

Grant County Quorum Court

September 21, 2020

FILED

2020 OCT 20 AM 9:19

GERAL HARRISON  
COUNTY & CIRCUIT CLERK  
GRANT COUNTY, AR

The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, September 21, 2020 in the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order. Members answering roll call were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Tony Carder, Brody Channell, Jim Easley, Mike Nevens, Bobby Pierce, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

The **Minutes** from the Quorum Court Meeting held, **August 17, 2020** were presented to the Quorum Court for review. With no further discussion, a motion to accept was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 9 for 0 against.

The **Financial Statement** was presented to the Quorum Court. Justice Tony Carder asked about Election re-imburement from the state. County Clerk Geral Harrison responded that the State Director has it waiting on next Board Meeting for approval. With no further discussion, a motion to accept was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 9 for 0 against.

**Ordinance No. 2020 – 06: “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN ELECTRONIC WARRANTS TRANSFER (DIRECT DEPOSIT) SYSTEM DIRECTLY INTO PAYEES’ ACCOUNTS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN PAYMENT OF ANY ACCOUNT ALLOWED AGAINST THE COUNTY.”** – Treasurer Tim Stuckey explained that we have an Ordinance for Direct Deposit Payroll but needed to expand to allow electronic payments. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto to suspend second reading of Ordinance No. 2020 – 06. Vote 9 for 0 against. After second reading “Title Only”, a motion was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens to suspend third reading of Ordinance No. 2020 – 06. Vote 9 for 0 against. After third reading “Title Only”, a motion to adopt was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Brody Channell. Judge Randy Pruitt asked if there was any additional discussion. With no further discussion vote 9 for 0 against.

**Resolution No. 2020 – 04: “A RESOLUTION BY GRANT COUNTY SUPPORTING ISSUE 1, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; AND CITY STREETS, BRIDGES AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW:** With no further discussion a motion was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Brody Channell to approve. Vote 9 for 0 against.

**Sales Tax:** Sales Tax Report was presented to the Quorum Court with no discussion.

**Other Business:** Judge Randy Pruitt reported that part of our subsidy for MEMS (ambulance service) includes \$1500.00 per month rent on their existing building. He would like to purchase a piece of property and build a building that the county will own instead of paying rent. If the county does not acquire something, MEMS will purchase, and we will be responsible for making their payment. Judge Pruitt explained that he has spoken to Robert Shepherd and we can build a building with two (2) bays and four (4) bedrooms for \$320,000. He stated that it would be a long-term investment with a fifteen (15)

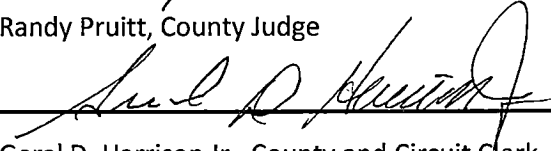
year payback. Justice Tony Carder stated that there is property where the old Ford Dealership used to be next to Dollar General with an asking price of \$70,000 per acre. They also have one (1) acre in the flood plain that they would consider for a donation letter from the county that we could not do anything with without considerable work. Judge Pruitt stated that land south of Sheridan is going for around \$60,000 per acre and land on the Bypass is around \$80,000 per acre. He stated that MEMS wanted to stay north of Sheridan. Justice Grant Westmoreland stated that logistically land north of Sheridan makes sense. Justice Mike Nevens stated that the Budget Committee had already looked at this and they recommend that we move forward. A motion was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Mark Allen to move forward and pursue purchasing a piece of property north of Sheridan, and to negotiate the price below \$70,000 per acre if possible. Vote 9 for 0 against.

**Motion to Adjourn.**



---

Randy Pruitt, County Judge



---

Geral D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk