

**MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

November 20, 2023

6:00 PM

The Madison County Quorum Court met on November 20, 2023, in regular session with all nine members present.

Public Comment. No public comment.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the revision to remove Jerry Yates voting no twice in the October regular meeting. The minutes were revised to show that Jason Yates voted no instead of Jerry Yates twice.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The Expenditure Report was approved as presented.

Madison County Judge Larry Garrett presented the Judges report along with the Department reports. Judge Garrett touched on the new GENASYS mass notification system among other things listed in the Judges Report.

Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

New Business. Judge Stacey Zimmerman addressed the court to hire a new Juvenile Probation Officer at an increased rate. Judge Zimmerman informed the court of the potential new hire and all of the certifications and training experience. After much discussion on pay James Eaton made a motion to hire the Juveniles Probation Officer at \$40,476.50 base pay. The motion failed for lack of a second. More discussion was had and Bob Rawson made a motion to hire the Juvenile Probation Officer at \$40,476.50 equal to the starting pay of a certified deputy. Motion was seconded by Wendy Pettz. Eight members voted in favor; Jerry Yates opposed. Motion passes with an 8 to 1 vote.

Madison County Sherrif Ronnie Boyd presented a request to change salary schedule in regards to an Evidence Technician. Sherrif Boyd stated the need for another person to be trained to be an Evidence Technician as well as an Office Assistant. Sherrif Boyd stated the need for another Office Assistant because they only have one currently and when she is gone, they have to close the Office.

Darren Henderson with the Madison County Extension Office provided the Court with a yearly update of all the services and activities that his office offers to the youth in the community as well as the Master Gardeners Club.

Judge Garrett presented the court with Ordinance 2023-24 a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. James Eaton made a motion to place Ordinance 2023-24 on its first reading. Motion was seconded by Bob Rawson. All nine members in favor. Clerk Austin Boatright placed Ordinance 2023-24 on its first reading.

A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-25 (THE 2023 BUDGET) AND APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM VARIOUS FUNDS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Section 1: Ordinance No. 2022-25 is hereby amended, and the sum of \$33,500.00 is hereby appropriated from Fund 1000, the County General Fund, to the following departments and line items in the amounts and in the manner set forth below:

- A. Fund 1000, County General, Department 0400, Sheriff, \$33,500.00 to Line Item 4999, Capital Outlay

Section 2: Ordinance 2023-24 is hereby amended, and the sum of \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated from Fund 1000, to County General Fund, to the following departments and line items in the amounts and in the manner set forth below:

- A. Fund 1000, County General, Department 0401, Circuit Clerk, \$10,000.00 to Line Item 3999, Other Services and Charges.

Motion was made by Jerry Yates to adopt Ordinance 2023-24 and seconded by Jason Yates. All nine members in favor. Motion passes on its first reading.

County Judge Larry Garrett introduced Ordinance 2023-25. An Ordinance amending Ordinance no. 2022-25 and updating the salary schedule for Madison County. Jerry Yates made a motion to place Ordinance 2023-25 on its first reading. The motion was seconded by Wendy Pettz. All nine members in favor. County Clerk Boatright place Ordinance 2023-25 on its first reading.

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.C.A 14-14-801 the Quorum Court of Madison County, State of Arkansas has the responsibility to fix the number and compensation of deputies and county employees

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

- Section 1. The position of Dispatcher/Booking is hereby removed from the Madison County Salary Schedule for the Sheriff's Office (Fund 1000, Department 0400)
- Section 2. The position of Office Assistant/Evidence Technician is hereby added to the Madison County Salary Schedule for the Sheriff's Office (Fund 1000, Department 0400) at a base rate of \$32,381.23
- Section 3. In addition to the base rate of pay, an additional "Evidence Technician Stipend" is added to the Madison County Salary Schedule for the Sheriff's Office (Fund 1000, Department 0400) at a rate of \$3,000.00 to be awarded all or in part at the Sheriff's discretion based on training and competency. Jerry Yates made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-25 seconded by Jason Yates. All nine members in favor. Motion passes on its first reading.

County Judge Garrett presented Ordinance 2023-26 an Ordinance amending Ordinance NO. 2022-25 and updating the salary schedule for Madison County. Wendy Pettz made a motion for Ordinance 2023-26 to amend the motion presented earlier in the meeting awarding additional pay to Judge Zimmermans request for the Juvenile Probation Officer. The motion was seconded by Sam Roddy. Eight members in favor, Jerry Yates voted against. Clerk Austin Boatright placed Ordinance2023-26 on its first reading.

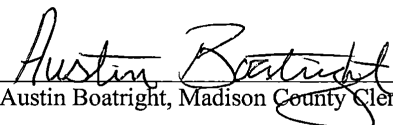
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

- Section 1. The position of Juvenile Probation Officer is hereby amended in the Madison County Salary Schedule for the Juvenile Probation Office (Fund 1000, Department 0414) and the milage amount in the salary schedule of such office in the amount of \$2,021.25 is hereby removed
- Section 2. The position of Juvenile Probation Officer is hereby amended in the Madison County Salary Schedule for the Juvenile Probation Office (Fund 1000, Department 0414) and the base rate of the Juvenile Probation Officer is adjusted to \$40,476.50
- Section 3. This section of this ordinance shall not be an adjustment to the Madison County Salary schedule but the milage for this position shall be reimbursed at the same rate as the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration for travel which is deemed necessary and associated with the duties of the position which is appropriately approved and signed by the duly acting Juvenile Judge of the Circuit Court which operates as the supervisor of such employee. All approved milage reimbursements shall be turned into the County Clerk's Office. Wendy Pettz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-26 and was seconded by Bob Rawson. Eight members in favor, Jerry Yates voted against. Motion passes on its first reading with a vote of 8 to 1.

With no other business to discuss Jason Yates made a motion to adjourn. James Eaton seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED: 
Larry Garrett, Madison County Judge

ATTEST: 
Austin Boatright, Madison County Clerk

DATED: November 20, 2023