

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT MINUTES

October 10, 2017

The Marion County Quorum Court held its regular meeting on October 10, 2017 at 6 p.m. Dawn Moffet led the Pledge of Allegiance and Justice Shipman offered the prayer.

County Judge Terry Ott presided. All Justices, except the vacancy in District 2, were present.

The minutes of the September meeting, and the Special meeting held on September 18 were approved unanimously.

All reports were given and passed unanimously. 911 Coordinator, Jennifer Hunt, reported that the new 911 equipment would be here next week. Grant Administrator, Karen Carter, stated World War I Commemorative Committee with the Arkansas Historical Society and the Arkansas Forestry Department would like to donate a two year old weeping willow tree in honor of the veterans of World War I. This donation is to commemorate the anniversary of the Great War. She also stated that the soil to plant it in would come from an American Cemetery in France. She is hoping to find an organization that would volunteer to care for this donation. Terry St. Onge, Quarry foreman, profusely thanked the Court for the purchase of the excavator at the September 18 meeting. He stated that he had been working with it for about a week. He also stated that it has sped up production tremendously. Library Director, Dana Scott, announce that there would be an Adult Gamer night on October 18 at 5:30. Joyce McCalla, chairman of the Personnel committee, stated that the next meeting of the Personnel Committee on October 19th would include continue discussion regarding compensation time. Justice Alexander, during the Law Enforcement committee report, asked what the status of the new jail was. Judge Ott replied that construction had stalled over a plumbing design issue. This problem has been solved and the crew is getting back on schedule. Justice Alexander also asked if anything had been done for the consideration of a firing range. Judge Ott stated that this was also being discussed.

Ordinance 2017-62 – County Judge – Transfers – Sponsored by Justice McBee. This ordinance allowed for the transfer of \$1000 from other miscellaneous to general office and contracted services. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Mayo and seconded by Justice Madden. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-63 – County Road – Transfers – Sponsored by Justice McBee. This ordinance is transferring funds from County Road personal services to County Road supplies. It also transfers monies in the County Road sale tax fun. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Madden and seconded by Justice McBee. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2017-15 – Declaring Vacancy – District 2. This resolution is a repeat of declaring the vacancy of Justice David Nixon, District 2. The previous resolution had been read prior to the two weeks of publication as required by law. This resolution will now be sent to the Governor's office to allow for the Governor to make his decision. There was a motion to read by title only, which was passed unanimously by voice vote, as was the motion to adopt.

The Court ratified Ms. Cathy Haerter to by on the Marion County Library Board of Directors. Her term will last until December 31, 2022.

Joseph Didden from Oakland, representing MC 142, thanked the County Judge, the Road Department and the Forestry Department for their fine work on this road. He described the road as "the first, and only, hard top road in the history of Oakland."

The Marion County 4-H gave their yearly presentation. Jathan Fox, the County Council 4-H President, gave the power point presentation. It was quite informative. Renee Myers awarded the Leone Baily 4-H achievement awards, to those member who went above and beyond being a 4-H member. The Junior award (ages 9-14) was presented to Ash Wood. The Senior award was awarded Makayla Rozeboom. The Court and the audience were all invited to indulge in the snakes and goodies brought by the 4-H members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

Terry Ott, County Judge

Date: _____

Attest: _____

Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk