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The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on June 8, 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	

Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11th regular meeting. Stewart seconded. The motion carried.

Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11th Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Nelson seconded and motion carried.

Wyatt told the court about the May 27th Parks and Recreation Meeting where the committee had decided for the full court to vote on using the \$100,000.00 on hand or financing part of the purchase of land for the shooting range. Hicks informed the court that the best bid was from First Community Bank at 2.84%. Long made a motion to approve the minutes and to purchase at financing 75% and paying the other 25% from the \$100,000.00. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's report was handed out with Sheriff Bowers telling the court that the only coverage on the comp time was the School Resource Officers.

The Treasurer's report was handed out without any questions. Foreman told the court the year to date increase was 6.22% and monthly increase was 5.32%, with actual amount being \$13,000.00 over projected amount.

In citizen's comments, James Balsler of Sheley Lane spoke to the court regarding the Hydro Project stating something needed to be done.

In other citizen's comments, Fred Bates spoke to the court regarding a problem on Mead Lane with people blocking the street at night drinking and doing other unlawful things. He stated that he had called the Sheriff's office several times and that something needed to be done on this problem that had been going on for around four years.

Judge Hicks told the court that a budget committee meeting would be set up in a few weeks to discuss the job description for the Economic Development Director position.

Judge Hicks also stated that he would be setting up a Road Committee meeting soon.

District Court Judge Chaney Taylor spoke to the court regarding a grant which he has applied for DWI Court. He told the court the team had gone to California for training for the DWI Court and explained in detail everything involved in the court. Judge Taylor asks the court to approve for the county to administer the money from the grant. He also stated that he would need to hire a female probation officer. Stewart made a motion to approve and Bridgman seconded. Motion carried. Judge Hicks then brought up the problem of storage at the District Court Building and the need for a storage building. The cost would be around \$6,695.00. He advised the Court as of now the building did not meet fire standards. Bridgman made a motion to move forward and purchase the building. Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Raymond Brooks, Susan Hooker and Steve Fletcher spoke to the court regarding the letter sent from ACA to the county on the default on payment of bonds and turning the management of the Hydro Project over to Luna Entergy to manage. After much discussion, Bridgman made a motion to amend the agreement. Carter seconded. Those voting Yea: Bridgman, Boothby, Nelson, Carter, Cash, Long and Thompson. Those voting Nay: Stewart, Wyatt, Moore and Weaver. Thompson then made a motion to move forward with agreement with amendment meeting IRS requirements. Long seconded. Those voting Yea: Bridgman, Moore, Weaver, Boothby, Nelson, Carter, Cash, Long and Thompson. Those voting Nay: Stewart and Wyatt. Motion to enter into agreement with amendment carried.

John Belew spoke to the court regarding the ongoing litigation with Mobley Construction and the County on the construction of the Hydro project. He told the court that they have a 10 Million dollar lawsuit hanging over their heads and possibly had three choices they could make. 1. Do nothing at all, 2. Defend the lawsuit and approve spending out of County Funds to pay experts to defend. Or 3. One that he would hate to see happen, the County filing Bankruptcy. After some further discussion about the Hydro Project, the Court moved on.

Thompson introduced Resolution 2009-08, a resolution of appreciation to Harold Wilson, who served as Election Commission Chairman from 1997 until 2009. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Moore seconded and motion carried.

Moore introduced Ordinance 2009-27, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of establishing (3) "Corporal" positions and salaries in the Juvenile Detention Center Fund/Juvenile Detention budget division, appropriating funds therefore; and, for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Boothby seconded. Motion carried.

Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2009-28, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of establishing new line-items; appropriating supplemental county general funds, to the Quorum Court budget; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety... Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Boothby introduced Ordinance 2009-29, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of transferring funds between line items, and categories, in the Senior Citizens Fund, Juvenile Detention Center Fund/Juvenile Detention Grant-In-Aid Budget; appropriating funds therefore; and, for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Moore seconded. Motion carried.

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Judge Hicks asked the Court if they were still interested in the property on lower main. The court stated yes. The amount that had been set by the court earlier was \$90,000.00.

Judge Hicks told the court that they were mailed the Audit findings in their packets Thompson made a motion to approve and Bridgman seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Hicks told the Court that there was still a balance of \$2,100.00 owed to the funeral home on the County Employee that had been killed while on the clock. He would like to pay that out of his other misc. line item. Nelson made a motion and Moore seconded. Thompson said that he would abstain from voting. Hicks told the court that he would pay it and if it came back on the county, he would repay the money. *Hance Spate.*

Judge Hicks told the court that Mike Thompson, agent for Brokers Dental Insurance had requested to be able to have open enrollment again for new employees. Boothby made a motion to allow. Stewart seconded and motion carried.

Without further discussion, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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