

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
MAY 20, 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.

Bob Schwartz led the Invocation.

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk, called the roll with all 13 members present.

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

Judge Hudson addressed the Public regarding the Quorum Court new setup. He stated that the new set up was done so the Public could have a better view of the Quorum Court Board.

Judge David Hudson asked if there were any Public Comments.

There were none.

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Quorum Court meeting as written. Rhonda Royal seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

First Item:

Judge Hudson asked JP Danny Aldridge to give a report on the Quorum Court Association Meeting.

Danny Aldridge stated that he attended the Quorum Court Association Meeting, the Regular 75 Counties meeting, as well as the Board of Directors, about three weeks ago in Little Rock. Three main items were discussed:

1. The Quorum Court Association is concerned about fishing and wildlife regulations that designate critical habitats of some endangered species. "What it boils down to, is that this legislature can take away County government and individual's right on how they get liens from the property, how to sell and use the property. We are trying to get the designation on how they calculate economic impact addressed.
2. We established the date of the Annual meeting which will be held August 20-22, in Little Rock, AR at the Little Rock Marriott
3. We discussed heavily the situation pertaining to jails, the overcrowding, the lack of payment the counties are getting from the State, the medical problems and mental health problems.

The Association was also addressed by Elizabeth Walker from the Attorney General's Office regarding the Freedom of Information. Danny Aldridge stated that he provided a copy of the latest brochure on this subject.

Next Item:

The Executive Report was presented by the County Judge:

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I. Aquatics Facility Construction Status Report

With the change in the scope of the Aquatics Facility, additional architectural services are required to design the wave pool and other project enhancements that were made possible by the favorable bids on April 10th. The existing budget funds additional architectural services to support the project redesign requirements and enhancements to the original facility. Adjustment in the architectural contract in the amount of \$190,000 is being incorporated into the project and according to Arkansas law will be reviewed for approval by the City Directors in their meeting this evening. While the main Aquatics Facility project features have been bid, enhancements made possible by the April 10th bids are in the process of being redesigned for specifications and bidding later this year. The scope of the construction project has increased from \$7.5 million to a little over \$9.3 million.

The most significant addition to the project is the wave pool, which will also be an added attraction to improve the overall quality of the facility. Redesign and adjustments include a restroom near the children's activity pool and wave pool for convenience to parents and children.

The architectural fees involve various professional disciplines to ensure that the redesign is appropriate.

A pre-construction meeting was held at the Safe Shelter at Ben Geren Park on Monday with all of the contractors, and construction activity is escalating at the Aquatics Facility site.

II. Emergency Medical Services Week

On Thursday, May 22, Sebastian County will honor all our County's paramedics, EMT's and first responders from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Bell Park Pavilion in Greenwood, Arkansas. Quorum Court members and other Elected Officials have been invited to this program. If you are able to attend, please contact the County Judge's office and let us know so we can plan accordingly.

The program Thursday will recognize our fire department "Medical First Responder of the Year" and our "Paramedic of the Year", as we also recognize all of the emergency medical responders for the quality of emergency care that they provide to the citizens and travelers in our area.

Next Item:

A Resolution Commending Jerry Roberts for Outstanding and Dedicated Performance of Duties as the County Judge's Office Director of Emergency Management and County Administrator.

Judge Hudson stated that Jerry Roberts is leaving the office at the end of the month and requested that the Resolution be added to tonight's Agenda.

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Danny Aldridge made a motion to add the Resolution to the Agenda. Jim Medley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Shawn Looper made the motion to approve the Resolution. Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

Resolution 2014-4 passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

A Recommendation from Judge Hudson to Cancel the Midyear Budget Review Meeting on June 3rd and Conduct a Midyear Budget Review in the Regular Quorum Court Meeting July 15, 2014.

Shawn Looper made the motion to approve the Recommendation. Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

An Appropriation Ordinance Appropriating Funds and Authorizing the Lease Purchase of Golf Carts; and for Other Purposes.

There was much discussion on age, lease agreement cost, trade-in value, value and warranty regarding the Golf Carts.

Danny Aldridge made the motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Jim Medley seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks call the roll.

The Motion passed first reading with 8 Yes Votes and 5 NO Votes. (Linda Murry, Phil Hicks, Shawn Looper, Tony Crockett, and John Spradlin).

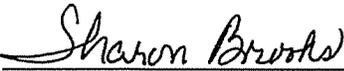
Judge Hudson stated they have a few months to evaluate options and will move forward as best as they can.

Becky Yandell, Assessor invited everyone to the Assessor's Office for Sandwiches and Cookies.

Bob Schwartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Royal seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Brooks, County Clerk



Marcela White, Deputy Clerk