

June 11, 2007

The Independence County Quorum Court meets in its regular session on Monday, June 11, 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.

Members present:

Tim Stewart  
Karry Phillips  
Deborah Wyatt  
David McIntosh  
Orville Arms  
James McLean

James Darmstaedter  
Robert Cuzzort  
Mike Hatfield  
Bill Cash  
Charles Barnett

Darmstaedter made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Stewart seconded. Motion approved.

The Sheriff's report was handed out with out any questions. Treasurer Linda Foreman gave the treasurer's report stating the County had received \$259,600.00 in sales tax for last month which was about the same as last year. She also stated that revenues are behind but not as much as before.

In old business, discussion began on the Solid Waste problem again with Barnett stating that the average cost to I.E.S.I. was around \$50,000.00 per month. Phillips asked if I. E.S.I. received the revenues from outside vendors. Barnett stated that was correct. Judge Hicks then asked Ms. Foreman where the larger amount of money was that could be used to help correct the Solid Waste Budget that would not need to be used for something else. She stated that profits from Juvenile Detention had about \$500,000.00 and with anticipated revenues would be around \$858,751.62. Cash asked if this would take care of the remaining year. Barnett stated yes and then made a motion to appropriate \$415, 000.00 from the Juvenile Detention Fund to be transferred each month by Court Order to cover expenses. McIntosh seconded. Hicks then asked the Clerk to call roll. Those voting Yea: Stewart, Phillips, Wyatt, McIntosh, Arms, Darmstaedter, Cuzzort, Hatfield, Cash, Barnett, and McLean. Motion carried.

In new business, Judge Stephen Choate spoke to the Court about needing another intake officer for Cleburne County stating that in 2005 Independence County had 307 cases and Cleburne County had 193. In 2006, Independence County had 306 and Cleburne County had 204 with Cleburne County only having one person as to four in Independence County. He stated that the starting salary for this position would be \$26,000.00 and that after one year the State would kick in. He would try to get help from the schools but since they were in summer break it might hard to do. He then asked that some money from the Juvenile Detention be used for this. Barnett made a motion to approve this request. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2007-22, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007, as amended for the purpose of deleting one deputy position and establishing an Election/Voter Registration Coordinator position to be effective May 28, 2007 in the County General Fund, within the County Clerk's Budget and transferring between line-items, and for other purposes for the calendar Year 2007. The Clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

Cash introduced Ordinance 2007-24, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007 for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds to the Senior Citizens Fund with said funds being derived from Insurance Claims, Sale of Vehicles and Federal Funds III-B, and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Cuzzort introduced Ordinance 2007-25, 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 in the county road funds; appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. McLean seconded. Motion carried.

In Citizens Comments, Bill Hoskins thanked the Court for not taking the money from Sales Tax for the Solid Waste problem. He told the Court that this was something that they needed to look at for a long term solution. He suggested having an advisory board consisting of members of the court and people in the county to be appointed to look into the Solid Waste problem.

Without further comments or announcements, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Wooldridge  
Independence County Clerk