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Grant County Quorum Court
February 20, 2018

The Grant County Quorum Court met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held January 18, 2017, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 8 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 Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 8 for 0 against.

Grant County Annual Financial Report (for year ended December 31, 2017) was reviewed.

Appoint Grant County Museum Board Member: Mrs. Betty Cook, new Grant County Museum Board President contacted Judge Randy Pruitt explaining that Mr. Humphreys had resigned from the Grant County Museum Board and that the Board needs to fill that board position. The Grant County Museum Board recommends Brady Bone to be appointed as the new Grant County Museum Board member. A motion to appoint Brady Bone to the Museum board was made by Justice Mike Nevens and was seconded by Grant Westmoreland. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 7 for, 1 abstain and 0 against.

Grant County 911 Equipment Up-grade: Judge Randy Pruitt explained, we have gone with the Zuercher bid. They were $3,000.00 higher, but noted their bid included replacement of the server and a back-up of data on an off-site server. We are getting more for our money even being $3,000.00 higher. Justice Tony Carder asked how long it would take to get up and running once we have signed the contract. OEM Randall Berry stated if we sign the contract in March we are looking at around August or September depending on data conversing to be up and running. The CAD is required to keep information for 3 years. A motion to accept the Zuercher bid and move forward with upgrades was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Grant County Fair Building Grant Resolution No. 2018-01: A RESOLUTION ENTITLED ARKANSAS COUNTY FAIR BUILDING, A RESOLUTION AUTHORINZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF GRANT COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE GRANT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION. Clerk Tanya Diotte Read Resolution 2018-01 in it's entirely. With no further discussion Justice Tony Carder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-01. Resolution 2018-01 was seconded by Justice Tyler Campbell. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Sales Tax: Treasurer Tim Stuckey explained the changed format to the Sales Tax. Reviewed no further discussion.

In Other Business:

The Quorum Court reviewed the 2017 End of Year Comp Time Report.

Judge Randy Pruitt explained to the Quorum Court that Phase II bids came in and Robert Shepherd had the low bid at $415,000.00. There was much discussion as to the cost and bids coming in so high. Justice Grant Westmoreland expressed his disappointment with the bid being so high, but stated, "We need this courtroom." Treasurer Tim Stuckey explained, "We have it in the budget, but it will drain a couple of accounts." Justice Tyler Campbell was concerned with it being early in the year for us to dip into a couple of funds and for them to be drained. Justice Danny Bone asked, "Did the architect cut his budget to bring the bid down?" Judge Pruitt, responded with, "Yes, it was brought down by doing some value engineering." Both, Justice Mark Allen and Justice Mike Nevens were concerned that every time we delay, the cost goes up. A motion to accept Robert Shepherd's bid for Phase II was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 8 for 0 against.

It was brought to the Quorum Court's attention that Judge Burnett is stepping down March 15, 2018 due for unforeseen family health issues. Governor Asa Huthinson will appoint next District Judge in the upcoming weeks.

Motion to adjourn.

Randy Pruitt, County Judge

Tanya Diotte, County & Circuit Clerk