

**MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

February 16, 2021

6:00 PM

The Madison County Quorum Court met via teleconference on February 16, 2021, in a regular session with all members present.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as written.

The Expenditure Report was approved as written.

County Judge Frank Weaver presented the Carroll and Madison Library System Annual Report. The written report gave statistics and highlights from each library in the regional system.

County Clerk Tamitha Blocker announced that the County's website www.madisoncogov.com is currently being revamped. She reported that the newly designed website would contain more information than the current website. The anticipated time frame for the launch of the newly designed website is toward the end of March.

Judge Frank Weaver announced that Madison County Telephone had been awarded an Arkansas Rural Connect Grant in the amount of \$1,406,532.00. The grant funds will be used to deploy broadband to the Community of Marble, Madison County, Arkansas.

Judge Frank Weaver reported that he did not have any additional information to report on the Fun Park Grant Award. He stated that a meeting scheduled earlier in the day to provide an update on the grant had been canceled, so he did not have any new information to give to court members at this time. He is hoping to have additional details at next month's meeting.

Judge Frank Weaver introduced Resolution 2021-1, which would allow Butterball LLC to be considered for participation in the Tax Back Incentive Program under Arkansas Code Annotated §15-4-2706(d). After a brief discussion, Pattie Shinn motioned to have the clerk read Resolution No. 2021-1. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker read Resolution No. 2021-1. A motion to adopt was made by Larry Garrett and seconded by Pattie Shinn. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Judge Weaver presented The Mountain Reserve Subdivision plat for approval by the quorum court. Judge Weaver stated that the subdivision review committee had met to review the proposed plat and initially had some concerns. The committee sent the plat back to Mr. Michael Harris, the developer, for revisions. The committee met again to review the revised plat and went through the current Madison County Subdivision Code checklist. Judge Weaver stated that Mr. Harris had met all the items on the checklist, so the subdivision review committee has submitted the plat to the quorum court for approval. Pattie Shinn made a motion to approve the plat. Wendy Pettz seconded the motion. Judge Weaver asked for any discussion on the motion. Larry Garrett stated that the copy of the final plat he received did not contain a signature from the state health department and did not contain a signature for the certificate of ownership. He asked if these items had been complied with. There was a discussion on whether a signature was required by the state health department due to the size of the lots. After a lengthy discussion on the matter and several questions to County Attorney Billy Allred, Larry Garrett made a motion to table the vote on the current motion until the next meeting to allow time to address the issues in question. TW Dotson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Judge Weaver reported that UALR had sent a Rural Fire Department Service Area Map to his office and requested certification of the map by May. Judge Weaver stated that a legal

description of each service area is needed in order to certify the map. The map (which has never been officially adopted by the quorum court) contains several diagonal lines which cannot be described without having a survey completed. Judge Weaver stated that some fire departments have expressed an interest in converting to a fire protection district or petitioning to have their fire dues placed on the annual property tax statements. The quorum court must adopt an official map of the fire department service areas before this can be accomplished. Judge Weaver stated that a meeting with the Rural Fire Association is currently scheduled. Judge Weaver plans to review the map with the Rural Fire Association and attempt to straighten the diagonal lines using section lines or quarter section lines so that a legal description of each service area can be determined without the necessity of a survey. Once a consensus is reached, a map, along with a legal description of each fire department service area, will be presented to the quorum court for official adoption.

Judge Weaver announced that the 2019 audit by the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit is currently underway.

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*
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: *Janith Blodgett*
COUNTY CLERK

DATED: March 10, 2021

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COUNTY AND PROBATE CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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