

BOONE COUNTY

MEETING OF ALL COMMITTEES MINUTES

February 4, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Justices present were Matt Odom, Glenn Redding, Heath Kirkpatrick, Bryan Snavelly, Sam Tinsley, Rodney Sullins, Shane Jones, Ralph Guynn, Bill Melbourne, and David Thompson. Justice Kyle Evatt was absent.

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Robert Hathaway at 6:00 P.M.

County Clerk Crystal Graddy took a moment to explain a payroll budget mistake. She explained that a clerical error was made that put too much money into the salary line items for a few different departments. County general fund, Sheriff's Office budget 1000-0400-1001, will have to be decreased by \$45,057.00, the dedicated 911 fund 3020-0501-1001 decreased by \$36,556.00, and County Jail fund 3498-0418-1001 decreased by \$53,584.00. Justice Redding made a motion to draft an ordinance to amend the budget and take it to the full Quorum Court, Justice Tinsley seconded. All voted Aye.

Budget and Finance Committee began at 6:14 P.M. with Justices Glenn Redding (Chair), Sam Tinsley, Rodney Sullins, Bill Melbourne, and David Thompson all in attendance.

Coroner Chad Hathaway told the committees that his truck is not expected to last much longer and will need to purchase one. He explained what was wrong with the truck in question and gave information on his search for a truck here locally. This Ordinance was moved forward to be discussed first and is below referred to as Appropriation Ordinance (No. 4).

Appropriation Ordinance (No. 4): An Appropriation Ordinance to move funds into the Coroner's Office budget for the purchase of a new vehicle. Justice Tinsley made a motion to take it to the full Quorum Court with Justice Thompson seconding. All voted Aye. Justice Tinsley will sponsor.

Appropriation Ordinance (No. 1): An Appropriation Ordinance for the annual budget cleanup for calendar year 2024. Justice Sullins made a motion to take it to the full Quorum Court with Justice Thompson seconding. All voted Aye. Justice Sullins will sponsor.

Appropriation Ordinance (No. 2): An Appropriation Ordinance to transfer funds from the Courthouse Fund into the Drug Court Fund for the purchase of an enclosed trailer. Justice Thompson made a motion to take it to the full Quorum Court with Justice Melbourne seconding. All voted Aye. Justice Thompson will sponsor.

Appropriation Ordinance (No. 3): An Appropriation Ordinance to establish a fund on the books to be known as the Juvenile AOC Fund. Justice Melbourne made a motion to take it to the full Quorum Court with Justice Kirkpatrick seconding. All voted Aye. Justice Melbourne will sponsor.

Justice Thompson spoke about the Treasurers' answers to questions in the last meeting. Suggests that we need to start the budget process sooner this year. Discussion ensued.

No other business was brought to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Budget and Finance Committee adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Law Enforcement Committee began at 7:05 P.M. with Justices Bryan Snavely (Chair), Matt Odom, Glenn Redding, Heath Kirkpatrick, and Bill Melbourne all in attendance.

Sheriff Roy Martin spoke briefly about the 309 program and how a new state program may affect the trustees for the jail. He will keep the court updated as this progresses.

Chairperson Snavely updated on the fence at the back of the Sheriff's Department being finished.

Law Enforcement Committee dismissed at 7:08 P.M.

Personnel Committee began at 7:09 P.M. with Justices Rodney Sullins (Chair), Bryan Snavely, Sam Tinsley, Shane Jones, Ralph Guynn all in attendance.

Chairperson Sullins began the discussion of nominations for Quorum Court delegate to serve on the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts to represent and vote on behalf of Boone County.

Justice Snavely nominated Justice Melbourne, Justice Tinsley seconded. All voted aye.

Justice Melbourne nominated Justice Thompson as an alternative, Justice Snavely seconded. All vote aye.

No other business was brought to the Personnel Committee.

Personnel Committee dismissed at 7:16 P.M.

Road/Bridges/Buildings/Grounds Committee began at 7:16 P.M. with Justices Sam Tinsley (Chair), Heath Kirkpatrick, Rodney Sullins, and Ralph Guynn all in attendance. Justice Kyle Evatt was absent.

Judge Hathaway gave an update on the Government Center remodel project and announced that he is searching for the best interest rate from local banks for financing.

He continued by letting the committees know that the contract has been signed with Nabholz and that they are planning to mobilize February 24th. With construction bids complete, this shows that 57% of the overall project total is to be done with local subcontractors. Due to Arkansas State law, the construction manager (Nabholz) cannot do the actual construction on the project for the County and this work must be subcontracted.

Judge Hathaway also announced that Prosecuting Attorney David Ethredge will be the county attorney moving forward.

No other business was brought to the Road/Bridges/Buildings/Grounds Committee.

Road/Bridges/Buildings/Grounds Committee dismissed at 7:27 P.M.

Justice Redding mentioned that the state may have legislation in the works to regulate the height of windmills in Arkansas.

Solid Waste Committee began at 7:29 P.M. with Justices Matt Odom, Heath Kirkpatrick, Shane Jones, and David Thompson all in attendance. Justice Kyle Evatt (Chair) absent.

No business was brought to the Solid Waste Committee.

The Solid Waste Committee dismissed at 7:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Justice Tinsley, seconded by Justice Thompson with all voting Aye.

The Committee of All Committees adjourned at 7:31 P.M.