MINUTES
SEVIER COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
2:00 P.M., Monday, May 8, 2023

The Sevier County Quorum Court met at 2:00 P.M., Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Sevier County Courthouse Conference Room with County Judge Sandra Dunn presiding. The roll was called with the following Justices present: Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, Greg Wright. Absent – None. Upon a motion by Roxy Stephens and second by Angie Walker, the Quorum Court voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to approve the minutes as emailed.

Committee and Other Reports –

1. Lori House, CEO of Sevier County Medical Center was present to report on the month of April's patient load. The hospital had 19 inpatients, 28 observation patients, 474 Emergency Room Visits, 430 Outpatient Services for a total number seen of 939.

2. Quorum Court member Angie Walker gave an update on the Sevier County Airport Board. Angie informed the Quorum the total sales for the month of April were $10,411.89 and those were 32 independent sales or interactions.

3. Robbie Hines, with Southwest EMS was present to report on the month of April, and to introduce the new supervisor, Gayle Gathright. Mr. Hines informed the Quorum that their new building is going to be downtown De Queen, right across from the Revenue Office. For the month of April Southwest Ems had 64 transports in to the hospital, 39 of those were took from our hospital to another hospital for a total of 160 calls and about a fourth of those were non transports.

4. There was no representative available from David Boone Ministries, but a yearly report from March 2022 – March 2023 was emailed to all Quorum Court members.

New Business -

1. The first agenda item was a resolution expressing the willingness of Sevier County to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds for the De Queen Lake Trails Project. Lorna Branson presented the project to the Quorum Court. She informed the Quorum they had received $200,000 federal money with $40,000 matching grant. Lorna was here today to ask the Quorum if the County could do the whole match. A previous resolution was passed on May 9, 2022 (Res 2022-02) showing the willingness of the County to match the funds. A new resolution was needed to be signed, due to the change in elected officials. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Greg Wright. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.

2. The second agenda item was a resolution authorizing the Sevier County Judge to enter into an Energy Service Agreement with Scenic Hill on behalf of Sevier County. Bill Halter CEO of Scenic Hill Solar presented a presentation to the Quorum Court. After the presentation was given, there was further discussion, along with a few Quorum Court members asking more in-depth questions. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Michael Barnes. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No-Scottie Morris. The motion passed.

3. The third agenda item was the confirmation of board appointments. The first board appointment was the re-appointment of Jimna Stinnett to the Sevier County Equalization Board to represent the schools. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed. The second board appointment was re-appointment of Debbie Pickering to the Sevier County Equalization Board to represent the Cities. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Roger Whitmore. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed. The third board appointment was the appointment of Emmy Bailey to the Sevier County Housing Authority Board. A motion was made by Callie Efird and seconded by Roger Whitmore to table this appointment until the next Quorum Court meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed. The fourth board appointment was the re-appointment of Zahir Kamruddin to the Sevier County Housing Authority Board. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Roger Whitmore A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed. The fifth board appointment was the re-appointment of Dr. Steve Cole to the Sevier County Medical Center Board. A motion was made by Kenneth Currence and seconded by Roxy Stephens. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No- Callie Efird. The motion passed.

4. The fourth agenda item was an additional Appropriation for the County Road Fund for the purpose of purchasing a road grader for the Sevier County Road Department at a total cost of $225,000. Judge Dunn stated that the County has a grader that has a lot of hours on it and its now being repaired along with the transmission replaced. The county would like to a buy a used one so that we can keep five on the road and have one spare. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Scottie Morris. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.

5. The fifth agenda item was an ordinance to establish new fund 3510-Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership Fund. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Greg Wright. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.

6. The sixth agenda item was Appropriation Ordinance to amend the Annual Operating Budget for 2022. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Scottie Morris. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.

7. The seventh agenda item is Appropriation Ordinance to amend the Annual Operating Budget for 2023.
    1. The County Collector requests the following appropriation changes: Adding $3,419.72 to line 3102 Computer Software Support.
    2. The County Sheriff requests the following appropriation changes: Adding $5,319.65 to line 2023 for the remaining amount of the ARPA funds that was appropriated in 2022.
    3. The County Clerk requests the following appropriation changes: Adding the $692,000 received from the Sevier County Medical Center to the ARPA budget to clean up SOP.
    4. The County Sheriff requests the following appropriation changes: Adding $372,739.00 to the budget the new Arkansas Opioid Recovery Program. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Greg Wright. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.

Old Business – There is no old business

Announcements – Judge Dunn made an announcement that there is a vacancy on the Hospital Board of Governors. Brad Patterson resigned, so that position will need to be filled. Dunn stated that she had a couple of names recommended and ask if the Quorum had any others that they would mind, that she would be glad to consider those and will address that at the next meeting.

Adjournment –With no further business to discuss, Roxy Stepehns made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Callie Efird. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

RENEA BAILEY

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County Clerk