

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 ALL 9 JUSTICES PRESENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE UPDATES ON THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION, FUEL TANK-FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND RADIO PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

BAXTER HEALTH FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL LEASE. JUDGE HAD A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HOSPITAL IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE LEASE. JUDGE GAVE EACH JUSTICE A COPY OF THE LEASE AND THE ORDINANCE. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY ALBERT ROORK TO PLACE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT OF FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL TO BAXTER HEALTH FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO ON 1ST READING. CLERK BISHOP READ THE ORDINANCE AND BEFORE A VOTE JUSTICE PHILLIPS ASKED FOR A RECESS TO BE ABLE TO READ THE LEASE. AFTER A TEN MINUTE RECESS AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE BOARDS , A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 3RD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 2024-03. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2024-03)

NEW BUSINESS

THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT REPORT FOR 2022 HAD NO MAJOR FINDINGS ONLY NOTED SOME EXPENDITURES FROM TWO SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS WERE NOT BUDGETED, SO OVERALL A GOOD AUDIT.

JUDGE CROW DECLARED A DISASTER AREA FOR THE COUNTY FROM THE RECENT ICE STORM AND SNOW THAT WILL HOPEFULLY ENABLE SOME REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE. JUDGE HAS APPLIED FOR ANOTHER RURAL ROAD GRANT FOR TIMBERLAND ROAD AND SYCAMORE CREEK ROAD.

CORONER STEVE BARKER ADDRESSED THE COURT CONCERNING HIS OFFICE. CORONER BARKER GAVE HANDOUTS TO EACH JUSTICE WITH THREE PROPOSITIONS. PROPOSITION 1 FOR \$3,000 PER MONTH, NOT INCLUDING SALARY AND HEALTH INSURANCE, BARKER FUNERAL HOME WILL PROVIDE TO FULTON COUNTY VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING RUNNING THE OFFICE OUT OF THE FUNERAL HOME. PROPOSITION 2 FULTON COUNTY FIND A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND FULLY SUPPLY IT WITH ALL THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AS LISTED IN PROPOSITON 1 AS WELL AS PROVIDING A VEHICLE FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE. COMPENSATION TO BE DETERMINED FOR THE DEPUTY CORONERS. PROPOSITION 3 RESIGNATION AND TURN THE OFFICE OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, COURT ASKED HIM TO COME BACK NEXT MONTH.

FULTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER JOANNA DEFOE GAVE THE JUSTICES UPDATE ON THE ELECTION PROCESS ALONG WITH HANDOUTS WITH ELECTION INFORMATION.

JUDGE CROW STATED THE ARKANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED AN AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY RESILIENCE/GRANT PROGRAM DIRECTORATE FOR THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM. FULTON COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED \$68,292.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ADJOURN AT 6:57 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK