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INDEPENDENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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September 11, 2007

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007 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. All members of the Court were present.

Darmstaedter made a motion to approve all the minutes of previous meetings. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Hicks asked if there were any questions on the Solid Waste Meeting. Bill Hoskins stated that they had a good turn out and he thought the meeting went well.

The Sheriff's and Treasurer's reports were handed out and there were no questions.

Jo Blatti with The Old Independence Museum spoke to the Quorum Court about a modest request for \$1, 200.00 for a special touring exhibit that will be at the Museum in October-November 2007. The \$1, 200.00 will be needed to pay persons to unpack the exhibit when it arrives. She also stated that they had raised most of what was needed for the exhibit with the exception of the above amount. Stewart made a motion to fund the money through the Parks and Recreation Sales Tax Grant Fund. McLean seconded. Motion carried.

John Ed Welch with Hughes, Welch and Milligan told the Court that the Hydro audit on expenditures from the issuance of bonds from 2003-2006 looked good. He stated that he would assist Rita in setting up a double entry bookkeeping system.

In unfinished business, Judge Hicks told the court they would find the letter and order sent to the Arkansas Public Service Commission requesting an additional 30 days and additional ballots regarding the one-way extended service with AT & T.

Arms introduced Resolution 2007-17, a resolution pertaining to the distribution of Act 1314 of 2007. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

McLean introduced Ordinance 2007-35, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007 for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds to the County General Fund, with said funds to be derived from Jail Commissary revenues, amending the annual budget for 2007, amending anticipated revenues and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

Stewart introduced Ordinance 2007-36, 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 General Fund, with the County Clerk Budget and the OES Budget, County Road Fund, Senior Citizens Funds, and Solid Waster System Fund within the Independence County/City Recycling Budget, Juvenile Detention Center Fund, within the Juvenile Detention Grant-In-Aid Budget and Juvenile Detention Center Budget; appropriating funds therefore; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Wyatt seconded, Motion carried.

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Phillips introduced Ordinance 2007-37, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007 for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds to the County General Fund, with said funds to be derived from the collection of Community Service Fine Fees Revenues and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Barnett seconded. Motion carried.

Wyatt introduced Ordinance 2007-38, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006-48 and the annual budget for 2007 for the purpose of appropriating supplemental funds to the County General Fund with said funds to be derived from the County General anticipated revenues, amending the annual budget for 2007, amending anticipated revenues and for other purposes for the calendar year 2007. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Darmstaedter seconded. Motion carried.

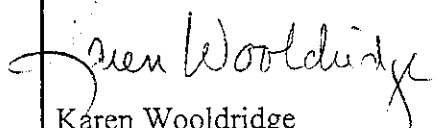
Judge Hicks told the Court they would find packets for the Community Service Workers Comp Insurance quotes in their folders. He also stated that there was a letter from County Treasurer Linda Foreman regarding the Apprentice System that she has changed to. Judge Hicks asked Ms. Foreman if she had anything to say to the court regarding this matter. She did not.

Juvenile Detention Director James Starzy and Administrative Assistant Peggy Kendrick presented the plans for expansion of the Juvenile Detention Center. The Court had many questions and informed Mr. Starzy and Judge Hicks they would like to know more about the purpose of the land and the dollar amounts for the project should it be done.

McIntosh spoke about his concerns should the Equalization Board reduced the tax valuation amount for Future Fuels. Tax Collector Janet Perkey handed out a report that showed that if this happened, it would affect County General by about \$83,000.00, County Road by \$54,000.00 and Library by about \$18,000.00. McIntosh stated that with budget time coming up, this would be something to consider.

After no further citizen's comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,



Karen Wooldridge
Independence County Clerk