Grant County Quorum Court

April 18, 2022

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, April 18, 2022, 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 – Michelle Haber, Mike Nevens, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the March 21, 2022, 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 8 for 0 against.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. With no further discussion a motion to accept with corrections was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto, Vote 8 for 0 against.

DAVID WORKMAN: Judge Randy Pruitt introduced Mr. David Workman who spoke to the Quorum Court about the upcoming election and his desire to serve the citizens of Grant County. He spoke of the importance of the workforce in Grant County and how having a well trained workforce will help us gain desirable industry in the County.

OLD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Judge Randy Pruitt explained how the project to purchase the Church located at 111 North Rose came about. He informed that all members of the Quorum Court had taken the opportunity to look at the property. The Budget Committee and Building and Grounds Committee both feel as if it is a good opportunity for the County to purchase this property. Judge Pruitt informed the Court that he had tendered an offer and acceptance agreement for \$5.00 per square foot or \$85,000.00 contingent on approval by the entire court. After discussion, a motion to purchase was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Lisa Haber. Vote 8 for 0 against.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2202-06: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2021-14, THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET, GRANT COUNTY ARKANSAS. Treasurer Tim Stuckey explained that this Ordinance is to move the funds from the ARPA money to the required accounts for the building purchase and monies for needed immediate repairs. A motion to approve was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 8 for 0 against.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-07: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2021-14, THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET, GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS. Treasurer Tim Stuckey informed the Court that this was moving monies to purchase a replacement vehicle that was wrecked by the Sheriff's Office. Justice Mike Nevens explained that we have received insurance money that would be placed back in County General. A motion to approve was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Lisa Haber. Vote 8 for 0 against.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT REQUEST - \$1000.00 BEAVER CONTROL: Judge Randy Pruitt explained that this money would be well spent because beaver control assists us in damages that beavers do to our

culverts and stream beds that have a negative impact on our roads. With no further discussion, a motion to approve was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jim Easley. Vote 8 for 0 against.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Treasurer Tim Stuckey spoke on behalf of the Airport Board and explained that they have an opportunity to get an 80/20 and a 90/10 grant to improve the airport. They would like to request \$100,000.00 funding to construct a four (4) Bay hanger and do some other upgrades from the ARP Fund under the condition that the Airport will get the funds if the grant is approved. With no further discussion a motion to approve was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Lisa Haber. Vote 8 for 0 against. Judge Randy Pruitt informed that Court that the Budget Committee had decided not to pay the attorney fees that were requested at the last meeting by Mr. Clint Harper. Prosecuting Attorney Teresa Howell is to send Mr. Harper a letter informing him of the decision. Justice Mike Nevens informed that the Budget Committee is doing a study on elected officials pay comparing it to other counties of our size. No further business.

Motion to Adjourn.

Randy Pruitt, County Judge <u>Honde</u>

Geral D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk

Date: 5/16/22