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GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Members answering roll call were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Tyler Campbell, Tony Carder, Laith Adams, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto and Grant Westmoreland.

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted in the twelfth (12th) paragraph, which stated, "a grater and dump truck are remain for sale." The sentence should read, "a grader and dump truck remain for sale." A motion to accept March minutes with said correction was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 9 for 0 against.

The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. With no opposition to the Financial Statement as presented, a motion to accept was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Justice Grant Westmoreland introduced the Cottons to the Quorum Court, explaining they had concerns they wanted to bring to the Quorum Court's attention. Mrs. Cotton explained that she was concerned with a property owner shooting guns repetitively this past Thursday and Friday. They stated the area in which the guns were being shot is located in an area surrounded by homes and people in the near vicinity. Mrs. Cotton explained she had called the Sheriff's Office and Deputy Harper responded to the call and when the Deputy arrived, the men shooting the guns had already left. Deputy Harper told the Cottons to call him again if they heard any more shots and he would respond immediately. Justice Westmoreland explained that if this was a safety issue, this is a law enforcement issue. Justice Westmoreland asked the Cottons if they had talked with their neighbors about the situation and their concerns. Mr. Cotton responded by saying he did not feel comfortable approaching people that were firing AR-15s in the neighborhood. Judge Pruitt and Justice Grant Westmoreland understood their concerns and both offered to go talk with the property owners and to help them find a solution.

Judge Pruitt reported the Solid Waste Committee met and opened bids. The committee accepted the low bidder from Waste Management to provide solid waste disposal services for Grant County at the rate of $39.00 per ton and $120.00 per haul. This rate will continue for a period of three (3) years. This is a three (3) year contract with a built in 30 day bailout option.

Next on the agenda, a District Court Automation Fund Request was presented to the Quorum Court by Judge Pruitt. The project will entail running fiber cable from the Sheriff's office to the courthouse, which will allow the Sheriff's office to have a better camera feed in the Courthouse. Currently, they are having issues with images freezing and this will resolve said issue. The project will cost $10,804.89 and will be paid out of District Court's Automation Funds, not county funds. Mike Nevens made a motion to approve said request

for the fiber optic cabling project in the amount of $10,804.89 from the District Court Automation Funds. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Sales Tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed.

In other business, the Chip Seal bid was awarded to Cummings Chip Sealing, Inc., at $1.69sy and Prime and Single seal at $2.98sy.

Judge Pruitt stated the County has two (2) dump trucks, which were purchased in 2006 and do not have titles. The most cost effective way to acquire the required titles is to go through the bonded title process. The State Revenue Department requires an Irrevocable Letter of Credit for $54,000.00 per truck. The process requires the County Judge to sign 2 separate loans to secure irrevocable letters of credit in the amount $54,000.00 each from People's Bank. The loan will guarantee to the State that there will always be money should there be a claim made against said dump trucks. The County will be required to go through this process every year, for three (3) years, per truck. Further, the cost will be $129.00 each year, for three (3) years, per truck. Justice Grant Westmoreland made the Motion to allow County Judge Randy Pruitt to sign two loans to secure irrevocable letters of credit in the amount of $54,000 each, from People's Bank, for each dump truck. Justice Mike Nevens seconded the motion. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Judge Pruitt further explained that ADEQ requires Solid Waste to have a $5,500.00 irrevocable letter of credit yearly. The cost is $129.00 and requires a separate vote/approval from the Quorum Court. Mike Nevens made a motion to approve and allow Judge Randy Pruitt to sign a loan to secure an irrevocable letter of credit for Solid Waste in the amount of $5,500.00 from People's Bank. Justice Danny Bone seconded the motion. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Judge Pruitt brought to the attention of the Quorum Court a letter he received from Arkansas Secretary of State, Mark Martin's office. The letter is in regards to the possibility of additional funding becoming available for the purchase of election equipment. The letter specifies a 50/50 split of cost between the state and County. This funds/money discussed in this letter are not yet available. The letter includes a breakdown of county costs.

Motion to adjourn.

Randy Pruitt, County Judge

Tanya Diotte, County & Circuit Clerk