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## QUORUM COURT MEETING MARCH 20, 2023

The Cross County Quorum Court held a regular meeting Monday, March 20, 2023, in the Lobby of the Cross County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Judge Lynn Blake called the meeting to order. Prayer was said by Justice Kevin Jumper, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was called, and all Justices were present, except for Justice Glenda Vance. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2023 regular meeting with Justice Carl Loewer seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices present were in favor.

**Budget Reports:** Justice Scott May reported that the budget committee met several times before the scheduled monthly meeting to discuss items on the agenda.

**Personnel Report:** Justice Glenda Vance was absent. Judge Lynn Blake reported that the personnel committee met to review ordinances that were presented to the Quorum Court in February and elected to send them to the budget committee for further approval.

**Building Report:** No report to be given.

**Road/Bridges Report:** Justice Jerry Rushing reported that the road department has been grading the county roads between rains. He also reported that the new graders have come in. Judge Lynn Blake reported that the road department has moved to 10-hour days.

**Sheriff Report:** Sheriff David West stated that he was unable to email his report to the Quorum Court members as he had been out of town. He said he would get those numbers sent out in the following days,

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AND LINE ITEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING MISTAKES, SHORTAGES, AND UNEXPECTED EXPENDITURES COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS A CLEAN-UP ORDINANCE. THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 BUDGET: Justice Kevin Jumper made a motion to move the ordinance to the budget committee for further review with Justice Jerry Rushing seconding the motion. All Justices present voted in favor to move the ordinance to the budget committee for review and to move it to next month's agenda.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$129,353.33 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO CIRCUIT CLERK FUND LINE ITEM #1000-1021001 TO COVER ALL

PAYROLL AND BENEFITS OF 2 EMPLOYEES FOR 2023 AND PAYROLL ONLY FOR 1 EMPLOYEE FOR THE REMAINING 10 MONTHS OF 2023 IN THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE:

The ordinance was sponsored by Judge Lynn Blake and the Quorum Court Budget Committee with elected official Rhonda Sullivan and read by Justice Carl Loewer. A motion to discuss was made by Justice Kevin Jumper and seconded by Justice Jerry Rushing. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted in favor. After discussion amongst the Quorum Court Justices and County Attorney Vince Guest, Justice Kyle Wilson made a motion to table the ordinance; Justice Carl Loewer seconded the motion. County Attorney Vince Guest agreed to look over the original ordinance presented at the February meeting and the amendment presented at the March meeting to be able to correctly combine them.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 23-1 AND ORDINANCE 20-19 TO REMOVE TWO GRADER OPERATOR POSITIONS FROM THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT AND RAISE THE CURRENT SALARIES AND STARTING SALARIES FOR THE REMAINING POSITIONS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR 2023 AND FUTURE YEARS: Judge Lynn Blake and the Quorum Court Budget Committee sponsored the ordinance. The ordinance was read by Justice Scott May. Justice Scott May made a motion to approve and seconded by Justice Amy Imboden. Justice Kevin Jumper made a motion to amend to make the ordinance retroactive to March 1, 2023, with Scott May seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all Justices present voted in favor.

An Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE SPENDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 TO ADD A TRAILER TRUCK, GRAVEL DUMP TRAILER, AND A LOWBOY EQUIPMENT HAULING TRAILER: The ordinance was sponsored by Judge Lynn Blake and the Quorum Court Budget Committee. The ordinance was read by Justice Anthony Jarrett. Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to move the ordinance to second and third reading title reading only; Justice Scott May seconded the motion. All Justices present voted in favor. Justice Anthony Jarrett read the ordinance on second title reading only; all Justices present voted in favor. Justice Anthony Jarrett read the ordinance on third title reading only; Justice Carl Loewer made a motion to accept and Justice Scott May seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices present voted in favor.

A Resolution to be entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF CROSS COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE CROSS COUNTY JUDGE TO PURCHASE AND FINANCE SIX (6) GRADERS THROUGH THE CROSS BANK OF WYNNE. Justice Jerry Rushing made a motion to approve and Justice Scott May seconded. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices present voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Amy Imboden and seconded by Justice Scott. A voice vote was taken, and all Justices present voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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