

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.  
FORT SMITH COURTHOUSE, ROOM 204  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

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

Donald Carter led the Invocation.

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

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

First Item:

Judge David Hudson asked if there were any public comments.

There were no public comments.

Next Item:

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, and August 25, 2014 Quorum Court Meetings as written. Linda Murry seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

Executive Report of the County Judge

**Executive Report  
September 16, 2014  
Quorum Court Meeting**

I. Aquatics Facility Project

A Joint Meeting to review this project and tour the construction site is being discussed for the first part of October, a specific date will be determined within the next few days.

A preliminary budget and an operating agreement for the facility will be reviewed in this meeting.

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Planning discussions have been held between the County and the City to establish the 2015 Budget for the Aquatics Facility as an "Enterprise Fund". An "Enterprise Fund" is a self-funding budget plan. Revenue from operations covers expenses to operate under an "Enterprise Fund" plan.

Reports will be completed and distributed to the Quorum Court and the City Board in advance of the Joint Meeting.

II. 2015 Budget

A Job Evaluation Committee (JEC) Meeting is being planned "tentatively" for Tuesday, September 30.

Personnel proposals under Ordinance 2005-15 and Resolution 2009-10 will be reviewed in the October 21 Regular Quorum Court Meeting.

2015 Budget deliberations are being planned for distribution of the Proposed 2015 Budget, including a balanced budget plan to be hand carried to the Quorum Court on November 6. Special Quorum Court meetings to review the budget are planned for November 10, November 13, November 18, during the Regular Meeting, November 20 and November 25, if needed. Budget adoption is required under Arkansas law in the December 16 Regular Meeting.

Next Item:

Report on Surplus Property

Paul ...stated that the first report is on cleaning out the JDC annex, old desks and chairs. There was also recyclable metal that was sold to Davis Metal for \$390 that was placed in the General Fund/Surplus Property Sale line item.

Three vehicles were sold on GovDeals.com for a total of \$4,833.13. A total of \$1,595.63 went to the County General/Surplus Property, and \$3,237.50 went to the Road/Surplus Property Sale line item.

Next Item:

Review Electronic Quorum Court Packets

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The Electronic I- Pads are being used today for the first time. Judge Hudson stated that instead of the regular 55 packets that are normally printed for every meeting, only 20 packets were printed for tonight.

Next Item:

Judge David Hudson asked the County Clerk to read the Appropriation Ordinance on Page 43. Sharon Brooks read Appropriation Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2014-4, Transferring Funds and Establishing the Drug Court Emergency and Contingency Fund, Setting Policies Related Thereto; and for Other Purposes.

Judge Steve Tabor stated that the funds mentioned in the Ordinance will be used when the grant funds run out, to pay for incentives, pay for mental health treatments for the participants and pay for drug testing supplies. The graduation will take place at 9 A.M. on the first Friday in December, at Cavanaugh Baptist Church in Fort Smith, and Quorum Court members are invited to attend.

Shawn Looper made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Johnny Hobbs seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the Roll.

Ordinance 2014-11 passed 13 to 0.

Next Item:

Judge David Hudson asked the County Clerk to read the Appropriation Ordinance on Page 45.

Sharon Brooks read Appropriation Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2014-4 in Order to Appropriate Additional Funds and Approve Additional Expenditures for County Offices and Departments in the 2014 Budget; and for Other Purposes.

Judge Hudson stated that on Page 46, Section 2, instead of 1807 it should be 1000.

Shawn Looper made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the Roll.

Ordinance 2014-12 passed 13 to 0.

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Next Item:

Discussion of County Treasurer/Collector Salary Adjustment

Judith Miller, Sebastian County Treasurer/Collector, stated that she placed a memo in the packet for the Quorum Court showing that she is owed \$2,872 in unpaid salary for period 2009 to 2014. The memo reads: "According to the law, if a Treasurer also holds the office of Collector, they shall be paid an additional salary."

Judith Miller stated that on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, she received information that her salary for 2015 for being a Collector should be \$3,477, on top of the Treasurer's salary.

Jim Medley made a motion to table this item until the October meeting and asked Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Shue to provide information on this matter. John Spradlin seconded the motion.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

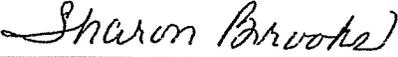
Linda Murry asked the Prosecuting Attorney for his opinion on individual meetings that Judge Hudson is having with members of the Quorum Court.

Dan Shue advised that it would be best for the judge not to meet privately with any member but rather have an informal discussion with all the members. He stated that whenever he gets a question from one Quorum Court member, the answer goes to all members.

Shawn Looper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Johnny Hobbs seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Sharon Brooks, County Clerk

  
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Marcela White, Deputy Clerk