

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CONWAY, AR  
August 21, 2021

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its organization session at 6:00 PM on August 21, 2021 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse and by ZOOM with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Justice Randy Higgins.

### **Attendance:**

County Judge James Baker, County Clerk Margaret Darter, Treasurer Scott Sanson, County Administrator Tom Anderson, County Attorney Phillip Murphy and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Boyer, Brown, Higgins, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Moss, Pearson, Pickett, Roland, Shock, and Strain.

### **Special Reports**

County Judge Jim Baker read an Executive Proclamation declaring September Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Approval of the Journal:** Justice Higgins moved that the journals of proceedings be approved as presented and such motion was seconded by Justice Lachowsky and was unanimously approved.

**County Officer's Report:** Treasurer Scott Sanson reported to the Court on the financial status of the County and a copy of the report was provided to all members and one is on file.

### **Standing Committees Report**

**Budget & Finance:** Met on 9/14/2021 and have 5 Ordinances for Court's consideration.

**Courts & Public safety:** Met 9/14/2021 and have 2 Resolutions to present under New Business.

**Personnel:** Met on 9/14/2021 and discussed numerous ordinances.

**Infrastructure & Roads:** Met on 9/14/2021 – nothing to report.

### **Old Business:**

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-21. This is an Ordinance enacting a code of ordinances for the County of Faulkner, State of Arkansas; revising, amending, restating, codifying and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the political subdivision dealing with subjects embraced in such code of ordinances, and declaring an emergency. The final reading of Proposed Ordinance 21-21 was read by Counsel Murphy by title only. After

discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 21-21. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 21-21 passed with a voice vote of 13-0..

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-11. This is an Ordinance to amend the Faulkner County Personnel Manual to include Parental Leave. Justice Pearson made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-11 and Justice Pickett seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-11. Justice Brown made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 21-11 and Justice Moss seconded such motion was unanimously approved. Justice Pearson moved to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Proposed Ordinance 21-11. Such motion was revised to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion failed a majority vote by 8-5, with Justices Kendrick, Lachowsky, Roland, Shock and Strain voting no.

### **New Business:**

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-26. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020.). Justice Boyer made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-26 and Justice Pickett seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-26. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 21-26. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 21-26 passed with a voice vote of 10-3, with Justices Allison, Lachowsky and Roland voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-27. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020.). Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-27 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-27. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 21-27. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 21-27 passed with a voice vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-28. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020 as a one-time pay increase for Faulkner County employees to be paid Premium Pay from funds received from the American Rescue Plan. Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-28 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to read Proposed Ordinance 21-28 by title only and such motion was seconded unanimously approved. Proposed Ordinance 21-28 was read by Counsel Murphy by title only. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky made a motion to table Proposed Ordinance 21-28 and Justice Strain seconded such motion. After further discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion passed with a voice vote of 11-2, with Justices Pearson and Pickett voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-29. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020 as a one-time pay increase for Faulkner County employees to be paid from funds reimbursed to the County from the United States Government, pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("Cares") Act. Justice Higgins made a motion to table Proposed Ordinance 21-29 and Justice Roland seconded such Motion. Such motion was unanimously approved.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-30. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020. Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-30 and to read by title only and Justice Higgins

seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-30 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 21-30. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 21-30 passed with a voice vote of 13-0..

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-31. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020. Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-31 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-31. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 21-31. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 21-31 passed with a voice vote of 12-0, with Justice Pearson not voting.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 21-04. This is a Resolution to designate person in succession to fill the vacancy of the office of sheriff on an interim basis. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 21-04 and Justice Brown seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 21-04. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a voice vote for Proposed Resolution 21-04. Proposed Resolution 21-04 was unanimously approved..

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 21-05. This is a Resolution affirming the commitment of Faulkner County, Arkansas to protecting the unalienable right to life of every person; and declaring Faulkner County Arkansas to be a Pro-Life County. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 21-05 and Justice Roland seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 21-05. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Resolution 21-05. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 21-05 passed with a voice vote of 11-2, with Justices Pearson and Pickett voting no.

**Appointments:**

**None**

**Announcements:**

The County Fair is going on now. There will be an auction at 10:00 a.m. at the Fair on Saturday.

There will be a suicide prevention event at Simon Park on September 30, 2021.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Faulkner County Quorum Court stood adjourned until the next scheduled meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*An audio tape is kept on file of the entire meeting\*\*\*\*\*