

**MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

January 17, 2023

6:00 PM

The Madison County Quorum Court met on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in a regular session with all nine members present.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Wendy Pettz motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Jason Yates seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. James Eaton motioned to accept the report as written, Jason Yates seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the Treasurer's Report as written.

The Expenditure Report was presented. Wendy Pettz made a motion to accept the report as written, Jerry Yates seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the Expenditure's Report as written.

Judge Garrett introduced the new department heads to the Quorum Court. Each department head reported on the projects going on in their departments. Christal, with Solid Waste, was the only one that did not present a report. Judge Garrett presented the Judge's Report; he mentioned the project listed for Road and Bridge. Also, Christal Baker, Solid Waste, had ask for a roll-off truck. Austin Boatright had wanted the Quorum Court to think about a more modernized way to do payroll, the UKG system. Michael Sloan requested 62 radios and A WIN radio system would be compatible with all the systems to be used together. There is a grant right now that will pay 75%, and we will pay 25%, project presented to Quorum Court by DEM, Greg Wheeler.

Jim Langford from Southfield reported that they looked at the new property that had been added to the list of the properties for consideration for a jail site, the Glenn property, and noted that the property would be a prime spot for the jail to be built on. He also advised that there will be a meeting to discuss further building plans with all involved on February 16, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. Judge Garrett then opened the floor to any concerns about the jail properties. Ken Maloy, a property owner from the Enclave Subdivision voiced his, and many of the property owners concerns for the jail being built on the bypass. Cynthia Thayer, lives in the Enclave Subdivision expressed her fears about the jail being built on the bypass. Sarah Marshall, representing Kay Cogger, gave a list of all the positive attributes of the Cogger Property. Todd Thomas made comments on the properties. Michael Sloan also made comments on the properties, as well.

New Business: Ty Rudolph, President of the Madison County Youth Baseball Program explained that Mitchusson Park needed several improvements. The fences need to be repaired, the concession stand needs new windows and boards to put over the windows when not in use, to prevent people from breaking in the concession stand. They do need a storage building for all the supplies. They need a new scoreboard. New bleachers for all the observers. Preferably aluminum instead of wood. They discussed looking for a grant, to help with the costs. Cassi Elliot from Visionary Milestone offered her assistance in helping with the grant writing.

Judge Garrett announced a proposed update to the Madison County Employment Policy. County Clerk Austin read the Employment Policy -Section 15-F (Page 17 of the Madison County Employment Policy), Regarding Quorum Court Family Members Consideration for County Employment. James Eaton motioned to strike Section 15-F from the Madison County Employment Policy, Jerry Yates seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

The Quorum Court presented Judge Garrett with the board appointments. They declined to approve any of the presented advisory board appointments. They supported the suggested members of the administrative board appointments for the Equalization Board (Jay Moffett and Guy Roden) and the Madison County Library Department (Joe Doster, Amy Hasty, Darby Barksdale, and Toni Johnson). Judge Garrett had yet to receive the appointment confirmation from Howard Cain, Jr., so his appointment to the Law Library Board was also not approved.

Judge Garrett introduced Ordinance 2023-1 (An Ordinance Establishing the Organizational Structure of Regularly Held Quorum Court Meetings). County Clerk Austin Boatright explained the ordinance. Jerry Yates motioned to read Ordinance 2023-1, and Jason Yates seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion on a roll call vote.. County Clerk Austin Boatright read Ordinance 2023-1. James Eaton motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-1, and Jason Yates seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Austin Boatright read the ordinance for the second reading by Title Only. James Eaton motioned to approve the second reading of the Ordinance No. 2023-1 and Jerry Yates seconded that motion. All members voted in favor. County Clerk Austin Boatright read the ordinance for the third reading by Title Only. James Eaton motioned to approve and Jerry Yates seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Bob Rawson motioned to adopt and Wendy Pettz seconded that motion. Roll call, all members were in favor. The ordinance was adopted

Judge Garrett introduced Ordinance 2023-2 (An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchases of Goods and Services from a Quorum Court Member). Judge Garrett explained that the county had Sparky's Garage to work on many of the county vehicles and would like to continue. County Clerk explained the ordinance. Bob Rawson motioned to read Ordinance 2023-2, and Matt Cleaver seconded that motion. Seven members voted in favor, and two members (Jason Yates and Jerry Yates) abstained from the vote. County Clerk Austin Boatright read Ordinance 2023-2. Bob Rawson motioned to adopt, and James Eaton seconded the motion. Seven members voted in favor, and two members abstained (Jason Yates and Jerry Yates). County Clerk Austin Boatright presented the second reading by Title Only. Bob Rawson motioned to approve, and Cord Riley seconded the motion. Seven members voted in favor, and two members abstained. (Jason Yates and Jerry Yates). Wendy Pettz made a motion to adopt, and Matt Cleaver seconded the motion. Seven members voted in favor, two members voted to abstain (Jason Yates and Jerry Yates). County Clerk Austin Boatright presented the third reading of the ordinance by Title Only. James Eaton made a motion to approve, and Joe Wilson seconded the motion. Seven members voted in favor and two members abstained (Jason Yates and Jerry Yates). Wendy Pettz motioned to adopt. Bob Rawson seconded the motion. Seven members voted in favor and two members abstained, (Jason Yates and Jerry Yates). The ordinance was adopted.

Wendy Pettz is the new County Delegate. Matt Cleaver motioned to accept and Bob Rawson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Judge Larry Garrett asked the Quorum Court if they would waive their pay from the last training meeting. Matt Cleave motioned to accept, and Wendy Pettz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The request was approved.

Jerry Yates motioned to vote on a property to build the jail, and Bob Rawson seconded the motion. The Quorum voted to buy the Cogger property to build the new prison. All members favored the county purchasing the Cogger property for the future home of the new jail.

With no further business, a motion was made by Wendy Pettz and seconded Sam Roddy to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:


Larry Garrett, Madison County Judge


ATTEST:


Austin Boatright, Madison County Clerk

DATED: January 26, 2023

FILED

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AUSTIN BOATRIGHT
COUNTY AND PROBATE CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BY  P.C.