

**MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

June 19, 2023

6:00 PM

The Madison County Quorum Court met on May 15, 2023, in a regular session with all nine members present.

The Minutes from the previous meetings were approved as written.

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

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

Judge Garrett presented the Judge's Report and asked if anyone had questions or comments on the other department reports.

With no old business to discuss, Judge Garrett moved on to the public hearing for the Wesley Community Building Block Grant Application. Carl Stewart from the Wesley Community addressed the court about the need for the updates on the building and the benefits to the community, if done. Cassie Elliot with Visionary Milestones presented the information about the Community Development Block Grant for Wesley. The Grant will be a 90/10 match, with the 10% coming from the Wesley community. Madison County Judge Larry Garrett presented Resolution No. 2023-2, a Resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for a Grant on behalf of the community of Wesley. Cord Riley made a motion to read Resolution No. 2023-2 and Bob Rawson seconded. County Clerk Austin Boatright read Resolution No. 2023-2. James Eaton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-2, and Cord Riley seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, eight members voted in favor and Jerry Yates abstained. Resolution No. 2023-2 was adopted.

Judge Garrett introduced Resolution No. 2023-3, a Resolution establishing a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by Law Enforcement Agencies within the applicant's jurisdiction against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. Cassie Elliot with Visionary Milestones addressed the court and informed them that the Resolution is protocol in applying for the Community Block Grant for Wesley Community Building. Jason Yates made a motion to read Resolution No. 2023-3 and Wendy Pettz seconded. County Clerk Boatright read Resolution No. 2023-3. Jerry Yates made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2023-3. Cord Riley seconded the motion. Nine members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2023-3 was adopted.

County Judge Larry Garrett opened the floor for public hearing regarding the Wesley FUN Park Grant. Carl Stewart with the community of Wesley addressed the court and expressed the need for playground equipment in Wesley. The closest park for Wesley residence would be Mitchusson Park or Elkins Park. Judge Garrett presented Resolution No. 2023-4, a Resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for a FUN Park Grant on behalf of the Community of Wesley. JP Eaton made a motion to read Resolution No. 2023-4 and Bob Rawson seconded. County Clerk Austin Boatright read the Resolution. Cord Riley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-4. Jason Yates seconded the motion. Eight members voted in favor, and Jerry Yates abstained. Resolution No. 2023-4 passes.

Judge Garrett opened the floor again for public comment for the Withrow Springs Park Grant. Ty Rudolph spoke about the needs for updates at Withrow Springs, Cassie Elliot with Visionary Milestones discussed the information about the Park Grant. County Judge Garrett introduced Resolution No. 2023-5. Wendy Pettz made a motion to read to read Resolution No. 2023-5, seconded by Joe Wilson. Clerk Austin Boatright read Resolution No. 2023-5. Sam Roddy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-5. Joe Wilson seconded the motion. All nine members voted in favor of Resolution No. 2023-5. Resolution No. 2023-5 passes.

Sherriff Ronnie Boyd addressed the Quorum Court about a pay increase for Deputies and Dispatchers. He spoke about the struggle to hire based on the current salary. The Sherriff's Office is currently down to 10 employees including the Sherriff. They have two positions available. Jerry Yates made a motion to give a bonus to all Sherriff's employees and have two sign-on bonuses for the two available positions. Jerry Yates suggested \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Jason Yates. After discussion between Judge Garrett, and Clerk Boatright asked Jerry Yates to resend his motion and to clarify the appropriations to certain line-items, Jerry Yates declined. The motion went to the floor for a vote. Two members voted for the motion and seven members against. The motion failed. County Judge Larry Garrett asked to form a committee to look at bonuses for the Sherriff's office. Judge Garrett appointed Clerk Boatright, Treasurer Watkins, JP Bob Rawson, JP Wendy Pettz, JP Cord Riley, Sherriff Boyd, and himself. Judge Garrett asked for clarification on the bonuses and JP Bob Rawson suggested for everyone employees by the county.

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County Judge Larry Garrett introduced Ordinance No. 2023-15, an appropriation ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-25 and updating the personal services budget of the County Clerks Office and the Road & Bridge Department. Bob Rawson made a motion to read Ordinance No. 2023-15. Sam Roddy seconded the motion. County Clerk Austin Boatright read the Ordinance. James Eaton made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-15, seconded by Bob Rawson. Eight members in favor. Jerry Yates voted present. Ordinance No. 2023-15 passes.

Judge Garrett presented Ordinance No. 2023-16, an ordinance authorizing the exchange of property between Madison County and the City of Huntsville. Bob Rawson made a motion to read Ordinance No. 2023-16 seconded by Jason Yates. All members in favor. Clerk Boatright read the ordinance. Wendy Pettz made a motion adopt Ordinance No. 2023-15. Joe Wilson seconded. Eight members in favor, Jerry Yates against. Bob Rawson made a motion to put Ordinance No. 2023-15 on its second reading. Cord Riley seconded. All members in favor. County Clerk Boatright read Ordinance No. 2023-15. Sam Roddy made a motion to adopt, seconded by Wendy Pettz. Eight members in favor, Jerry Yates against. Wendy Pettz made a motion to put Ordinance No. 2023-15 on its third and final reading. Motion seconded by Cord Riley. All members in favor. Clerk Boatright read the ordinance. Wendy Pettz made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-15, seconded by James Eaton. Eight members in favor. Jerry Yates voted against. Ordinance No. 2023-15 passes on it's third and final reading.

With no other business to discuss Matt Cleaver made a motion to adjourn. Wendy Pettz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

DATED: June 19, 2023

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Larry Garrett, Madison County Judge

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