

**MADISON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

May 17, 2021

6:00 PM

The Madison County Quorum Court met in person and via teleconference on May 17, 2021, in a regular session with nine members present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as written.

The Expenditure Report was approved as written.

Brandi Holt gave an update on the Fun Park. She informed the court that the colors for the playground equipment had been selected and, the order for the equipment had been placed.

Skip Woessner, Vice President of Clear Energy, gave a presentation on his company's solar energy projects, which included several Arkansas counties. Mr. Woessner went over the benefits gained from solar projects and explained how the different types of contracts work. County Judge Kevin Smith, from Howard County, was also present and reported on his county's current solar energy project. Their county anticipates an \$800,000 savings on energy costs which will go toward getting rid of an old boiler and adding air conditioning to county buildings, as well as paying for their solar array. Mr. Woessner and Judge Smith answered questions from the court.

County Judge Weaver introduced Ordinance 2021-3, an emergency ordinance to establish fire district boundaries within Madison County. Pattie Shinn motioned to put the ordinance on its first reading. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker read Ordinance 2021-3, then reviewed the requirement to establish fire district boundaries, presented the newly proposed fire district boundary map, and explained some of the necessary changes for better response times. Larry Garrett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-3 on its first reading. T.W. Dotson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. T.W. Dotson made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2021-3 on its second reading by title only. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker read Ordinance 2021-3 by title only. Pattie Shinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-3 on its second reading by title only. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Larry Garrett made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2021-3 on its third reading by title only. T.W. Dotson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker read Ordinance 2021-3 by title only. Larry Garrett motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-3 on its third and final reading. T.W. Dotson seconded the motion. All members present voted to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-3.

Justice of the Peace T.W. Dotson spoke to the court about his desire to pass a resolution to deny Critical Race Theory to be taught in the local schools and local government. County Attorney Billy Allred advised Mr. Dotson to look at the current state law and let him know what he would like to see included a proposed resolution. Mr. Allred will prepare a resolution for presentation to the Quorum Court next month once he receives that information from Justice Dotson.

County Judge Frank Weaver introduced Ordinance No. 2021-4, an Appropriation Ordinance. Larry Garrett motioned to read Ordinance 2021-4. Pattie Shinn seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. County Clerk Tamitha Blocker read Ordinance No. 2021-4. Tamitha then reviewed and explained each proposed appropriation included in the ordinance. Pattie Shinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-4. Larry Garrett seconded the motion. All members present voted to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-4.

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

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TAMITHA BLOCKER
COUNTY AND PROBATE CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BY T.W. Dotson D.C.

APPROVED: Frank W. ...
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: Janitha Blocker
COUNTY CLERK

DATED: June 8, 2021