

July 15, 2008

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on Monday, July 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 of the Court present:

Tim Stewart	Robert Cuzzort
David McIntosh	Mike Hatfield
Orville Arms	Charles Barnett
James Darmstaedter	James McLean

Arms made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting along with Special meeting minutes. Darmstaedter seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Hicks advised the court that the sheriff and treasurer reports had been handed out. He also told the court that the recreation grants had been mailed out for the new year's request.

Judge Hicks told the court that the bids for the expansion of the Juvenile Detention Center had been received and a copy was in their packet. He advised the court that the lowest bidder was Noacon, Inc. with a bid of \$717,200.00. The next lowest bid was from Provence Construction and the third lowest bid was M&A Jones, Inc. Jim Starzy told the court that the financing would be through Citizens bank for a term of 5 years. McIntosh told the court that he would like to go with M & A Jones because he knew their work. Barnett agreed that he too would like to go with M & A Jones; however he did not see that the county was in any shape to go \$40,000.00 higher Barnett made a motion to go with Noacon, Inc. Hatfield seconded. All voted yea with the exception of McIntosh. Motion carried.

Mayor Bobby Davis of Oil Trough spoke to the court about the flooding in Oil Trough and asking that certain levies be taken down. Barnett suggested that the county talk to the Corp of Engineers and Marion Berry's Office on this matter and then go from there.

Claudette Parks told the court that she had made copies for them on the expenses paid for solid waste in 2003. The court members decided to wait until all years could be given to them.

Bill Walmsley spoke to the court on the findings of the economic task force. He told the court that they had traveled to other counties to see what their course of action had been on economic development and was very much impressed with how some had handled the situation. He advised the court that if the community wants to grow, they would need a funded economic development program with a Board of Directors and that he would furnish the legal work for this project without cost. Barnett asked the Judge to have a tentative Board of Directors list for the next meeting.

Barnett introduced Resolution 2008-09, a resolution declaring a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace, in Independence County, State of Arkansas. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Arms seconded. Motion carried.

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Arms introduced Resolution 2008-10, a resolution of the Quorum Court of Independence County certifying local government to call upon the Congress of the United States of America, and the representation of the first Congressional District of Arkansas in particular, are called upon to address and solve the fuel crisis permanently. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Barnett seconded. Motion carried.

McLean introduced Ordinance 2008-15 for its second reading. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. The third reading will be at the next meeting.

Hatfield introduced Ordinance 2008-16, an ordinance amending ordinance 2007-56 and the annual budget for 2008, as amended, for the purpose of transferring funds between line-items, and categories, in the solid waste fund; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2008. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Arms seconded. Motion carried.

McIntosh introduced Ordinance 2008-17, an ordinance amending ordinance 2007-56 and the annual budget for 2008 for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds to the Solid Waste Fund, and establishing new line-items, categories, with said funds to be derived from the County Contingency Fund, County Road Contingency Fund, and anticipated solid waste revenues; 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. Cuzzort seconded. Motion carried.

Stewart introduced Ordinance 2008-18, an ordinance amending ordinance 2007-56 and the annual budget for 2008, as amended for the purpose of transferring funds between line-items, categories, in the county general fund and county clerk cost fund; appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2008. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. McLean seconded. Motion carried.

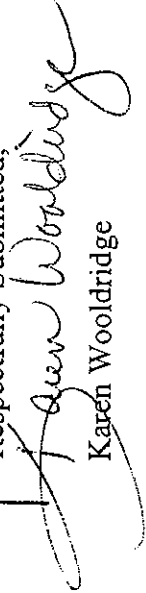
Darmstaedter introduced Ordinance 2008-19, an ordinance amending ordinance 2007-56 and the annual budget for 2008 for the purpose of establishing a budget in the county general fund entitled "Special Southside Water Extension" with said funds to be derived from the Arkansas Department of Economic Development Grant, establishing line-items, anticipating and appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2008. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Arms seconded. Motion carried.

Arms asked the Judge about the Salvage Yard ordinance. Hicks told the court that the salvage yard is doing what they are suppose to be doing now. County Attorney Eric Hance was asked to include scrape steel in the ordinance.

Barnett made a motion for the court to approve two members to go to the AAC conference in August. He told the court that two had gone in the past but was then changed to just one member attending. Arms seconded motion and all voted yea except McIntosh.

After citizens comments, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Wooldridge