start up could be around 1.6 million. After several questions from the Court, Judge Hicks thanked Mr. Bice for his presentation.

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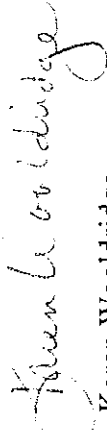
Bill Hoskins gave the Bethesda Fire Departments report on the Sales Tax Funds received from the County and stated his appreciation.

Hicks asked if there were any citizen's comments.

James Darmstaedter told the Court that Thanks should go to the Treasurer for the good job that she had done on earning more interest for the County.

Cash made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Wooldridge
Independence County Clerk