

GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, June 19, 2017 at the County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Members answering roll call were Mark Allen, Tyler Campbell, Tony Carder, Laith Adams, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto and Grant Westmoreland.

Tanya Diotte
County & Circuit Clerk
Grant County, AR
By answering roll call DC

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, May 15, 2017, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept said minutes was made by Justice Pat O'Bryan and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 8 for 0 against.

The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. With no opposition to the Financial Statement as presented, a motion to accept was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Next on the agenda, the Quorum Court has two (2) positions to fill/appoint to the Equalization Board. Dave Robinson's term expires this year and will need to be re-appointed to continue to serving on the Equalization Board. Additionally, there is a new requirement to also select a realtor or an appraiser to the Equalization Board. Joanne Gartman has volunteered to serve on the Board. She is a Realtor, with Southern Homes Realty. A motion to appoint Joanne Gartman and Dave Robinson to the Equalization Board was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Grant Westmoreland. Vote 8 for 0 against.

The next item on the agenda was **RESOLUTION 2017-05**, entitled, **RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT**, in recognition of the outstanding performance by the student athletes and the coaches of Sheridan High School during the 2016-2017 school year. The Resolution was read aloud in its entirety by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Next item on the agenda: Appropriation Ordinance/Medical Services. County Attorney, Norman Frisby re-worked the original Ordinance for the Quorum Court members to review and revise. Justice Jason Roshto suggested, "because we are adding the stipulation that we want a little bit more flexibility with the funds, the wording in the ordinance should say something to the effect of, these funds will only be used for the primary obligation of public safety." Sheriff Ray Vance stated, "The way the Ordinance is currently written, it is pigeon holed and I am here to say we need MEMS in this County, as we do not have a hospital or 24 hour clinic. MEMS can handle an emergency whether big or small. This Ordinance will expand the scope of the way we

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can use these funds for public safety." Justice Tony Carter suggested a special meeting be held in two weeks, which will give County Attorney, Norman Frisby time to make revisions to the Ordinance. Justice Tyler Campbell and Justice Mike Nevens both noted, educating and getting information out to the public regarding this Ordinance will be critical. Judge Randy Pruitt scheduled a special meeting July 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm for the first reading of the Ordinance.

Sales Tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed.

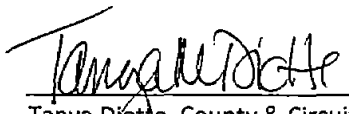
In Other business, Judge Pruitt said the next step with the Phase 2 project of the Justice Complex will be signing into an agreement. Currently, the costs are projected at \$340,000.00, which includes architectural changes. Courtroom heating and air requirements have bumped costs up. Judge Randy Pruitt introduced architectural plans and reviewed the design with the Quorum Court members. Justice Mike Nevens made a motion to move forward with the bid contract at the Justice Complex. Justice Pat O'Bryan seconded the Motion. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Justice Jason Roshto asked if there are possible solutions to the Windstream internet issue in Grant County. Judge Pruitt mentioned it is possibly an infrastructure or fiber optic issues and that Windstream is well aware of the problem.

Sheriff Ray Vance updated the Quorum Court on an incident which took place when an assault with weapons call came in and the Sheriff's office was dispatched and responded. A high-speed chase ensued and ended with the deputies in a collision with a dump truck. Chief Deputy Robert's took heavy injuries and the other deputy was pretty banged up. Two vehicles were totaled, but thankfully, no deputies were lost in the accident. Sheriff Vance noted, "insurance adjusters are coming to look at the vehicles and equipment lost." Multiple felony charges have been filed against the Defendant in this case.

Motion to adjourn.


Randy Pruitt, County Judge


Tanya Drotte, County & Circuit Clerk