

GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Pruitt presiding. Members answering roll call were Danny Bone, Tommy Cobb, Tony Carder, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto and Grant Westmoreland.

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, November 19, 2018 were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept said minutes was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Tommy Cobb. Vote 7 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 Mike Nevens. Vote 7 for 0 against.

Next on the agenda, Judge Pruitt introduced **ORDINANCE 2018-06**, entitled, **AN ORDINANCE – TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDARING YEAR 2019: APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING ACCOUNTS; APPROPRIATING TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER COUNTY BUDGET PURPOSES.** Treasurer Tim Stuckey read and explained a section of A.C.A. 14-14-907, “An appropriation ordinance may be enacted without separate readings or publication prior to passage. However, publication shall be initiated within two (2) calendar days, excepting holidays, after approval of the measure by the county judge.” He further explained that the Quorum Court could consider this option for an appropriation reading. A motion to approve reading ordinances to establish the annual operating budget for a calendar year one (1) time, without separate readings, with the publication of the ordinances being initiated within two (2) calendar days, per A.C.A. 14-14-907, was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens; with there being no further discussion Judge Pruitt asked for a vote; All in favor, with a Vote 7 for 0 against. Motion carried. Treasurer Tim Stuckey continued to discuss the general details of the budget with the Quorum Court members. He explained, raises are not included in the budget at this time; a budget for an approved full-time Division 2 bailiff was included, as well as a Sheridan school resource officer; jail costs, possible bridge replacement costs added (wood bridge), adjustments and transfers were reviewed. Following the discussion. Judge Randy Pruitt asked Clerk Diotte to read Ordinance 2018-06 in its entirety. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-06 was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. With there being no further discussion; Vote 7 for 0 against.

Following the Vote, Justice Mark Allen walked in and present for the remainder of the Quorum Court meeting.

Next on the agenda, Judge Pruitt introduced **ORDINANCE 2018-07**, entitled, **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT GRANT COUNTY PERSONAL POLICY 2019.**

Judge Pruitt explained there were a few changes made to meet new requirements; he mentioned stream lining comp-time, an additional week of vacation after 20 years of service and explained all other changes were high-lighted. Clerk Diotte read Ordinance 2018-07 in its entirety. A motion to suspend the 2nd reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 8 for 0 against. The Clerk read the Ordinance 2018-07 heading. A motion to suspend the 3rd reading was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Pat O'Bryan. Vote 8 for 0 against. Clerk Diotte read the heading a final time. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-07 was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. With there being no further discussion; Vote 8 for 0 against.

A copy of Grant County's Financial and Compliance Report dated, December 31, 2017 (which was presented to the Legislative Auditing Committee for review on December 13, 2018) was introduced and reviewed by the Quorum Court.

Sales tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed.

In Other Business:

Judge Pruitt explained, the Calvert Fire Department needs to renew its board members which have a 3 year term. Judge Randy Pruitt explained Allen Fleming no longer wishes to continue on the board at this time, James Pitts and Dorothy DeMoss would like to be re-appointed to the board. Judge Pruitt re-appointed Dean Crouse, James Pitts and Dorothy DeMoss for another 3-year term and requests the Quorum Court's confirmation. Justice Mike Nevens made a motion to approve and confirm Judge Pruitt's appointments to the Calvary Fire Department; Justice Grant Westmoreland seconded the motion. All in favor by a unanimous vote of all Quorum Court members present. Motion carried.

Justice Pat O'Bryan took a minute to publicly thank all Grant County Responders for their quick response and professionalism, expressing deep gratitude for all they do.

Judge Randy Pruitt and the Quorum Court presented engraved plaques to Justice Laith Adams and Justice Tommy Cobb, recognizing their hard work, service and dedication to Grant County. Judge Randy Pruitt and the Quorum Court then presented a clock to Clerk Tanya Diotte in recognition of her hard work, dedication and service to Grant County.

Motion to adjourn.



Grant County Judge



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