APRIL 18, 2022

THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MILLER-HICKINBOTTOM BUILDING. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BISHOP WITH ALL 9 JUSTICES PRESENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ACCEPT THE CLERK’S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE UPDATES ON THE COURTROOM ANNEX AND EVIDENCE STORAGE FACILITY.

SAFE NIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GROUP GAVE EACH JUSTICE A HANDOUT AND GAVE A POWER POIN Presentation. After much discussion, the group was asking for Fulton County to cover the outreach budget of $23,180 for this year. They got positive feedback from Sharp County, and will be asking them to purchase the home, which is in Sharp County, but would serve Fulton, Izard, and Sharp Counties. They did not get good feedback from Izard County, but they are hopeful once the program is up and running, that they will revisit Izard County.

JUDGE CLAYTON STATED ON THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT MONEY THAT HE HAS SEVERAL APPLICATIONS IN WHICH THEY ALL FIT THE CRITERIA. THEY ASK THAT YOU GET AS MANY GROUPS INVOLVED AS POSSIBLE. ALL THE APPLICATIONS ARE 501 3C REGISTERED. JUDGE CLAYTON COMPILED A LIST OF APPLICATIONS AND THEIR REQUEST. VFW $85,000 REDO THE FACILITIES, DAR (DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION) $10,000 EDUCATIONAL WORK, STOP THE CYCLE $5,500 SPAY, NEUTER, AND HELP WITH ABANDONED ANIMALS, FULTON COUNTY FAIR $62,500 TO PAY FOR REVAMPING THE BLEACHERS. JUDGE PRESENTED ANOTHER LIST, BUT THEY HAVE YET TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION. FIRE DEPARTMENTS $115,000 BETTER RADIO SYSTEM IN WHICH THEY ARE HAVING MEETINGS WITH SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE SERVICE, ETC TO MAKE SURE THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD WORK FOR EVERYBODY, (6) FOOD BANKS $5,000 EACH, NEW AMBULANCE FULLY EQUIPPED $125,000 TO $150,000, MAMMOTH SPRING SENIOR CITIZEN $100,000, AND RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION $200,000. JUDGE STATED HE TRIED TO REPRESENT AS MANY SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY AS POSSIBLE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ADD SAFE NIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GROUP $23,180 OUTREACH PROGRAM. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE ASKED IF THEY WERE IN AGREEMENT TO PROCEED BEFORE HE DOES THE PAPERWORK. ALL THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE TOTAL APPROX $750,000 LEAVING A BALANCE OF $400,000. JUDGE RECOMMENDS THE BALANCE BE USED FOR REMODELING THE COURTHOUSE. THE MONEY HAS TO BE SPENT CANNOT SAVE FOR A RAINY DAY.

AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO INCREASE THE STOP THE CYCLE TO $10,000. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.
AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION ON THE VARIOUS ARP REQUESTS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO APPROVE THE LIST THAT JUDGE CLAYTON COMPILED INCLUDING ADDING OF THE SAFE NIGHT DOMESTICE VIOLENCE GROUP, AMENDMENT TO STOP THE CYCLE, AND $400,000 FOR COURTHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. JUDGE CLAYTON STATED THIS IS ONLY AN APPROVAL TO START THE PAPERWORK. APPROPRIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE.

JUDGE STATED HE THOUGHT THE STATE AID ROAD PROJECT OF $520,000 WOULD BE ENOUGH TO RESURFACE MOST OF THE BLACK TOP ROADS; HOWEVER, THE LOW BID WAS $721,000. THE STATE WILL BE BACK AND REVISIT WHICH ROADS ARE THE WORST. THIS WILL NOT INCLUDE THE WIRTH ROAD, BUT HE STATED HE WOULD ENCOURAGE WHOEVER GETS ELECTED TO ADD THE WIRTH ROAD NEXT YEAR.

NEW BUSINESS
A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO TRANSFER LINE ITEMS RETROACTIVE 2021 CLEAN UP (LIST ON FILE IN CLERK’S OFFICE). THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A LIST WAS GIVEN TO EACH JUSTICE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-06 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON, ARKANSAS TO PROTECTING THE UNALIENABLE RIGHT TO LIFE OF EVERY PERSON; AND DECLARING THE COUNTY OF FULTON, ARKANSAS TO BE A PRO-LIFE COUNTY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-06)

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE MAY AND JUNE QUORUM COURT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTER BUILDING DUE TO EARLY VOTING.

JUDGE LEARNED TODAY THE OPIOID LAWSUIT HAS BEEN REVISED DUE TO MORE DRUG COMPANIES BEING INCLUDED IN THE SUIT.

JUDGE REPORTED THERE WAS HAIL DAMAGE FROM THE STORM, AND HE WOULD BE GETTING THAT TOGETHER TO GIVE TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY.

JUSTICE DEFOE AS THE QUORUM COURT DELEGATE GAVE A REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD IN LITTLE ROCK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROVE THE RETROACTIVE 2021 TRANSFERS ON ORDINANCE 2022-03. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2022-03)

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT, A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST:  
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK