

GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Members answering the call were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Tyler Campbell, Tony Carder, Laith Adams, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan and Jason Roshto. County Clerk Tanya Diotte, Grant County, AR By Mike Nevens DC

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, March 20, 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 Mike Nevens. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Judge Randy Pruitt welcomed newly appointed Justice of the Peace, Laith Adams, to the meeting.

Next on the agenda, Judge Randy Pruitt introduced Ordinance 2017-03, entitled, **AN ORDINANCE SETTING UP A FUND FOR THE COUNTY OF GRANT AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**. Treasurer Tim Stuckey explained the Ordinance sets up the Assessor Late Fee fund 3042, in accordance with State law, which establishes a fund to receive late assessment fees. He further explained the fund will be utilized to help pay for the expense of assessing property. County Clerk, Tanya Diotte read Ordinance 2017-03 in its entirety. A motion to suspend the second reading was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 8 for 0 against. The County Clerk then read the heading. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Vote 8 for 0 against. The Clerk read the heading a final time. A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mark Allen. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Next item on the agenda: Judge Pruitt brought up the issue of posting house numbers. He explained that he and other Justices had been approached on the issue. Justice Carder noted the complexity of getting the information to all of Grant County. The Quorum Court discussed at large the fact that there are no fines or fees or specific language, which enforce the Ordinance. Judge Pruitt mentioned getting the information to the Headlight and that they might run an article on the importance of posting house numbers. Justice Nevens mentioned that there in fact had been an article previously been published in the Headlight when the Ordinance was published. Justice Carder mentioned, local volunteer fire fighters might be interested in helping get the word out to the public or notices could be mailed out to the entire County. Justice Tony Carder suggested that the Quorum Court members think about the issue and perhaps bring it up at next month's meeting.

Next item on the agenda, Judge Pruitt gave an update on Phase 2 of the Justice Complex. He mentioned that Morrison and Associates had submitted a drawing for review

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and that both he and Judge Sherry Burnett both have a copy. Judge Pruitt also mentioned that they are still waiting on hard numbers for the project.

Emergency Medical Services Tax: Judge Pruitt discussed the quarter cent sales tax. Specifically, stating he had discussed the issues with Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Norman Frisby. That Attorney Frisby is currently working on the wording for the Ordinance. Judge Pruitt mentioned that specifically, he is looking at language "to do away with the 10-year sunset clause, which would free up that money a little bit, so it's not so tight" and well as looking at having the funds dispersed at the direction and discretion of the Quorum Court. Further Judge Pruitt stated the sole purpose of the funds would be for Public Safety. Judge Pruitt mentioned that if the ordinance is passed, the Quorum Court would have 120 days to take the Ordinance to an election. Justice Roshto mentioned, educating people in the County on this issue will be critical, specifically; that they understand this is not a "new" tax.

Sales Tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed. The Treasurer noted that collecting of State sales tax on Internet sales failed in most recent Legislative session.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2017-04, entitled, **A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE: COMMITTEE FOR THE FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN; FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN STAFF COMMITTEE; AND PUBLIC PLANNING.** The Resolution was read aloud in its entirety by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Justice Tyler Cambell and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 8 for 0 against.

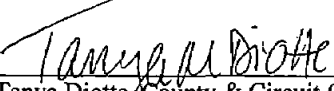
In other business, the County sold 4 pick-up trucks. A grader and dump truck are remain for sale.

Solid Waste bid openings will be on April 19, 2017 and Chip seal bids will open on May 3, 2017.

Justice Jason Roshto briefed the Quorum Court on the Association of Counties Justice of Peace meeting he attended in Little Rock. He briefly discussed new law regarding campaign signs and materials and the "paid for by" requirement on all new signs and literature. He further mentioned concealed carry laws; that the Quorum Court may authorize elected officials to carry concealed weapons, and brought back some examples of policy set in other Arkansas counties. The annual AAC Justice of the Peace Conference Meeting was set for August 9- August 11 in Little Rock.

Motion to adjourn.


Randy Pruitt, County Judge


Tanya Diotte, County & Circuit Clerk