

MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
REGULAR SESSION

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December 20, 2021

The Madison County Quorum Court met on December 20, 2021, in a regular session with all nine members present.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as written.

The Expenditure Report was approved as written.

Judge Frank Weaver presented a proposed long-term lease agreement with the Paws and Claws Pet Shelter. The proposed lease agreement will be for the county-owned property on which the current pet shelter is located. The proposed long-term lease will help the pet shelter qualify for more grant funding opportunities. Larry Garrett made a motion to approve the lease, and Pattie Shinn seconded the motion. County Attorney Billy Allred stated there was a typographical error on the first line, as the date should read 2022 rather than 2021. All members voted in favor of the lease. Judge Weaver will sign the lease after the date correction is made.

Judge Weaver introduced Resolution No. 2021-5, a resolution authorizing Madison County to enter a contract of obligation with the Division of Environmental Quality on behalf of the Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Center. Larry Garrett made a motion to read the resolution. Pattie Shinn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker read the resolution. Pattie Shinn made a motion to adopt the resolution. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2021-5 was approved.

Judge Weaver introduced Ordinance No. 2021-15, an appropriation ordinance levying millage rates for 2021 taxes collected in 2022. Wendy Pettz made a motion to read the ordinance. Pattie Shinn seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Blocker read the ordinance. Pattie Shinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-15. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2021-15 was adopted.

Judge Weaver introduced Ordinance No. 2021-16, an appropriation ordinance approving Madison County's operating budget for 2022. Larry Garrett made a motion to read Ordinance No. 2021-16. Jack Hudgins seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Blocker read the ordinance. Pattie Shinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-16. Wendy Pettz seconded the motion. After some discussion and several questions regarding the proposed budget, all members voted in favor of the ordinance on a roll call vote. Ordinance No. 2021-16 was adopted.

Judge Weaver introduced Ordinance No. 2021-17, an appropriation ordinance. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker explained that the ordinance's purpose was to cover some unanticipated overages in the 2021 budget, including an appropriation for Arkansas CAMA Technology's final invoice for the current 5-year reappraisal contract, which ends in 2021. The final invoice from Arkansas CAMA Technology was for 365 parcels that went over the contracted number of parcels allotted in the contract. Pattie Shinn made a motion to read Ordinance No. 2021-17. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker read Ordinance No. 2021-17. Pattie Shinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-17. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion. Ordinance No. 2021-17 was adopted.

Judge Weaver introduced updates to the Madison County Employment Policy. The Quorum Court tentatively approved these updates in November's Regular Session. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker pointed out several of the changes that had been made to the policy including, the way overtime is calculated for sheriff's deputies, a change on the date that payroll checks will be issued when a two-


day holiday falls on Thursday and Friday of payroll weeks, an increase to the longevity pay for county employees, and the inclusion of a new policy which was approved by ordinance to reimburse employees for the cost of Medicare insurance if they do not participate on the county's group health plan. T.W.Dotson made a motion to adopt the updated Employment Policy, and Pattie Shinn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

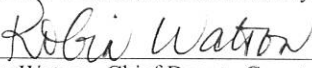
Judge Weaver and Madison County Sheriff Rick Evans updated the Quorum Court on the prisoner housing situation due to Washington County ending Madison County's contract to house prisoners. After a lengthy discussion and public comment, the court instructed Judge Weaver to contact a contractor to see how much a new facility to house 100, 200, and 300 prisoners would cost, as well as engage a bonding company to determine how to pay for such a facility. The court further directed Judge Weaver to contact a private prisoner housing company to see if there would be a possibility of a regional jail being built and how much it might cost to house prisoners in a private facility. In the short term, the Judge and Sheriff will reach out to Carroll County to see if it would be possible to house more prisoners there until a jail can be built.

Sheriff Rick Evans announced that his department had applied for and was awarded a \$15,000 grant for equipment. He stated they would be purchasing body cameras with the grant funds.

Judge Weaver introduced Prosecuting Attorney Matt Durrett, who addressed the jail issue and informed the court about problems that might arise with spreading prisoners out in different counties. He also discussed the possible use of technology to handle some court proceedings so that the transportation of prisoners could be minimized.

With no further business, a motion was made by Larry Garrett and seconded by Pattie Shinn to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:   
Frank Weaver, Madison County Judge

ATTEST:   
Robin Watson, Chief Deputy County Clerk

DATED: January 11, 2022