

**MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

July 17, 2023

6:00 PM

The Madison County Quorum Court met on July 17, 2023, in regular session with seven members present. Wendy Pettz arrived later to the meeting, changing the court to eight members in attendance.

The Minutes from the previous meetings were approved as written. 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.

Judge Garrett presented the Judge's Report and briefly touched on the other department reports.

Judge Larry Garrett asked that the court move to new business, Public Comment/Hearing on 2023 Subdivision Regulatory Ordinance, then come back to old business.

New Business. Madison County Judge Larry Garrett opened the floor up to public comment on the 2023 Subdivision Regulatory Ordinance. No public comment was heard. Judge Garrett asked the Quorum Court if that had any comments. With none being heard Judge Garrett asked for a motion to put Ordinance 2023-17, Subdivision Regulatory Ordinance on its first reading. Sam Roddy made a motion, seconded by Cord Riley. All eight members in favor. Clerk Boatright read Ordinance 2023-17 in its entirety. Bob Rawson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-17. James Eaton seconded the motion. All eight members in favor. Ordinance passes on its first reading. (Ordinance 2023-17 will require two (2) more affirmative readings)

Old Business. County Judge Garrett moved back to Old Business to discuss mid-year raise/bonuses for Sheriff's Department and Dispatch. After discussion amongst the JPs about bonuses versus raises. Bob Rawson made a motion for each employee of the Sheriff's Office as of today's date (July 17, 2023) to be paid a \$2,000.00 bonus as of December 31, 2023 this year as a retention bonus and each employee in Dispatch as of today's date (July 17, 2023) to be paid a \$1,000.00 retention bonus payable on December 31st, 2023. Motion was seconded by Sam Roddy. All eight members voted in favor. James Eaton asked about clarification on the employees for the Sheriff's Office, explaining that there were three (3) employees that were not deputies. Bob clarified his motion stating that his intention with the motion was to give every deputy (who carries a gun) a \$2,000.00 retention bonus and everyone else a \$1,000.00 retention bonus. Judge Larry Garrett advised the court that since the bonuses would not be paid until December 31, 2023 that they will have to make an amendment to the budget. Judge Garrett said we will say it is official but it will have to come back in front of the court to vote on at the meeting next month.

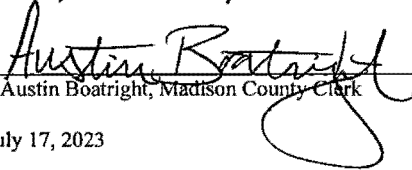
New Business. Madison County Judge Larry Garrett informed the court of new changes to the Employment Policy. Judge Garrett asked for a motion to adopt the Employment Policy changes. James Eaton made a motion. Wendy Pettz seconded the motion. All eight members in favor. County Clerk Austin Boatright read the Employment Policy changes. JP Eaton asked about section G under Madison County Employee Fringe Benefits. If "such coverages shall be provided by a single Insurance Provider or single Insurance Agent". Judge Garrett clarified that it would be a single Insurance Provider. With no other discussion Bob Rawson made a motion to adopt the new Employment Policy. Seconded by Cord Riley. All eight members in favor. Motion carries to update Employment Policy.

Judge Garrett presented the court with Ordinance 2023-18, a Noise Ordinance (Regarding Data Centers). County Judge Larry Garrett discussed the Ordinance was for Crypto Mining and the noise pollution that it causes. Judge Garrett also explained that almost every county in Arkansas is passing the Noise Ordinance. Judge Larry Garrett asked for a motion to place Ordinance 2023-18 on its first reading. James Eaton made a motion, seconded by Jason Yates. All eight members in favor. Clerk Austin Boatright read Ordinance 2023-18 in its entirety. Wendy Pettz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-18, motion seconded by Same Roddy. Madison County Judge Larry Garrett asked for a motion to put Ordinance 2023-18 on it's second reading by title only. James Eaton made a motion and Joe Wilson seconded. All eight members in favor. Clerk Boatright read Ordinance 2023-18 by title only. Jerry Yates made a motion to adopt. Wendy Pettz seconded the motion. All eight members in favor. Judge Larry Garrett asked for a motion to put Ordinance 2023-18 on its third and final reading by title only. James Eaton made a motion and Sam Roddy seconded. All eight members in favor. County Clerk Austin Boatright placed Ordinance 2023-18 on its third and final reading by title only. Sam Roddy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-18. Jason Yates seconded the motion. All eight members in favor. Ordinance 2023-18 passes on its third and final reading.

County Judge Larry Garrett advised the court that the grant for the dispatching console was denied and the county would be responsible for the purchase. Judge Garrett also told the court that, he spoke with Carroll Electric and the solar project was set to go live on Thursday, July 20th.

With no other business to discuss Bob Rawson made a motion to adjourn. Jason Yates seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

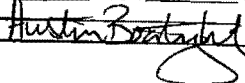
APPROVED: 
Larry Garrett, Madison County Judge

ATTEST: 
Austin Boatright, Madison County Clerk

DATED: July 17, 2023

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AT 12 O'CLOCK P.M.
AUSTIN BOATRIGHT
COUNTY CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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