

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CONWAY, AR  
November 16, 2021

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on November 16, 2021 in Courtroom "A" located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge James Baker presiding.

Invocation and pledge were led by Election Commissioner Chair Rob Denning.

### **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 and Strain.

**Approval of the Journal:** Justice Higgins moved that the journals of proceedings be approved as presented and such motion was seconded by Justice Pickett 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 twice and has 2 Ordinances for Court's consideration.

**Courts & Public safety:** Met on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Justice Higgins gave a report on the Community Animal Shelter Development Committee. Has Proposed Ordinance 21-39 and Resolution 21-06 to present under New Business.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Infrastructure & Roads:** No report.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-38. 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 21-38 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-38 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 21-38. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 21-38 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-39. 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 21-39 and Justice Higgins seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed

Ordinance 21-39. Justice Higgins made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 21-39 by adding the emergency clause and Justice Lachowsky seconded such Motion and such motion was unanimously approved. Justice Allison made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 21-39 by paying it out of the American Rescue Fund and Justice Roland seconded such motion. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion failed with a voice vote of 8-4, with Justices Allison, Brown, Roland and Strain voting yes. After further discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 21-39. The roll was called and proposed Ordinance 21-39 passed with a voice vote of 11-1, with Justice Pearson voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-40. This is an Ordinance appropriating and levying millage taxes on all property, real estate and person, in Faulkner County, and for other purposes. Justice Pickett made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-40 and Justice Boyer seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-40. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 21-40. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 21-40 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 21-41. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 20-32 (December 17, 2020). Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 21-41 and Justice Kendrick seconded such motion. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 21-41. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Ordinance 21-41. The roll as called and Proposed Ordinance 21-41 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 21-06. This is a Resolution supporting the establishment of an income tax credit for fulltime law enforcement officers in the State of Arkansas. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 21-06 and such motion was seconded. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 21-06 by title only. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a vote by roll call for proposed Resolution 21-06. The roll was called and Proposed Resolution 21-06 passed with a voice vote of 12-0.

**Appointments:** Justice Higgins made a motion to accept Oscar Gomez to the Lake Conway Community Wastewater Utility Board and Sammy Hartwick to the Faulkner County Public Facilities Board and such motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Special Reports**

The legislative Findings was presented to the Court for the 2019 Legislative Audit. Justice Higgins made a motion to accept the report with findings and the recommendations of the County for correcting such findings. Justice Moss seconded such motion. After discussion, Judge Baker asked for a voice vote and such motion was unanimously approved.

### **Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 7:05 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\*\*\*\*\*