

Grant County Quorum Court

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, April 19, 2021 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, Jim Easley, Lisa-Michele Haber, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the March 15, 2021 Quorum Court Meeting were presented. With no further discussion a motion to accept was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 9 for 0 against. The Minutes from the April 5, 2021 Special Meeting were presented. With no discussion a motion to accept was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 9 for 0 against.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. With no further discussion a motion to accept was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. Vote 9 for 0 against.

CONVERSION OF BELFAST FIRE DEPARTMENT TO A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: Judge Randy Pruitt informed Quorum Court members that today was day 55 of our 60-day window to approve the Belfast Fire Departments Fire Protection District. Chief McCain (Belfast Fire Chief) explained what the Fire Department had gone through to try and get this on the ballot two (2) different times. He stated that they had taken it to a vote two (2) prior times with the members of the District with little to no negative feedback. Justice Grant Westmoreland stated that the information provided by the Chief made him feel better about the decision that he had to make. Justice Pat O'Bryan asked why Belfast did not go the extra mile to try and get it on the ballot again? Chief McCain responded that it would take them two (2) years to get it on the ballot and then another two (2) years before they would collect any monies. After discussion, a motion to approve was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Lisa Michele-Haber. Vote 7 for 2 against.

MUSEUM BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Randy Pruitt informed that an appointment for the Museum Board was due. Joanne Gartman has been put forth as the nominee for the Museum Board. With no further discussion, a motion to approve was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 9 for 0 against.

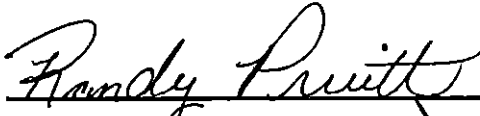
RESOLUTION 2021-02: A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTERIM FILLING OF A VACANCY FOR THE OFFICE OF GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: Judge Randy Pruitt explained that this was part of our emergency plan for the County. With no further discussion as motion to approve was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Danny Bone. Vote 9 for 0 against.

SALES TAX: Sales Tax report was presented to the Quorum Court.

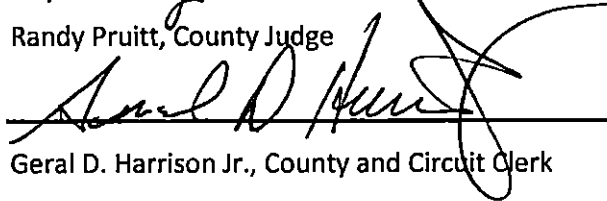
OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Randy Pruitt presented to the Court an opportunity for the County to purchase 153 acres of land containing a gravel pit. He stated that we can purchase for \$100,000.00 and pay for the gravel until current landowners' death. (currently 74 years old & in failing health) We do not need any

money allocated because we already have it in the Road Department budget. Justice Mark Allen said if the County does not want it, he would try to purchase because he feels it is a great investment. With no further discussion a motion to allow Judge Pruitt authority to work through agreement and spend up to \$100,000.00 less survey costs was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Motion to Adjourn.



Randy Pruitt, County Judge



Geral D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk