

Grant County Quorum Court

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, September 20, 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 August 16, 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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. Tim Stuckey explained this was first (1st) month for transfer money to the jail. With no further discussion a motion to accept was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 9 for 0 against.

GRANT COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT – BRAD MCGINLEY: Judge Randy Pruitt introduced Brad McGinley to report on the Grant County Extension Office. Mr. McGinley explained that they are funded by Federal/State and Locally. He thanked Judge Pruitt for the support of their program. Four (4) of the students who participate showcased their projects and gave an explanation of what each of their areas of expertise are. Susan Thomason went over the Family Consumer Service Program that the Extension Office offers to the school districts in the county. Brad McGinley then talked about their support of Kickstart Sheridan and the broadband project that is going on. He explained that they had acquired \$75,000.00 for a feasibility study that they feel assisted in making the broadband project a reality.

BELFAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: Judge Randy Pruitt explained that an election was held on September 20, 2021, and five (5) members were elected by the voters in the Belfast Fire District to their Fire District Board. These electors need to be confirmed by the Quorum Court for Belfast to proceed. A motion to approve was made by Justice Jim Easley and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 9 for 0 against.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 10 – TO ADOPT NEW MINIMUM ROAD SPECIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR ROADS TO BE ADDED INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM AS A COUNTY ROAD, REPEALING GRANT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 98 - 02: (FIRST 1ST READING) Judge Randy Pruitt gave history that in the 1990's the Quorum Court adopted minimum road specifications for the County to take roads. It is now time to improve what we currently have. He explained that each Quorum Court Member should have a copy of the new specifications in their packet.

RESOLUTION 2021 – 04 CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706 (d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003): Judge Randy Pruitt explained that this pertains to the new pellet mill in Leola and has been approved by the City of Leola. With no further discussion a motion to approve was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. Vote 9 for 0 against.

ORDINANCE NO 2021 – 11 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PREMIUM PAY AND TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2020 – 11, THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET, GRANT COUNTY ARKANSAS:

Judge Randy Pruitt informed the Court that this is monies for Premium Pay from the ARP money that the county received. Justice Jason Roshto commented this is like Hazard Pay. Treasurer Tim Stuckey explained that it adjusts the Justice of the Peace per diem retroactively for period of 1/21/2021 – 12/31/2021 and employees that are still currently employed for the period of 3/2020 – 3/2021. Justice Mike Nevens commented that this money is more restricted, and the Government wants the counties to use it accordingly. After no further discussion a motion to adopt was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Lisa Michele-Haber. Vote 9 for 0 against.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 12 AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2020 – 11, THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET, GRANT COUNTY ARKANSAS.:

Judge Randy Pruitt informed the Court this was to move money to the Solid Waste Project from the CARES ACT money. Treasurer Tim Stuckey informed of a typographical error that needed to be made (APPROPRIATE to APPROPRIATION). With no further discussion a motion to adopt with spelling correction was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 9 for 0 against.

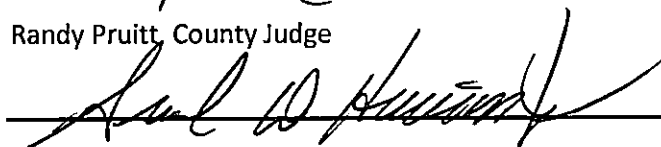
SALES TAX: The Sales Tax report was presented to the Quorum Court.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Randy Pruitt asked if the Court would consider giving the Center Grove Fire Department Road a County Road number. The County already maintains the road and to keep things consistent he would like to designate it with a County Road number. With no further discussion a motion to approve was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Lisa Michel-Haber. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Motion to Adjourn.



Randy Pruitt, County Judge



Geral D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk