

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
JUNE 17, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.
FORT SMITH COURTHOUSE, ROOM 204
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rhonda Royal led the Invocation.

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk, called the roll, with 12 members present. Johnny Hobbs was absent.

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

First Item:

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2014 Quorum Court Meeting as written.

Rhonda Royal seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Judge David Hudson asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

Next Item:

Judge Hudson presented the Executive Report.

I. County Election Coordinator Position

It is recommended that the Quorum Court add to the agenda tonight an additional item in the Appropriation Ordinance to cover the earned leave paid out for the Election Coordinator.

This appropriation will also allow Mr. Bob Cowan to continue to provide transition services in the election coordinator training slot for the next couple of weeks to assist a new coordinator.

Jim Medley made the motion to add the additional item to the Appropriation Ordinance. Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

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II. County Jail Overcrowding

A resolution supporting the Arkansas Sheriffs Association request for the Governor to add county jail overcrowding to his call for the Special Session and for the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for immediate relief from the unprecedented prison and jail overcrowding crisis is recommended for addition by the Quorum Court to tonight's agenda and implementation to support this initiative. A copy of the proposed resolution is attached.

Danny Aldridge made a motion to add Resolution No. 2014 to the agenda. Jim Medley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Judge David Hudson stated: "We will come back to this as Item E on New Business."

Next Item: Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority Board Appointment

Judge Hudson stated: "The recommendation is to add Dr. Paul Beran as a new member of the Board."

Ivy Owen, Executive Director, said that Drew Williams from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission left due to the fact that his term was up. The Legislature who created the Board requires the replacement to be State employed, who has a background focus on economic development. He stated that Dr. Paul Beran, Chancellor of the University of Arkansas Fort Smith is the recommendation brought before the Quorum Court for approval as the newest Board member for the next five year term.

Jim Medley made a motion to approve the recommendation. Linda Murry seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Next Item: Quorum Court Equalization Board Appointment

Judge Hudson stated that he provided the members of the Quorum Court with information about Bob Costner's professional background. Mr. Costner accepted another three year term on the Board.

John Spradlin made the motion to approve the recommendation. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion.

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Next Item: Report of the Disposal of County Surplus Property

Scott Stubblefield addressed the Quorum Court stating that the County is continuing to get rid of Surplus Property, got rid of two vehicles so far, most of the other things are being stored in a warehouse, even shrink wrapped on pallets. We had the Assessor and the IT look at them; some of these items are more than eight years old. We are hoping that within six months we will have the backlog gone. There are strict regulations on disposal of County Property, all tied to code. Over the last two years the County recovered up to \$110,000.

Next Item: Report on County Financial System

Judge Hudson asked if Kathy Lawrence or Judy Miller have any comments on the Memo on the Financial Report.

Judith Miller, Treasurer, commented that the last paragraph on page 24 in the Report stated that the Finance Department went live on February 2014. Mrs. Miller wanted to point out that her office went live on January 2nd, 2014.

Next Item: An Appropriation Ordinance Appropriating Funds and Authorizing the Lease Purchase of Golf Carts;and for Other Purposes. (Second Reading)

The Appropriation Ordinance was read by Sharon Brooks, County Clerk.

Judge Hudson stated that the proposal is to buy 70 Golf Carts and because of discussion last month to keep the 2012 carts a comparison is presented.

Linda Murry stated she would rather buy 25 carts this year and 25 carts next year.

Shawn Looper stated that he has information showing that between 2007 and 2013 the rounds are down by 12,000. The course had 34,000 rounds in 2007, 33,000 in 2008, 31,000 in 2009, 27,000 in 2010, 27,000 in 2011 and in 2012, 22,000 in 2013. The first 5 months of 2014 are also down just from last year. You have a collapse in 2013, and it has continued this year.

Judge Hudson stated that the carts are bringing in \$250,000 revenue.

Shawn Looper said: "Buying 70 carts and not looking at the number of rounds. I don't think is a good business decision." The course lost 40% of the business.

Danny Alridge made the motion to call for the vote to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014 as written. Jim Medley seconded the motion.

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Shawn Looper stated that this money would come straight out of the General Fund.

Judge Hudson stated: "We could spend \$55,000 buying 25 new carts. This proposal is to spend \$32,477 a year and get the 70 new carts over 4 years."

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk called the roll.

The motion was 7 Yes Votes and 5 NO Votes (Linda Murry, Phil Hicks, Shawn Looper, Tony Crocket, and John Spradlin.).

Judge Hudson said: "That passes the second reading we will have it on the next month's Agenda."

Next Item: New Business: Report on 2012 County Audit

A Response from the County Clerk and Treasurer are found on pages 27-30.

Judge Hudson said that Sharon Brooks, County Clerk, and Judith Miller, Treasurer are present to answer any questions.

Next Item: New Business: Appropriation Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2014-4

Linda Murry made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-4 as written. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk called the roll.

Appropriation Ordinance NO 2014-7 passed unanimously.

Next Item: New Business: A Resolution Authorizing the Sebastian County Judge to Apply for a GIF Fire Protection Department Grant on Behalf of the Jenny Lind Rural Fire Department to purchase a New Pumper Truck

New Business: A Resolution Authorizing the Sebastian County Judge to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for Funding the 2014 JAG Grant Program with the City of Fort Smith

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve both Resolutions. John Spradlin seconded the motion.

Resolution NO 2014-5 and Resolution NO 2014-6 passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Next Item: Resolution No. 2014 concerning Jail Overcrowding

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014. Linda Murry seconded the motion.

Resolution 2014-7 passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

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Judge Hudson stated: "We will get that executed and mailed out through the County Clerk."

Dickie Robertson stated that he would like to hear suggestions from the Park Board concerning the Golf Carts. He suggested that the 25 oldest Golf Carts be replaced with new Golf Carts.

The Judge stated that if the 2008 Golf Carts get traded for new Golf Carts, the cost would be \$55,000. The 2009 Golf Carts are out of warranty. The 2012 Golf Carts would be under warranty for two more years.

Dickie Robertson made the following motion for next month's Agenda: Present an Ordinance to provide a cash purchase for 25 Golf Carts with a trade in of 25 2008 Golf Carts and assess the condition of the rest of the Golf Carts and decide on the best option. The third reading will also be on the next month Agenda.

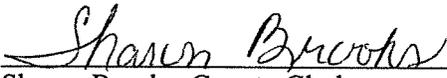
John Spradlin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Brooks, County Clerk



Marcela White, Deputy Clerk