

October 16th, 2009

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on October 16th, 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	Bill Cash
Deborah Wyatt	Waymon Long
Anne Moore	Tony Thompson
Bobby Weaver	
Margaret Boothby	

Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting. Nelson seconded. Motion carried. Claudette Jones told the Court about a letter of correction sent by Glen Willis on Resolution 2009-14 passed last month. Long made a motion to correct by title. Stewart seconded and all voted yea. Motion carried.

Stewart spoke to the court regarding the September 21, 2009 Law Enforcement Committee Meeting. He stated that Judge Taylor had handed out reports and had stated that one of the weaknesses was in the payment of warrants. County Attorney Eric Hance had also addressed the committee on the resource officers comp time. Long asked if Dispatch had done the training. Sheriff Bowers stated that Joy with dispatch would be. Nelson made a motion to approve minutes of the meeting. Moore seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 23, 2009 Newark Interlocal Meeting were Discussed with Sheriff Bowers stating that a plan to utilize one officer at Newark to work part time as a resource officer to Cedar Ridge School District would be addressed on Ordinance 2009-56 later. Moore stated that Cedar Ridge would reimburse for this. Nelson made a motion to approve minutes. Boothby seconded and motion carried.

The Sheriff and Treasurer reports were handed out with Long commenting on the number of Property checks on the sheriff's report and Nelson stating that Treasurer Foreman was doing an outstanding job.

Ed Mabry gave the Economic Development report stating that the County did get the DHS Call Center and that searching for a parcel on land for this facility was underway. Bridgman asked about Townsends. Mabry stated that it had not been funded as of yet.

The Road and Juvenile Detention reports were handed out without any questions.

There were no Citizens Comments.

In Old Business, Claudette Jones stated that they would be voting on an ordinance that night to bring their budget line-items out of the negative and that another ordinance would need to be done next month to carry through the remainder of this year. The court agreed on presenting the other ordinance at the meeting next month.

In New Business, Mr. William Coe of 495 Coe Lane in Charlotte spoke to the court regarding a parks and recreation grant rollover for Bayou Dota Academy Museum Inc. Bridgman made a motion to move forward. Nelson seconded and motion carried.

Judge Bill Hicks presented a proclamation to the Independence County Historical Society newly elected President George Lankford and past President Brian Langston, proclaiming the week of October 18, 2009 as Historical Society Week in Independence County.

Mr. Gary Underwood with the US Census Bureau spoke to the court about the importance of the census which will take place in 2010. He stated that in the 2000 census, Independence County had a 68% response from every contact they made. Judge Hicks stated that the County does miss out on some federal funding due to being 73 people short right now.

Cash introduced Resolution 2009-15. A resolution authorizing the County Judge of Independence County to apply for a grant on behalf of the County entitled GIF Funded Community Enhancement Grant. Judge made a correction of the amount in the last paragraph from \$48,000.00 to \$148,000.00. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Boothby seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Bridgman introduced Ordinance 2009-50, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of transferring funds between line-items, budgets, and categories, in the County Recorder Cost Fund, Solid Waste System Fund and Juvenile Detention Center Fund; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Wyatt seconded. Motion carried.

Weaver introduced Ordinance 2009-51, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county general funds to the Independence County DWI Court-Pilot Project Budget, establishing new line-items, amending anticipated county general revenues, appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2009-52, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental special disaster recovery funds, amending anticipated revenues, appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Long seconded. Motion carried.

Stewart introduced Ordinance 2009-53, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental county general funds to the Quorum Court and Coroner budgets, appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Boothby introduced Ordinance 2009-54, an ordinance authorizing the financing of certain software to be used by Independence County, authorizing the execution and delivery of a promissory note between Independence County, Arkansas and Liberty Bank, authorizing and prescribing other matters relating to software and the purchase thereof. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Nelson introduced Ordinance 2009-55, an ordinance amending ordinance 2009-46 for the purpose of correcting an erroneous date in the title and changing verbiage in section 3; and for other purposes. The County Judge read the ordinance in its entirety. Boothby seconded. Motion carried.

Moore introduced Ordinance 2009-56, an ordinance amending the Newark/Independence County Interlocal Agreement to provide for a part time school resource officer for the Cedar Ridge School District, declaring an emergency, and for other purposes. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

Nelson introduced Ordinance 2009-57, an ordinance amending ordinance 2008-43 and the annual budget for 2009, as amended, County Road Fund, for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds, amending anticipated county road revenues; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2009. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Long seconded. Those voting Yea: Stewart, Bridgman, Wyatt, Moore, Weaver, Boothby, Nelson, Cash and Long. Those voting Nay: Thompson. Motion carried.

Moore spoke to the court regarding a letter from the City of Newark asking for the grant to be rolled over to 2010 for new carpet. They are in the process of having the roof repaired before having the new carpet installed. Stewart made a motion to approve. Wyatt seconded. Motion carried.

Boothby announced that the Budget Committee meeting set for October 15th had been set back until 6:00 instead of 5:30.

Without further discussion, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Wooldridge

