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THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BISHOP WITH 8 JUSTICES PRESENT. JUSTICE ANDREWS ARRIVED AFTER THE MEETING STARTED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> AND JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

#### OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE UPDATES ON THE RADIO SYSTEM AND COURTHOUSE RENOVATION.

#### NEW BUSINESS

SHERIFF SMITH REQUESTED AN APPROPRIATION FOR UP GRADING THE DEPARTMENT'S SOFTWARE. THE SOFTWARE WOULD HELP WITH THE FINE TRACKING AND GENERATE LETTERS AND SHOW CAUSES FOR THE DELINQUENCY. THE CITATIONS WOULD NOW BE ELECTRONICALLY WHICH THE STATE IS NUDGING THAT DIRECTION. OVERALL, IT WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROPRIATE **\$27,500** LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES TAX COMPUTER, SOFTWARE, SUPPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

SHERIFF SMITH INFORMED THE JUSTICES HE HAS A PART-TIME POSITION PERSON THAT IS QUITTING AND HE IS ASKING THAT BE MADE INTO A FULL-TIME 32 HOUR WEEK POSITION. THE POSITION IS THE COLLECTION OF FINES. THE EXTRA HOURS WILL BE TO HELP PROCESS PAPERWORK AND MAIL OUTS FOR THE PAST DUE FINES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROVE THE PART TIME POSITION TO FULL TIME 32 HOUR WEEK POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE CROW ASKED LACY, THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND CARRIE AND MITIZI WITH WHITE RIVER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO ADDRESS THE JUSTICES REGARDING HAZARD MITIGATION. THEY GAVE THE JUSTICES A HANDOUT OF FEMA FACT SHEET: LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND POLICY GUIDE. LACY STATED THERE WERE TWO COUNTIES IN THE STATE THAT ARE NOT WORKING ON A PLAN OR ALREADY HAVE A PLAN AND THE COUNTIES ARE FULTON AND POINSETT. SHE STATED HAVING A MITIGATION PLAN MAKES YOU ELIGIBLE FOR MITIGATION GRANTS.

THERE WAS A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED AND A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. THERE WAS MOSTLY OPPOSITION FROM THE AUDIENCE, SO AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO TABLE THE VOTE UNTIL THE OCTOBER MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS. JUSTICE MARLER ABSTAINED.

JUDGE CROW STATED AT THE LAST MEETING A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED TO SUPPORT THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BAXTER HOSPITAL, SO NOW WE NEED TO RATIFY THAT RESOLUTION. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO RATIFY RESOLUTION 2023-07, AND AFTER MORE DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2023-14. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.  
(ORDINANCE 2023-14)(TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$27,500)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 8:02 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST:           Vickie Bishop            
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK