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ORDINANCE 19-23
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Be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, State of Arkansas,
An ordinance to be entitled: Transparency of Public Meetings

WHEREAS, The Quorum Court meetings are statutorily mandated to be public meetings; and

WHEREAS, questions often arise after meetings about exactly what was said or done in the meetings, either by the public, the press, or even by Justices of the Peace; and

WHEREAS, the members of the quorum court should have adequate time to consider matters before they are expected to vote on them in a meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT:

1. The County Clerk and I.T. department shall establish a process to post the recordings of the quorum court meetings on the county website.

2. The recordings of each meeting shall be posted on the county website no less than one week after the quorum court meeting.

3. All documents, proposed resolutions and ordinances shall be submitted to the secretariat by 12 noon, three business days before the day of a scheduled quorum court meeting. Such documents shall be posted to the county website within 24 hours of receipt by the secretariat

4. In the event a special quorum court meeting is called, then all documents, proposed resolutions and ordinances shall be submitted to the secretariat no less than 24 hours before the date of the special meeting.

5. This ordinance repeals previous ordinances to the extent that they conflict and it is incorporated into the 2019 Organizational Ordinance of this Court.

6. The rule established in paragraph three by this ordinance may be waived by a simple majority of the Court.

7. The need for the above provisions has been recognized as urgent and therefore an emergency thus this ordinance shall be effective upon signing.

Approved by the Quorum Court on June 4, 2019.

Attest: Margaret Darter

Margaret Darter
Quorum Court Secretariat
Faulkner County, AR

Dated: June 5, 2019

Approved: Jim B. Baker

Jim B. Baker
Faulkner County Judge
Faulkner County, AR

Dated: June 5, 2019