

Grant County Quorum Court

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, May 17, 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, Mike Nevens, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes from the April 19, 2021, Quorum Court Meeting were presented. With no further discussion a motion to accept was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 7 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 Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. Vote 7 for 0 against.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 04 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE CALLED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY:** Judge Randy Pruitt explained that this was monies that Grant County would receive in at least two (2) parts. Justice Grant Westmoreland asked how much money is involved? Judge Pruitt responded \$3.547 million with \$1.77 million available now. Justice Jason Roshto asked if there are stipulations on how funds can be spent. Judge Pruitt explained that the AAC had hired someone to assist the counties in correct spending. There will be more information coming later. Public Safety, some payroll up to 150% for essential employees have been mentioned. Judge Pruitt stated that he is glad that the AAC is going to offer some guidance on appropriate spending. With no further discussion a motion to suspend the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 7 for 0 against. With no discussion, after second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading "Title Only", a motion to suspend the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 7 for 0 against. After third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading "Title Only", Judge Randy Pruitt asked if there was any need for discussion. Justice Jason Roshto asked if there were any legitimate needs that come to mind. Judge Pruitt responded that there may be some projects, but we should plan for investment revenue in the future for financial security. With no further discussion, a motion was made to adopt by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Vote 7 for 0 against.


**ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 05 AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2020 – 11. THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET, GRANT COUNTY ARKANSAS:** Judge Randy Pruitt explained that this is to pay the Sheriff Department Deputies for using their personal cell phones for County business. Sheriff Ray Vance commented that he had all but one deputy who had smart phones and his officers were having to carry their personal phone and a county issued flip phone at this time. By doing away with the flip phones, it would give the officers more ability to perform their job in an easier fashion. Justice Jason Roshto asked if we were talking about a stipend payment? Sheriff Ray Vance replied yes, a \$40.00 per month stipend to help offset the cost of the officers' personal cell phones. Justice Mike Nevens asked if the Sheriff was going to amend the handbook. Sheriff Vance stated that it is

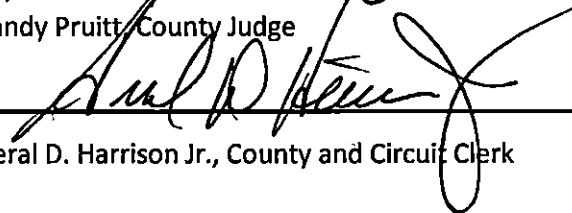
currently in their handbook. With no further discussion a motion to approve was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 7 for 0 against.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Randy Pruitt notified bids on Chip Seal are set to be opened on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Justice Jason Roshto asked about purchase of property for the gravel pit. Judge Pruitt responded that we are waiting on the survey. We should begin buying gravel next week. For now, we will have to enter from Highway 46, but in the future from Grant 190 after we replace some culverts.

**Motion to Adjourn.**

  
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Randy Pruitt, County Judge

  
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Gerald D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk