

Grant County Quorum Court

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, June 21, 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, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes from the May 17, 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 8 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 Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 8 for 0 against.

**MUSEUM BOARD APPOINTMENT / PARKER HOPE:** Judge Randy Pruitt announced that the Museum Board had met and wanted to add Parker Hope as a new Board Member. This requires approval from the Quorum Court. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Lisa-Michele Haber. Vote 8 for 0 against.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 06 AN ORDINANCE FOR PERMITTING THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE SERVICES DIRECTLY FROM A QUORUM COURT MEMBER DUE TO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** Judge Randy Pruitt explained that the County has been awarded a grant of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of installing a dump station at the County owned Cox Creek Lake Park. We will provide In-kind labor under the direction of Justice Mark Allen. With no further discussion a motion to suspend second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 8 for 0 against. After second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading "Title Only", a motion to suspend third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 8 for 0 against. After third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading "Title Only", Judge Randy Pruitt asked if there was any more discussion. With no further discussion, a motion to adopt was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Vote 7 for 0 Against 1 Abstain.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07 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 for the Appropriation for Cox Creek, Cares Act remodel, and ARP money in hand. We still have questions on how to spend ARP but need the appropriation for monies in hand. With no further discussion a motion was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto to approve. Vote 8 for 0 Against.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Sheridan Police Chief Jason Teague addressed the Quorum Court about planned increases in the cost that the city charges the County for jail space. He explained that the County currently has ten (10) beds for thirty (30) days or 300 beds @ \$20.00 per day plus \$30.00 for male inmates and \$35.00 for female inmates over our allotted bedspace. Under the new increase, the "flat rate" for thirty (30) beds will remain the same, but the male and female prices will go up to \$40.00 per day each. He

reported that in 2017, the actual cost for an inmate was \$45.00 per day and the estimate for 2021 is \$47.00 per day. In 2020 the County paid the city \$76,000.00 for jail expenses. He is looking at the proposed increase on January 1, 2022, to give the County time to get it in the budget.

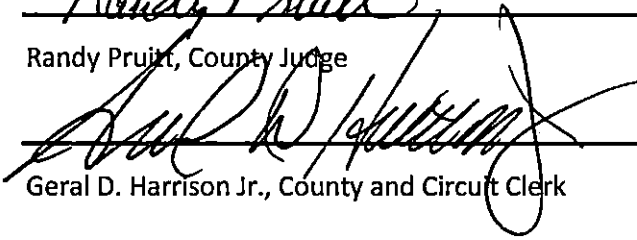
Judge Randy Pruitt explained that we are looking at a possible **Catastrophic Leave Program** for employees that are on FMLA leave and have run out of time off. The program allows employees to donate earned leave hours to the Bank for other employees that fit the criteria to use once they have used all their time.

**Motion to Adjourn.**



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Randy Pruitt, County Judge



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