

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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The Independence County Quorum Court met in regular session on Monday May 11, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess Carpenter Building. Judge Bill Hicks presided. County Treasurer Linda Foreman, County Sheriff Keith Bowers, Tax Collector Janet Perkey, Tax Assessor Odus Fulmer and County Clerk Karen Woodlridge were also 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	

Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13th, 2009 meeting. Stewart seconded and all voted yea to approve.

The Sheriff's report was handed out.

The Treasurer's report was handed out with Ms. Foreman stating that County General revenues were down just a bit.

Judge Hicks advised the court of a letter from Rita Potts resigning her position with the Hydro Project. He told the court that the Maintenance and Operation contract was up. He stated that it had been mentioned to make the employees County employees which he did not want to do. The bonding company had recommended a contractor.

There were no Citizens comments.

In old business, Claudette Parks told the court that they needed to be clear on the exemptions that were discussed in the last Solid Waste Committee meeting and to vote on them. After discussion, Bridgman made a motion to approve the exemptions to be Vacant Land, Multiple housing, remoteness (any dwelling that we do not service or unable to provide, make the offer for them to bring trash to where we can pick up, if refused charge and work it out through an appeal), unoccupied houses. Long seconded and motion carried.

In new business, Ed Mabry, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee told the court that they had met a couple of times and had set the process for funding a new business. People will submit Ideal for funding, a confidentiality statement and business plan. Once this is approved by the committee, it would come to the full Quorum Court for approval for funding. Bridgman stated that the 1st order of business should be to hire a business director. Moore asked where the director would be housed. Mabry stated at the Chamber of Commerce more than likely. Stewart said that he would like to have monthly reports to the court.

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Jim Starzy spoke to the court about needing money from the Juvenile Depreciation Fund to install metal ceilings in the older part of the center. He stated that the materials would be around \$12,733.00 and labor would be around \$10,000.00. He told the court that the depreciation fund was started in 2005 and that he had around \$95,000.00 in that account at present. Bridgman asked if this was a safety hazard and Starzy stated it was. Moore made a motion to approve, Wyatt seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Starzy then asked the court to approve the addition of three full time employees. He told the court that for six months would cost around \$47,000.00. After some discussion, Thompson made a motion to approve and Bridgman seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Hicks then told the court that they had copies of the compliance report for the Jail and Juvenile Detention Center in their folders and everything looked good.

Judge Chaney Taylor, Warren Wade and Jimmy Moore spoke to the Court about the need for security in the District Court Building. They submitted an estimate from TWA Alarms from Heber Springs. Thompson asked if they had any other bids. Wade stated no. Thompson made a motion to name an Ad Hoc Committee to review this. Bridgman seconded. Motion carried. Hicks told Wade to have 2 more estimates to present to the committee. Hicks then praised Wade and Moore for the training they had completed and the fine job that they do.

Wyatt spoke to the court about the Parks and Recreation meeting that was held prior to the meeting tonight. Rocky Willmuth and Mike Bond from Arkansas Game and Fish Commission spoke to the court regarding a grant for the construction of a shooting range. They stated that the deadline for the grant was in June and they had found property for this North of Batesville. After further discussion, a motion was made from the committee to recommend to the full court. Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Nelson made a motion to proceed with what had been recommended in the parks and recreation meeting. Thompson seconded and motion carried.

Oodus Fulmer, Tax Assessor asked the court to approve for him to fill an existing position that had become available. Stewart made a motion, Moore seconded and motion carried.

Janet Perkey, Tax Collector asked the court to approve filling a vacant position in her office. Long made a motion, Bridgman seconded and motion carried.

Cash introduced Resolution 2009-06, a resolution of the Quorum Court of Independence County authorizing the County Judge to apply for a rural business enterprise grant from the U.S.D.A. Rural Development Rural Business Cooperative Services. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Thompson introduced Resolution 2009-07, a resolution appointing one member to the Independence County Equalization Board. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Moore seconded and motion carried.

Bridgman introduced Ordinance 2009-23, an emergency ordinance authorizing the levy of an additional twenty dollar (\$20.00) fine to help defray the expense of incarceration of prisoners pursuant to Act 209 of 2009; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Moore seconded and motion carried.

Nelson introduced Ordinance 2009-24, an ordinance mending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental senior citizens funds; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2009-25, 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 Act 442 of 1987 Fund; appropriating funds therefore; and, for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Boothby seconded and motion carried.

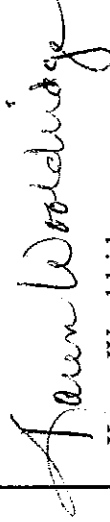
Boothby introduced Ordinance 2009-26, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of transferring funds between line-items, and categories, in the County General Fund/Prosecuting Attorney Independence County Budget; appropriating funds therefore; and, for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Glen Blevins was on the agenda but was not present.

Chad Smart was on the agenda/ Thompson made a motion to allow five minutes for the speaker. Motion carried. Smart spoke to the court regarding policy and procedure problem with District Court. He stated that this was something that the court needed to look into.

Without further discussion, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Woodridge