

AGENDA
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR MEETING
Jess B. Carpenter Building
Juvenile Courtroom
March 10, 2008
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance (Mr. Hatfield)
B. Invocation (Mr. Stewart)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting

III. SPECIAL REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Sheriff's Report (Sheriff Keith Bowers)
B. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Linda Foreman)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(Mr. Cash)

RESOLUTION 2008-3 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE AND THE COUNTY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT WITH LEE AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS FOR THE WHITE RIVER JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FACILITY EXPANSION

(Mr. Cuzzort)

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-56 AND THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO COUNTY GENERAL FUND, WITH SAID FUNDS TO BE DERIVED FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUES, AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2008, AMENDING ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008.

(Mr. Barnett)

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-56 AND THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING THE ASSISTANT JAIL SUPERVISOR'S POSITION IN COUNTY JAIL AND ADJUSTING THE COUNTY JAIL SUPERVISOR'S SALARY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008.

SOLID WASTE ISSUE (MR. ERIC HANCE, INDEPENDENCE COUNTY ATTORNEY)

V. BUDGET MATTERS

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2008-3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF INDEPENDENCE COUNTY
STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION ENTITLED:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE AND THE COUNTY
CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT WITH LEE
AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS FOR THE WHITE RIVER JUVENILE
DETENTION CENTER FACILITY EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, Independence County, Arkansas, will be undertaking a project for the construction of an expansion to the White River Juvenile Detention Center Facility.

WHERE AS, Independence County has followed the state procurement procedures for selection of an architect to provide plans and specifications, and to provide construction inspection of the White River Juvenile Detention Center Project; and

WHERE AS, it will be necessary for the County Judge and County Clerk to act in connection with the Architectural Agreement;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Quorum Court of Independence County, Arkansas, hereby declares that the County Judge and County Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Lee and Associates Architects of Batesville, Arkansas, to provide architectural services to the County for the White River Juvenile Detention Center proposed project.

DATE: _____ **APPROVED** _____

County Judge

ATTEST: _____

County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-05

AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF INDEPENDENCE, STATE OF ARKANSAS;

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-56 AND THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO COUNTY GENERAL FUND, WITH SAID FUNDS TO BE DERIVED FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUES, AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2008, AMENDING ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008.

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2007-56, Section A., COUNTY GENERAL FUND/ Sales Tax Recreation Budget, and the Annual Budget for 2008, as amended, are hereby amended for the purpose of appropriating \$3,439.00 to the Sales Tax Recreation Budget with said funds derived from Anticipated Revenues. Funds will correct an erroneous payment paid to the Bethesda Community Center in December of 2007. County check number 170837 in the amount of \$382.99 should have been issued for the amount of \$3,821.99.

SECTION 2. The appropriation contained in this section, shall be reflected in the Annual Budget for 2008, as follows:

<u>FUND/BUDGET</u> <u>Line-Item</u>	<u>Original</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Appropriation</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>			
Sales Tax Recreation Budget			
(1-9274-3) Bethesda Community Center	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,439.00	\$ 7,439.00

SECTION 3. The appropriation contained herein increases the Sales Tax Recreation Budget to \$274,215.89. The County General Fund increases to \$7,781,063.12. Anticipated County General Revenues of 2007 are increased to \$7,781,063.12.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any part of this ordinance shall be held void, such part shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

DATED: _____

APPROVED: _____
Judge Bill Hicks

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06

AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF INDEPENDENCE, STATE OF ARKANSAS;

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-56 AND THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING THE ASSISTANT JAIL SUPERVISOR'S POSITION IN COUNTY JAIL AND ADJUSTING THE COUNTY JAIL SUPERVISOR'S SALARY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008.

SECTION 1. An ordinance deleting the position of County Jail Assistant Supervisor, and adjusting the County Jail Supervisor's Salary to \$33,624.54 to be affective upon the signing of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The changes herein do not affect the totals of the personal services category, the County Jail Budget, or the County General Fund.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any part of this ordinance shall be held void, such part shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

DATED: _____

APPROVED: _____
Judge Bill Hicks

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk

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February 19, 2008

The Independence County Quorum Court met in its regular session on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess B. Carpenter Building. Judge Bill Hicks presided. County Treasurer Linda Foreman and Deputy County Clerk Tracey Wyatt were present. Members present:

Tim Stewart	Robert Cuzzort
Deborah Wyatt	Mike Hatfield
David McIntosh	Bill Cash
Orville Arms	Charles Barnett
James Darmstaedter	James McLean
Karry Phillips	

Darmstaedter made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Barnett seconded. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Linda Foreman spoke about the treasurer's report which was mailed out earlier. She reported that sales tax is down 14 ½ %.

The sheriff's report was handed out.

In new business, Cuzzort introduced ordinance 2008-02, which is an ordinance amending ordinance 2007-56 and the annual budget for 2008 for the purpose of appropriating funds to the county general fund, OES budget division, and establishing a new line-item, with said funds to be derived from a reimbursable homeland security grant and revenue received from billing of hazmat responses, amending the annual budget for 2008, amending anticipated revenues; and for other purposes for the calendar year 2008. The deputy clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

Cash introduced ordinance 2008-03, which is an ordinance to establish the rate of pay and reimbursement for jury services; to assign responsibility for applying for reimbursement from the state; and declaring an emergency. The deputy clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Stewart introduced ordinance 2008-04, which is an ordinance pursuant to A.C.A. 16-10-209 authorizing district court allocation of time payments for fines and costs; and declaring emergency. The deputy clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

Before the meeting ended, McIntosh requested a solid waste discussion be put on the March agenda.

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A motion was made by Darmstaedter to recess the meeting due to the fact that the sheriff, county attorney, and Little Rock attorney were all absent due to illness. Barnett seconded. Motion carried. The meeting will reconvene Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jess B. Carpenter Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Wyatt, D.C.

Tracey Wyatt, Independence County Deputy Clerk

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February 20, 2008

The recessed meeting from February 19, 2008 was reconvened on February 19, 2008 in the Jess B. Carpenter Building at 6:00 P.M... County Judge Bill Hicks presided. County Treasurer Linda Foreman and County Clerk Karen Wooldridge were present. Members present:

Tim Stewart	Robert Cuzzort
Deborah Wyatt	Mike Hatfield
David McIntosh	Bill Cash
Orville Arms	Charles Barnett
James Darmstaedter	James McLean

Sheriff Bowers spoke to the Court regarding the Settlement Agreement from the Lawsuit against him. The details were that the person involved in the lawsuit would go back to Jail Administrator with her pay increasing \$5,000.00. Barnett made a motion to do away with the Assistant Administrator position with her position being changed to Chief Administrator and pay increase effective as soon as the Ordinance is passed. Arms seconded. Motion carried.

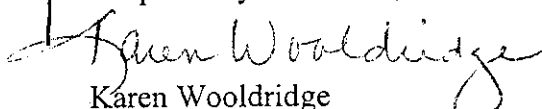
John Richardson and Van Thomas spoke to the Court regarding the Southside Sewer System and some funds that are now available for a corporation that is wanting to relocate to Southside. GWH Corporation is a Newport Corporation wanting to relocate that will have a 33 job transfer along with between 10-35 new positions, but is contingent upon the Authorization of a Resolution on the Sewer System. After motion being made to put the resolution on the agenda and motion carrying, Stewart introduced resolution 2008-01, a resolution authorizing the County Judge of Independence County to apply for a grant on behalf of Independence County. The Clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

Barnett then made a motion to put resolution 2008-02 on the agenda. McLean seconded. After motion carried resolution 2008-02, a resolution authorizing the County Judge of Independence County to apply for a grant on behalf of the Batesville Regional Airport. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. McIntosh seconded. Motion carried.

Stewart made a motion to be added to the agenda. After motion carried, he made a motion to have the County Attorney Eric Hance to look into what the cost would be to terminate the contract with I.E.S.I. and report back to the court. Darmsteadter seconded. Those voting Yea: Stewart, Wyatt, McIntosh, Arms, Darmsteadter, Cuzzort, Hatfield, Cash and McLean. Those voting Nay: Barnett. Motion carried.

Hicks asked for Citizens comments. There were none. Barnett made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Wooldridge