

THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS CIVIC CENTER. THE MEETING DATE CHANGED DUE TO THE FAIR BEING IN SESSION. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BISHOP WITH 7 JUSTICES PRESENT. JUSTICE PHILLIPS AND JUSTICE ANDREWS WERE ABSENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE UPDATES ON THE COURTROOM ANNEX AND HAILSTORM REPAIRS.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT JUDGE STATED HE WAS MAKING THE SAME RECOMMENDATION AS LAST MONTH THAT JANETTE STUART BE REAPPOINTED TO THIS POSITION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT THAT JANETTE STUART REAPPOINTMENT BE CONFIRMED TO THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

NEW BUSINESS

JUDGE STATED THE STATE AID ROAD WORK THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

SHERIFF BOSHEARS EXPLAINED TO THE COURT REGARDING A ONE-TIME STIPEND PAYMENT OF \$5,000 FOR FULL TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS UNDER ACT 224. THE COUNTY WILL PAY THE COST UP FRONT, AND THE STATE WILL REIMBURSE EXCEPT THE RETIREMENT MATCH. ALSO, THE LAW HAS CHANGED ON THE RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND THE VIOLA SCHOOL OFFICER WILL NOW BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE SCHOOL MONTHLY. SHERIFF ASKED FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR THIS POSITION TO FINISH OUT THIS YEAR. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROPRIATE **\$19,443.06** LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND SALARIES \$13,125/SS MATCH \$1,004.36/RET MATCH \$2,010.75/HEALTH INS \$2,736.25/WORK COMP \$478/UNEMPLOYMENT \$49/LIFE INSURANCE \$40. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

CLERK BISHOP READ ORDINANCE 2022-06. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ADOPT AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SALARY STIPENDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 224 OF THE 2022 FISCAL SESSION OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE; AND TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FULTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR

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CALENDAR YEAR 2022. APPROPRIATION **\$61,485** COUNTY GENERAL SHERIFF SALARY \$50,000/SOCIAL SECURITY MATCHING \$3,825/RETIREMENT MATCHING \$7,660.

THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2022-06)

JUDGE STATED HE HAD INFORMED THE COURT IN A PREVIOUS MEETING WE HAD FOUR ROAD GRADERS TO REPLACE THIS YEAR. FOUR LEASE CONTRACTS ARE COMING UP TWO THIS MONTH AND TWO IN NOVEMBER. WE ORDERED THE TWO REPLACEMENTS BACK IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY AND WERE TOLD IT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. BOTH OF THESE GRADERS ARE LEASED THROUGH CAT FINANCIAL, AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO LET US KEEP THEM AND CONTINUE TO MAKE THE SAME PAYMENT UNTIL THE OTHER ONES COME IN. HOWEVER, ONE COUNTY HAD ORDERED FOUR OR FIVE LAST YEAR AND DOESN'T WANT ONE OF THEM, SO WE WILL BE GETTING IT. JUDGE STATED THAT THEY HAD ALREADY PASSED A RESOLUTION FOR HIM TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BANCORPSOUTH.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES ON AUGUST 4 AT 2 O'CLOCK THEY WILL BE HAVING A PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE ON THE NEW GENERATOR SYSTEM FOR THE HOSPITAL. THIS IS BEING PAID FOR OUT OF STATE GRANT FUNDS.

JUDGE CLAYTON STATED ON THE NEW RADIO SYSTEM THE BASIC SYSTEM WILL BE PAID OUT OF ARPA FUNDS. THE CONSOLE WILL BE PAID HALF OUT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND AND HALF OUT OF 911. THE MOBILE UNITS WILL BE PAID FOR BY EACH INDIVIDUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CLERK BISHOP READ RESOLUTION 2022-08 AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION GIVING AUTHORITY OF THE FULTON COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SAID TWO-WAY RADIO EQUIPMENT, WITH FUNDING TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT PROGRAM. FULTON COUNTY PROPOSES TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION TRANSACTION WITH COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-08)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY LORI BENEDICT TO APPROPRIATE **\$110,007.70** ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE **\$16,945.30** LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE **\$16,945.30** (911) RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION FOR JUDGE CLAYTON TO LOOK INTO THE PROCESS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT GETTING A FUEL SECURITY SYSTEM LIKE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

CLERK BISHOP READ RESOLUTION 2022-09. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FULTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, TO SUPPORT THE SUBJECT REQUEST FOR RELIEF UNDER ARPA AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE ENTITIES OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASH FLAT, MAMMOTH SPRING BACKPACK PROGRAM, VIOLA FOOD/BACKPACK PROGRAM, MAMMOTH SPRING SHINING LIGHT FOOD PANTRY, AGAPE FOOD ROOM PROGRAM, SALEM VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SALEM ASSEMBLY OF GOD FOOD PANTRY, STOP THE CYCLE, FULTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, MAMMOTH SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS

CENTER, FULTON COUNTY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, AND SAFE NIGHT MINISTRIES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-09)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROPRIATE \$514,650 ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH \$4,000/MAMMOTH SPRING BACKPACK PROGRAM \$4,000/ VIOLA FOOD/BACKPACK PROGRAM \$4,000/MAMMOTH SPRING SHINING LIGHT FOOD PANTRY \$4,000/AGAPE FOOD ROOM PROGRAM \$4,000/SALEM ASSEMBLY OF GOD FOOD PANTRY \$4,000/SALEM VFW \$85,000/DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION \$10,000/STOP THE CYCLE \$10,000/FULTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION \$62,500/MAMMOTH SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$100,000/FULTON COUNTY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION \$200,000/SAFE NIGHT MINISTRIES \$23,150. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

JUSTICE BENEDICT ASKED IF THE HOSPITAL HAD PROVIDED A MONTHLY REPORT. JUDGE CLAYTON RESPONDED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING.

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE HANDOUTS TO EACH JUSTICE ON THE BILL ESTABLISHING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT". HE STATED THEY WOULD DISCUSS IT AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS. AFTER RETURNING FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE THAT THE QUORUM COURT RECOMMENDS TO THE JUDGE THAT HE DO AN AUDIT INVESTIGATION OF THE OEM DEPARTMENT (OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT). THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2022-07. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2022-07) TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$739,476.36

JUDGE ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MR. STEVENS GAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE BOGGY POINT CAMPGROUND. HE HAS DISCUSSED THE ISSUES WITH OFFICER WINTER WITH ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH. HE STATED THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING THERE AND THINGS GOING ON THAT ARE UNACCEPTABLE. PEOPLE DON'T FEEL SAFE TO GO SWIM OR LEAVE THEIR TRUCKS THERE AFTER THEY LAUNCH THEIR BOAT. HE BELIEVED IN THE PAST, THE COUNTY HAD AGREED TO MAINTAIN IT, EVEN THOUGH IT IS OWNED BY THE CORP. MR. STEVENS ASKED THE COURT TO CONSIDER RELINQUISHING OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST TO THE CORP THAT THE COUNTY WOULD MAINTAIN. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING, AS SOON AS THE CORP RECEIVES WORD FROM THE COUNTY THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER TAKE CARE OF THE CAMPGROUND THE CORP WILL LEAVE THE BOAT RAMP AND CLOSE THE CAMPGROUND, AND IT WILL BE A DAY USE ONLY. AFTER DISCUSSION, JUDGE CLAYTON SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT WITH THE CORP AND SEE WHAT THEY COULD GET WORKED OUT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ADJOURN AT 7:09 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 7 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop  
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK