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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. Grant County Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order. Members answering **roll call** were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Tony Carder, Paul Drake, Jim Easley, Jason Roshto, and Scott Wells.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the January 16, 2024, Quorum Court Meeting were presented. With no further discussion a motion to accept was made by Justice Paul Drake and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. **Vote 7 for 0 against.** (Motion passed)

Financial Statement: The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. Treasurer Tim Stuckey commented that reflected is a \$10,500.00 donation to the Sheriff's Office for the purchase of a tracking dog. With no further discussion a motion to accept was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Danny Bone. **Vote 7 for 0 against.** (Motion Passed)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-02: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2023-14, THE 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET, GRANT COUNTY ARKANSAS: Judge Randy Pruitt explained this is for funding the replacement of the HVAC system for the Courtroom. The current system is old and not performing as it should and does not have heat. An engineer has evaluated and designed a plan of what needs to be done to correct utilizing three (3) units. Ordinance 2024-02 was read to the Quorum Court. A motion to pass was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. Judge Randy Pruitt asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion Vote 7 for 0 against. (Passed)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND REVENUES TO THE 2023 ANNUAL GRANT COUNTY BUDGET: Treasurer Tim Stuckey discussed that this is the yearly supplemental to clean up line items for the 2023 budget. Ordinance No. 2024-03 was read to the Quorum Court. After no discussion, a motion to approve was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Vote 7 for 0 against (Passed)

RESOLUTON NO. 2024-01: A RESOLUTION UNDER PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 14074 "ADVANCING EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE POLICING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRACTICES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC TRUST AND PUBLIC SAFETY": Judge Randy Pruitt explained that this is a new law that requires the County to have a Resolution for procurement of military surplus goods from the Federal Government. Sheriff Pete Roberts expounded on the benefit the County receives from being able to go to Red River and procure useful items for free. There is a \$500.00 per year fee to utilize this benefit. The Resolution was read to the Quorum Court. Treasurer Tim Stuckey raised a correction that needed to be made in paragraph two (2) adding an end of parenthesis. With no further discussion a motion to approve with corrections was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Paul Drake. Vote 7 for 0 against (Passed)

SHERIFF PETE ROBERTS: Sheriff Pete Roberts informed the Quorum Court about receiving complaints from citizens of Grant County about the excessive cost of towing services when an Officer dispatches a

wrecker to an accident. He is working with the two (2) local wrecker services to produce a fair and equitable cost of towing if they want to remain on the "Rotation List" for County calls for wrecker service.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FEE ACCOUNT REPORT: Prosecutor Teresa Howell submitted her Annual Fee Report to the Quorum Court. She explained there was one (1) exception where it was mislabeled as Vacation/Travel and should have been Travel only.

CALVERT FIRE BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Randy Pruitt informed the Quorum Court that there are two (2) members of the Calvert Fire Board that are up for renewal of their terms on the Fire Board. The members are Buddy Gibbs and Sheila Gesing. With no further discussion a motion to approve was made by Justice Mark Allen and seconded by Justice Jimmy Easley. **Vote 7 for 0 against** (Passed).

SALES TAX: The Sales Tax report was presented to the Quorum Court. Justice Tony Carder commented that this is the largest month that we have ever had. The report reflects sales tax collected in November 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Randy Pruitt reminded the Court that we had moved the date of the scheduled March 18, 2024, Quorum Court meeting due to it falling during Spring Break. The meeting date has been moved to March 11, 2024

Motion to Adjourn.

Geral D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk _

Date: 3/11/24