Grant County Quorum Court

August 19, 2019

The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, August 19, 2019 in the Grant County Courthouse at 7: p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order. Members answering roll call were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Brody Channell, Tony Carder, Jim Easley, Mike Nevens, Grant Westmoreland, and Jason Roshto.

The **Minutes** from the Quorum Court meeting held, **July 15, 2019** were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 8 for 0 against.

The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. With no further discussion, a motion to accept was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Resolution No. 2019-05, A RESOLUTION BY QUORUM COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT NOTICE BE PUBLISHED; THAT A VACANCY IN OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 9 BE DECLARED; THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS BE NOTIFIED OF THE VACANCY; AND FURTHER THAT THE HONORABLE PAT O'BRYAN BE COMMENDED FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND TO THE CITIZENS OF GRANT COUNTY. Judge Randy Pruitt explained that Justice Pat O'Bryan moved out of his district and we have ten (10) days once vacancy is declared to submit to the Governor including any recommendations to fill the vacancy. Judge Pruitt asked if anyone knows of someone who might be interested in fulfilling term to please let him know. With no further discussion a motion to approve was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Brody Channell. Vote 8 for 0 against.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE REPORT: Judge Randy Pruitt reported on the Legislative Audit Financial and Compliance Report. He explained that we had one (1) finding at Solid Waste that was investigated by the Audit and their feeling was that the issue was due to bookkeeping errors at Sold Waste. To correct any future problems, there have been checks and balances put in place to be performed at the Courthouse to insure correct bookkeeping procedures are adhered to.

Sales Tax: Sales Tax Report was submitted to Justices. Treasurer Tim Stuckey stated that this was the third (3rd) highest month but still flat. Hopefully will trend upward some in the future

OTHER BUSINESS: Gary Kelly, Post Commander of American Legion presented Judge Randy Pruitt with Plaque of Appreciation for the County's service and support of the American Legion and the Veterans of Grant County. Judge Randy Pruitt advised Justices that the Budget Committee had looked at budgeting bonuses for employees since there was not a raise for 2019. Justice Tony Carder said the Budget Committee had looked a way to give a bonus and had talked about giving one (1) at the end of the year but recommended a 1.5% bonus now. Treasurer Tim Stuckey said at 1.5% to all full time employees would have a cost of around \$54,000.00 or a 1.00% would have a cost of about \$37,000.00. He also informed that we had saved \$45,000.00 on negotiations that Judge Pruitt made with our insurance provider that allowed us one (1) month free insurance. We also have saved some monies on the salary of an approved Bailiff position that has not yet been filled. The Budget Committee recommended 1.5%. A motion was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland to give a one-time 1.5% bonus

to all full time employees that were employed as of January 1, 2019. Vote 8 for 0 against. A motion was made by Justice Brody Channell and seconded by Justice Danny Bone for the County to begin to maintain Fawn Trail graveling it in 2019 and Chip Seal in 2020. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Motion to Adjourn.

Randy Pruitt, Coupty Judge

Geral D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk