

GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Members answering roll call were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Tyler Campbell, Tony Carder, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto and Grant Westmoreland.

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the years of service of Justice Louise Lavelle and for her family during this difficult time.

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, January 17, 2017, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept said minutes made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 8 for 0 against.

The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. Treasurer Tim Stuckey discussed the Statement with the Quorum Court. There being 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.

Flyers with information on the Edge Mapping System were distributed to all Quorum Court members. Auddy Doss and James T. Hartshorn from EFS GeoTechnologies were introduced to the Quorum Court. Mr. Doss and Mr. Hartshorn presented the Edge Mapping Software, discussed at length the different layering capabilities of the software. They went on to discuss the benefit to the different offices within the county, discussing election layering, which would be beneficial to City Wards, JP Districts, School Districts, School Board Zoning, Precincts and Townships to name a few. They continued by to discuss the accuracy and in-depth detailing the mapping product provides to 911 addresses and mapping remote areas as well as mapping parcels. They continued to discuss the value of the product; the different packages they offer and cost were discussed at length.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2017-01, entitled, A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTERIM FILLING OF A VACANCY FOR THE OFFICE OF GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF DURING TIMES OF AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Same was read aloud by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Next item on the agenda was a part-time position in the Circuit Clerk's Office. Currently, the Clerk's Office has a part-time employee that has been working an average of 40 hours per week. 20 hours being paid out of Clerk's budget and 20 hours being paid out of Commissioner's budget at a rate of \$10.02 per hour, with the employee paying into APERS. That the Quorum Court was unaware that this employee was working 40 hours regularly. It was recommended that the position either a) become a full-time position

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with full benefits & paid vacation or b) said employee hours should be cut back to that of a part-time position. The Clerk stated that losing employee hours would be difficult for the office and that this Deputy Clerk position plays a vital role in the Circuit Clerk's Office. The Treasurer broke down the costs involved in setting the salary for said employee (Deputy Clerk pay salary with full benefits). A motion was made by Pat O'Bryan to hire said current part-time employee as a full-time Deputy Clerk and that the salary for this position be set at \$24,384 with the County's benefits package with Tony Carder seconding the motion. Vote 8 for 0 against. Further, Tony Carder made the Motion to make this Deputy Clerk position pay effective the next pay period, with Grant Westmoreland seconding the Motion. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Sales Tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed.

Judge Pruitt reported the estimated repair cost for the District Court Building at \$40,000. He further discussed the fact that developing the second phase of the Justice Building may save money in the long term. He met with several of the Judges and discussed the possibility of a second courtroom, to which he said they were favorable. Robert Shepherd estimated \$225,000.00 to finish the second phase of the Justice building. It was noted, that money has been earmarked for the cost of finishing Phase 2 in the Justice Building. Judge Pruitt noted that this issue will be referred to the Quorum Court's Building and Ground Committee. Judge Pruitt recommended the Building and Grounds Committee physically go to the District Court Building to see its current condition. Further, it was noted by Justice Grant Westmoreland, that the \$225,000.00 would serve as a permanent fix for District Court, that the Quorum Court should consider whether putting \$40,000 into a project, which serves only as a Band-Aid.

Judge Pruitt explained that he needs a Quorum Court member on the Airport board. He explained that currently, there is a need for a tenant agreement at the Airport. Tyler Campbell agreed to represent the Quorum Court on the Airport Board.

There was further discussion on the Mapping System, which was presented to the Quorum Court earlier in the meeting. After much discussion, Justice Nike Nevens made a Motion to approve the Edge Mapping System, with Justice Grant Westmoreland seconding the motion. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Motion to adjourn.



Randy Pruitt, County Judge



Tanya Diotte, County & Circuit Clerk