

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
MAY 21, 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.

Johnny Hobbs gave the Invocation.

Ann Selig Deputy Clerk called the roll with 12 Quorum Court Members present.

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

Phil Hicks was absent from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes for the 4/9/13 and 4/16/13 Meetings:

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes. Johnny Hobbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

The next item was the Executive Report of the County Judge:

**May 21, 2013 Quorum Court Meeting
Executive Report**

I. Enterprise Application Software Update

Progress is continuing on the Enterprise Application Software project as we work to implement Financial & HR systems. HR training is being conducted this week, and we are completing our first payroll parallel process. Implementation of the Financial System is dependent upon decision making for the Treasurer's System.

The Judicial System project is wrapping up system configuration that has been ongoing with the Public Defender and Juvenile Services for the last three months, and getting ready to kick off work with the Circuit Clerk, Court Administrator and Fort Smith & Greenwood District Courts. This process will continue for the next five months.

Law Enforcement continues to expand their database system and add functionality as they learn new options available within the software. The Detention Center continues training and parallel processing as they wait to coordinate go-live with the Judicial System.

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II. 2013 EMS Week

May 19-25 is Emergency Medical Services Week and tomorrow evening, May 22, we will recognize our County Paramedics, EMT's and First Responders beginning at 6:00 PM at Bell Park in Greenwood. Please join us in thanking them for their dedication to excellent emergency medical care they provide to the citizens in our community.

Next Judge Hudson reported that he and several others from Sebastian County attended an AAC meeting in Little Rock last week. The Judge stated that a lot of work and study went into the meeting and there were 2,628 bills filed and 1,520 became Acts.

Danny Aldridge had further comments about the meeting saying that some of the issues that pertain to the Quorum Court are:

1. The January 1st Meeting, after members are sworn in, it is at the Judge's discretion whether the Quorum Court meets then or at the regular meeting.
2. A New Law - Act 985 Regarding - Whole Meeting
3. Act 1518 -Distribution of the General Improvement Funds provided every year by the Legislature.

Next item was a review of the financial reports by Judith Miller, County Treasurer and Kathy Lawrence, County Comptroller. The Quorum Court Members were given printed reports from both of the ladies and they went over the reports together showing how each does their report and how they always balance with each other.

Judge Hudson explained the Un-obligated Fund, which has a balance of \$152, 574.00 after appropriations and recommendations.

Judge Hudson reported that the \$125,000.00 released to the Ambulance Fund and discussed at the 5/14/13 meeting was used to buy property.

Next item was a report from County Treasurer, Judith Miller. Ms. Miller reported that there's a new law that allows Tax Statements to be emailed to the Tax Payer rather than mailed and this will save the County a lot of time and money. The Tax Payer will be mailed a card asking for email address and permission to email the Tax Statement. If the email is undelivered, a hard copy of the Tax Statement will be mailed to the Tax Payer.

Judith Miller reported that she does have a contract for the Treasurer's Financial Software System. Ms. Miller stated that her office is going to use "the cloud" (New World) and Financial Intelligence Company and she's not exactly sure how the two will

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work together but hopes to have some answers next week. The Prosecuting Attorney's office will read and approve the contract.

Linda Murry asked if there would be a reduction from New World and Judge Hudson said, "Not to my knowledge".

Next item was a Resolution Authorizing the Project Delivery Method of Construction Manager at Risk for the Ben Geren Regional Park Aquatics Center Project.

Danny Aldridge stated there was a recent Supreme Court Decision in reference to using a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) VS the General Contractor-Design-Bid Built (DBB). In the absence of Prosecuting Attorney Dan Shue, a representative from the Prosecuting Attorney's office stated that you can have a CMR but each of the trade contracts has to have competitive bidding.

Judge Hudson stated that the City Board of Directors approved the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) project delivery method for the Ben Geren Aquatic Center project.

John Spradlin stated that he wanted the Quorum Court to have a voice in the decisions made and by being involved could possibly save some headaches down the road. Spradlin also, said he wanted to use locals for the job if they were qualified.

Judge Hudson reminded the members that the Quorum Court is a legislative body and not an administrative body. Judge Hudson stated that according to the Resolution, based on the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fort Smith and the County for an Aquatics Center at Ben Geren Park and the requirement for the City Board of Directors to approve the Construction Manager at Risk contract, (Which they have), the authorization to execute a contract for the Construction Manager at Risk shall also be subject to approval by the Quorum Court.

Jim Medley made a motion to approve the Construction Manager at Risk. Dickie Robertson seconded the motion. Resolution 2013-4 passed with Eleven voting YES and One voting NO, Danny Aldridge.

Next item: Judge Hudson stated that the meeting for the Mid-Year Budget Review would be on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2013 Budget and the Projected 2014 Budget as well as several personnel proposals including salary exceptions, the Fox Lawson Pay Study and others.

Next item was 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.

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This ordinance includes a laptop computer for the Greenwood Circuit Court, the 2010 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP Grant) that must be expended by the end of May 2013 and the donation of Scoreboards to the Ben Geren Softball Complex by Sykes Enterprises, Inc.

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance 2013-11. Jim Medley seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Next item was discussion of the Revised County Personnel Manual. All Quorum Court Members were given a draft copy of the Personnel Manual at the last meeting for their review. Steve Holtz stated that Labor Attorney Ben Shipley, Prosecuting Attorney Dan Shue and Elected Officials have reviewed the manual.

John Spradlin asked, what were some of the new standards? Holtz stated that two new standards are Drug Testing and Grievance Procedure. At the present drug testing is not mandatory; however, some are drug tested depending on their job description, such as working with equipment, etc.

Next Judge Hudson asked for Public Comments.

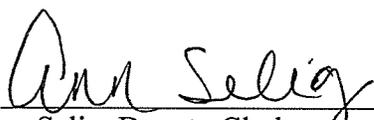
There were no comments from the public.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Sharon Brooks, County Clerk



Ann Selig, Deputy Clerk