

**MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

April 17, 2023

6:00 PM

The Madison County Quorum Court met on April 17, 2023, in regular session with eight members present. James Eaton was absent.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written with a motion from Wendy Pettz and a second by Cord Riley. Eight members voted to approve the minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as written. Eight members voted to approve the report.

The Expenditure Report was approved as written. Eight members in favor, the report was approved.

County Judge Larry Garrett advised the court, the subdivision committee had a meeting on Thursday April 13th and will meet again in the coming weeks. The ordinance states that 2 members of the Quorum Court be on the subdivision committee. Judge Garrett appointed Wendy Pettz and Cord Riley to serve on the committee. Matt Cleaver made a motion to approve with a second by Jason Yates. All eight members in favor.

Judge Garrett spoke about the Solid Waste Committee. Which consist of Robin Reed, Boston Mountain Solid Waste Director; Travis Dotson, Mayor of Huntsville, and Judge Larry Garrett. The Solid Waste Committee met on April 13th and talked about trying to streamline the Solid Waste Department to make it more profitable. Judge Garrett praised Christal Baker with significant improvements that she has made to the Solid Waste Department since taking over. She, Christal, has brought the Department from costing the County money to making money. Judge Garrett said he would like to appoint Robin Reed as Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee because of her years of expertise.

Greg Wheeler, DEM; spoke about working on a grant to purchase a new console system for Dispatch. The current system is out of date. The Community Facility Grant is a 75/25 grant with a maximum of \$50,000. Greg received a bid from Smith 2 Way Radio on a Mantra Console at \$157,667.00. Also, looking at bringing our old CAD Dispatching System up to date with a software update. With this new update the Sheriffs Office, and EMS will have the capabilities of a mobile dispatch phone to be able to flip thru calls. AVL-Auto Vehicle locator will be able to see on a map which unit is the closest to the call and send that unit out. Mr. Wheeler is trying to set up a 3 ½ year contract with RPS Software to lock in a rate. Since everything is a yearly subscription. He wants to make sure we can subscribe for 3 ½ years so we can use Grant money to help pay for the software with out worry of a yearly price increase. The rate for 3 years is \$46,000.00. Judge Garrett reiterated the need for a new console to the Quorum Court. Stating that the console has been in need of updating for some time now. The parts have become obsolete. Cord asked if CAD was our current system? Greg said yes, that CAD system thru RPS is our current system and we would just be updating our current software.

Madison County Judge Larry Garrett introduced Ordinance 2023-7. This is an ordinance authorizing the exchange of property between counties. Jerry Yates made a motion to put the ordinance on its first reading. Jason Yates seconded the motion. Eight members voted in favor. Madison County Clerk Austin Boatright gave the first reading. Wendy Pettz made a motion to adopt. Bob Rawson seconded the

motion. All eight members in favor of the first reading. Judge Garrett wanted emergency clause added to ordinance due to the fact that Madison County will be sending money to another county. Wendy Pettz made a motion and it was seconded by Bob Rawson. All eight members in favor. Clerk Austin Boatright read the emergency clause. Wendy Pettz made a motion to amend the emergency clause to Ordinance 2023-7. Joe Wilson seconded the motion. All eight members in favor of adding emergency clause. Bob Rawson made a motion to put Ordinance 2023-7 on its second reading by title only. Jason Yates seconded. All eight members in favor. County Clerk Austin Boatright presented the second reading by title only. Wendy Pettz motioned to approve 2nd reading and Matt Cleaver seconded. All eight members in favor. Bob Rawson made a motion for third and final reading by title only. Jason Yates seconded. All in favor. County Clerk Austin Boatright presented the third and final reading by title only. Wendy Pettz made a motion and Joe Wilson seconded. All eight members voted to approve Ordinance. Ordinance 2023-7 passes on its third and final reading.

Judge Garrett introduced Ordinance 2023-8. This ordinance is an appropriation ordinance to make an appropriated transfer of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund to the ARPA Revenue Replacement fund; to amend Madison County budget Ordinance 2022-25 and Amendments to said Ordinance; for other purposes. Matt Cleaver made a motion and Jerry Yates seconded. All eight in favor. Mr. Clerk Austin Boatright put Ordinance 2023-8 on its first reading. Bob Rawson made a motion to accept and Cord Riley seconded. All eight in favor. Ordinance 2023-8 passes on its first reading.

County Judge Larry Garrett presented Ordinance 2023-9. A Supplement Appropriation Ordinance amending Ordinance 2022-25 (The 2023 Budget) and appropriating monies from various funds to their respective departments. Jerry Yates motioned and Jason Yates seconded. All eight in favor. County Clerk Austin Boatright read the Ordinance. Wendy Pettz made a motion to accept and Bob Rawson seconded. All eight members in favor. Ordinance 2023-9 was approved and passed on its first reading.

Madison County Judge Larry Garrett introduced Ordinance 2023-10, and Ordinance amending Ordinance NO. 2022-25 and updating the salary schedule for Madison County. Matt Cleaver made a motion and Jerry Yates seconded. Mr. Clerk Austin Boatright read the Ordinance. Bob Rawson made a motion to approve and Matt Cleaver seconded. Ordinance 2023-10 passes on its first reading.

Judge Garrett made mention of the City of Huntsville wanting to purchase the walking trail and the land it sits on. Mayor Dotson spoke that the City had plans of a splash pad, or another playground and would like to acquire the land instead of lease. Judge Garrett said it is hard to get a grant on land that is leased instead of owned. County Judge Larry Garrett asked if the court would be in favor of the possible purchase. All the JPs were in favor.

With no other business to discuss Wendy Pettz made a motion to adjourn. Jason Yates seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

APPROVED: Larry D. Garrett
Larry Garrett, Madison County Judge

ATTEST: Austin Boatright
Austin Boatright, Madison County Clerk

DATED: April 17, 2023

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COUNTY CLERK
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