

SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2013 @ 7:00 PM  
FORT SMITH COURTHOUSE, ROOM 204  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

Judge Hudson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Medley gave the Invocation

Sharon Brooks called the roll with all members present:

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| Jim Medley    | Danny Aldridge   | John Spradlin |
| Tony Crockett | Shawn Looper     | Phil Hicks    |
| Johnny Hobbs  | Ray Stewart      | Bob Schwartz  |
| Linda Murry   | Dickie Robertson | Rhonda Royal  |
| Don Carter    |                  |               |

Approval of minutes:

February 12, 2013 and February 19, 2013

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes and Linda Murry seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Executive Report by County Judge

I. Attached is a Status Report on the Enterprise Application Software Project prepared by Leslie Harris, IT Director and Software Implementation Project Manager [see enclosure].

II. Aquatics Facility Project

Briefing on the Redesign of the Aquatics Facility will be provided by Andy Smith from Larkin Aquatics.

It is recommended the order of the Agenda be altered to address Item "C", the third reading of the \$8 million project plan, prior to voting on Items "A" and "B" for the additional \$820,000 and the Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Fort Smith for the specific terms of paying back 50% of the cost.

Sebastian County and the City of Fort Smith entered into an Interlocal Agreement to construct an \$8 million Aquatics Facility in 2012. Capital funds of \$4 million are available in the 2013 County Budget to proceed with this project.

III. Financial Analysis of the County General Fund

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A very thorough financial analysis of the General Fund has been completed over the past several weeks and distributed by separate memo with the March meeting packet. Recommendations are outlined for Quorum Court implementation to reduce 2013 expenditures, to help bring budget appropriations closer to estimate revenues, and to reduce use of the fund balance in the annual budget. A \$5.2 million General Fund balance is recommended.

The General Fund cash flow analysis does not include capital funds. Capital funds are not included in the fund balance or utilized for the cash flow of the General Fund. Capital funds are not used to hire personnel, give cost of living increases or pay operating costs.

The relationship of the Aquatics project to ongoing operating costs for the General Fund involves sharing the projected loss for operating the Aquatics Facility with the City of Fort Smith.

Enclosure: Status Report on Enterprise Application Software Project

**Enterprise Application Software Project Update  
March 18, 2013**

A current summary status on each of the three software modules of the Enterprise Application Software project is listed:

**New World Aegis Law Enforcement**

- Go-live October 2012
- Due to real-time data interface with Court system, dual entry is necessary on both the existing County iSeries system and the Aegis system until Court system is live
- Juvenile Detention able to handle number of bookings in both systems; not feasible in Adult Detention because of booking count
- Adult Detention utilizing this time to continue staff training on new system & reviewing current processes
- CAD, Case Management, Evidence & State & Federal reporting live
- Northpointe Inmate Classification system installation & user training completed earlier this month; New World coordinating with Northpointe to schedule official training for certification

**New Dawn JustWare Judicial System**

- Configuration completed for Sheriff's Special Services division & Prosecuting Attorney; some follow-up on PA financials still scheduled.

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- Currently working on system configuration for Public Defender & Juvenile Services...expected to take approximately 3 months
- Go-live scheduled for December, but may be sooner based on configuration phases of each department
- Coordinating financial reporting cut over for parallel processing, data verification & end of year processing
- Active cases entered into new system; closed cases accessed thru iSeries
- Requesting data conversion quotes for PA fine & restitution cases; hot check cases being evaluated by the State Prosecutor Coordinators Office

**New World Logos Financial Management**

- Go-live date for Financial System being re-evaluated due to concerns from the Treasurer on lack of clarification & training on their required functions
- Go-live reschedule also gives Treasurer & Finance departments adequate time to complete State mandated chart of accounts renumber process
- On-site meeting with CJO staff, Treasurer & New World Director of Professional Services on Friday, March 15 to discuss project status
- New World will be on site week of March 25 to focus specifically on Treasurer's requirements
- Kick-off training for HR was held week of February 25 & continues April 8 with go-live still on target for July

Shawn Looper made a motion to table all voting items scheduled on the agenda until the May Quorum Court Meeting. Looper stated that he had not had sufficient time to study the financial material delivered to him late Friday and handed to him at tonight's meeting.

Phil Hicks seconded the motion saying he would rather hold off until May for decisions and delay the opening than to vote now before looking at the numbers and not be able to pay the bills later.

Judge Hudson said if decisions are not made the Aquatic Facility will be delayed in its opening.

Jim Medley urged the Quorum Court to at least vote on the \$4 Million appropriation ordinance that comes from a fund set aside for capital expenditures and not from the General Fund. Medley made a substitute motion to vote "yes" on voting on item "C"(An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2012-22 in Order to Appropriate Additional Funds and Approve Additional Expenditures for County Offices and Departments in the 2013 Budget: and for Other Purposes (Third Reading) and table the others (A, B, D & E.)

Linda Murry stated that the county has been spending in excess of their revenue and we need to stop and regroup. Murry stated that she is not opposed to the Aquatic Facility but

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wants more detailed financial information before voting for it. Ms. Murry stated that this is a serious financial situation for the county and we need to continue to study the numbers.

The financial numbers should have been addressed before ever entering into a project of this scope. The cost of the Aquatics Facility continues to change. Murry stated that the Quorum Court has been blind sighted and was not provided the financial information that was requested and needed before decisions were made.

Jim Medley asked Linda Murry if she was serious enough about this to go back and look at other expenses that the Quorum Court is paying such as paying for the 5 or 6 Quorum Court Members Health Insurance at a cost of \$92,000.00 to the County. Medley stated that in a survey few County's pay insurance for the Quorum Court Members who only meet once or twice a month. That \$92,000.00 could be used for raises or other needs. Medley stated that the \$4 Million has been set aside for capital expenditures and not from the general fund. Medley further stated that the people have voted for the Aquatic Facility and this is what they want and the money is there.

A representative from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office read from Robert's Rule of Order that a substitute motion does not have priority over the original motion made by Shawn Looper and the motion on the floor should be voted on.

Shawn Looper stated that the financial information handed to him shows a negative cash flow and until the numbers are studied and the budget reviewed, it is better to postpone decisions.

Medley asked about voting on the ordinances in the April Regular Meeting rather than waiting until May if the information is made available and studied prior to the April meeting. Bob Schwartz asked Jim Medley why he wanted to vote in April and not in May. Medley stated that by waiting it sends a message to the Public that we can't be trusted to do what we say we would and the longer we delay the more the project will cost.

Judge Hudson asked for a Roll Call Vote. 9 members voted to table the voting until the May meeting. 4 members, Don Carter, Dickie Robertson, Ray Stewart and Jim Medley voted against deferring the voting to the May meeting.

Andy Smith from Larkin Aquatics presented a power point briefing on the Aquatic Facility re-design, which included the proposed \$820,000 additional funding. Smith stated that the major change in the re-design was the additional length of the lazy river to 600 feet and adding the dive well and swim lanes. The deepest part of the dive well will be 11 ½ feet deep and the majority of the lazy river will be 3 ½ feet deep. Mr. Smith told the group that first you get a concept design and then you get bids. Original cost was

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\$8 Million plus the additional funding of \$820,000 needed for specific features, plus "In Kind" and estimated project cost is \$9.3 Million.

Judith Miller stated that the Emergency Ordinance Establishing an Electronic Warrants Transfer (Direct Deposit) needs to be addressed in order to be in compliance with State Statute 14-24-121. Miller said this does not need to be tabled until the May meeting.

Shawn Looper made a motion to add the ordinance back on the agenda. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The ordinance was read by Sharon Brooks: An Emergency Ordinance Establishing An Electronic Warrants Transfer (Direct Deposit) System Directly into Payees' Accounts in Financial Institutions in Payment of any Account Allowed Against the County.

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Shawn Looper seconded the motion. Emergency Ordinance 2013-8 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Next item: Phil Hicks made a motion for the Committee As A Whole to meet one week prior to the April and May regular Quorum Court Meetings. Shawn Looper seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Judge Hudson asked for Public Comments:

There were no comments.

Shawn Looper made a motion to adjourn. Tony Crockett seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Sharon Brooks, County Clerk

  
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Ann Selig, Deputy Clerk