

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.
FORT SMITH COURTHOUSE, ROOM 204
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

Judge David Hudson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rhonda Royal led the Invocation.

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk called the roll, with 12 members present. Ray Stewart was absent.

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

Legal Counsel was represented by Attorney Linda Ward.

The First Item on the Agenda was to approve the Minutes for January 21, 2014.

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the Minutes. Dickie Robertson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Next Item:

Judge Hudson presented the Executive Report:

Judge Hudson reported a press release by Fort Chaffee Development Authority regarding the new Osteopathic Medical College that will be located at Fort Chaffee on 200 acres. He stated that the College has a projected opening date of 2017 and will accommodate 150 students the first year, up to a total enrollment of 600 and approximately 69 professors with an income above \$100,000, which will have a great impact on the local economy, estimated at \$75 to \$100 million annually. Hudson reported that the key to this new Medical College to be located in Sebastian County was the support of the Clinical Rotations and Medical Residencies for the students with the hospitals and clinics, Mercy, Sparks, Choctaw Health and Cooper Clinic.

I. Review of Golf Request for Proposals

The golf RFP's are scheduled for submittal Wednesday, February 19, at 2:00 PM in Room 204 of the Fort Smith Courthouse.

In order to review these proposals the County Judge's office will work with the following groups to develop a report for submittal to the Quorum Court:

- Park Advisory Board – Recommendation
- Golf Citizen's Stakeholder Committee – Recommendation
- County Judge's Office Administration – Develop report to Quorum Court

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- A report will be developed to the Quorum Court with a recommendation by the County Judge's office for review in a regular discussion meeting or a special meeting to specifically review the Golf Course.

From February 19, 2014 to March 12, 2014 is three weeks in which to develop a report to go out before the regular Quorum Court meeting in March. March Quorum Court meeting is scheduled to be a "discussion meeting". However, it may not be possible to work with the various groups to come to a recommendation on that schedule.

If additional time is needed, a Special Quorum Court meeting could be scheduled for either Tuesday, March 25 or Thursday, March 27, with presentation of a report by March 19, allowing a fourth week for this review process.

II. Aquatics Facility Construction and Operating Costs for Rogers and Clarksville

Rogers Aquatics Facility

The Rogers Aquatics Facility Cost	\$13.6 Million
Rogers 2013 Actual Operating Expenses were	\$ 734,225
Rogers 2013 Actual Revenues were	\$1,216,595
Rogers Revenues over Expenses for 2013 were	\$ 482,370

Clarksville Aquatics Facility

The Clarksville Aquatics Facility Cost	\$ 10 Million
55% is the Aquatics or \$5,500,000	
This is a combined indoor swimming pool and aquatic facility	
Clarksville 2013 Actual Operating Expenses were	\$106,969
Clarksville 2013 Actual Revenues were	\$130,547
Clarksville Revenues over expenses for 2013 were	\$ 23,578

Clarksville had a 45 day season in 2013 from July 1 to August 17

Ben Geren Aquatics will have the only Wave Pool in our area.

III. Revisions to County Financial Management System

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In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated 14-21-101, the State Legislative Audit has revised the "Chart of Accounts" for use by County Governments, effective January 1, 2014.

The County Comptroller and County Treasurer have been working for the past several months to convert the current Financial Management "Chart of Accounts" to the new "Chart of Accounts" in accordance with State Legislative Audit guidelines.

Exhibit "A" to the 2014 Budget has been converted to the new Number System and has been handed out to the Quorum Court for consideration and adoption in tonight's meeting. The Total Budget adopted in the December 17, 2013 meeting was \$42,339,435. Appropriations made in the January 21, 2014 meeting are incorporated into Exhibit "A". The enclosed Appropriation Totals are \$42,399,738. The Budget Amendments adopted in the meeting tonight will be added to Exhibit "A" using the new Chart of Accounts after adoption.

The new Fund Numbers, Department Numbers and Expense Codes are being implemented in the month of February, with "Go Live" of the New Financial Management System as interfaced to the County Treasurer's Microsoft Access Database System. The implementation of the new County Financial Management System "Chart of Accounts" added another layer of complexity and challenge to the implementation of the new County Financial Management System.

Danny Aldridge made a motion to add Exhibit "A" to the agenda. Shawn Looper seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote and added to the Agenda under New Business.

Next Item:

Judge David Hudson recommended re-appointing Mayor Hugh Hardgrave of Lavaca to the Sebastian County Regional Solid Waste Management Board, as well as Mr. Ron Smith, who has previously served as Executive Director for the Solid Waste District. Mayor Glen Hurt from Mansfield declined re-appointment to this Board.

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve Judge Hudson's recommendations. Phil Hicks seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

Judge David Hudson recommended re-appointing Dr. James Burgess to the James Fork Regional Water District Board.

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Phil Hicks made a motion to approve Judge Hudson's recommendation. John Spradlin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

Judge Hudson asked the Quorum Court members to review the Report on the Implementation of Finance, Law Enforcement and Courts Software and to note any questions or areas of follow-up that they would like to discuss.

Next Item:

Judge David Hudson asked Sharon Brooks, County Clerk to read an Appropriation Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2013-22 in order to appropriate additional funds and approve additional expenditures for County Offices and Departments in the 2014 Budget, and for other purposes.

Judge David Hudson asked if there were any comments from the Public.

There were no Public Comments.

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the Roll.

Ordinance 2014-2 passed 12 to 0.

Next Item:

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Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the Roll.

Ordinance 2014-3 passed 12 to 0.

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Next Item:

Judge Hudson presented two Resolutions:

First Resolution, authorizing the Sebastian County Judge to apply for a grant on behalf of the Huntington Rural Fire Department and the Miltown/Washburn Rural Fire Department for the construction of a joint Fire Station.

Second Resolution, Certifying Local Government Endorsement of Butler and Cook, Inc. to participate in the Tax Back Program.

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve both Resolutions. Phil Hicks seconded the motion.

Resolutions 2014-2 and 2014-3 passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

Judge David Hudson asked Sharon Brooks, County Clerk to read an Appropriation Ordinance to approve the 2014 Budget for Sebastian County by amending Budget Ordinance 2013-22 and adopting the chart of accounts for use by County governments implemented through the Arkansas State Legislative Audit Division and for other purposes.

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance. Tony Crocket seconded the motion.

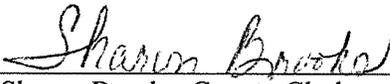
Sharon Brooks called the Roll.

Ordinance 2014-4 passed 12 to 0.

Bob Schwartz made a motion to adjourn meeting. Tony Crocket seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sharon Brooks, County Clerk


Marcela White, Deputy Clerk