

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
FORT SMITH COURTHOUSE, ROOM 204
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

CALL TO ORDER

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tony Crockett led the Invocation.

Sharon Brooks, Sebastian County Clerk, called the roll.

Phil Hicks	Danny Aldridge	Dickie Robertson	Johnny Hobbs
Shawn Looper	Jim Medley	Linda Murry	
Tony Crockett	Donald Carter	Bob Schwartz	
John Spradlin	Rhonda Royal	Denny Altes	

All members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Hudson asked if there were any public comments. There were no Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 11, 2014 Quorum Court Special Meeting
December 16, 2014 Quorum Court Special Meeting
January 1, 2015 Quorum Court Special Meeting

Linda Murry made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REGULAR REPORTS

First Item:

Executive Report of the County Judge

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**Executive Report
January 27, 2015
Quorum Court Meeting**

I. Update on Pending Legislation Concerning Jail Funding

It is my understanding that the Governor and General Assembly are planning to add \$11 million to the budget appropriation for FY 2015 to pay obligations for funding shortfalls for jail reimbursement. This money will provide funding for Counties holding State-sentenced inmates in County jails from 2014. The Governor's recommendation for the budget includes an increase in the rate of reimbursement from \$28 a day to \$30 a day, with the understanding that another increase may be added during the next fiscal session. The projected appropriation for this purpose has been increased for FY 2016 from \$16 million to \$27 million.

Discussions are ongoing this week with the County Sheriffs Association meeting in Little Rock this week, working with the Department of Corrections and the Governor's office to address immediate short-term and long-term problems in jail and prison overcrowding, growth, increasing costs and funding. At the present time, jails are holding about 10,000 inmates, and State prisons are full with 17,000 inmates. There are about 2,450 backed up in County jails waiting for a prison bed. One of the areas under consideration and discussion is renting beds from an independent contractor or available beds in Louisiana and Texas.

Another area of discussion from the State budget planning is funding re-entry beds for individuals leaving prison.

Other areas under discussion for immediate or long-term needs include regional jails, rehabbing existing buildings or building prisons, evaluating sentencing guidelines, evaluating the State's use of probation, adding probation and parole officers and some reform in particular crimes for drug abuse or abuse and alternatives to long-term incarceration.

The County Judges Association meets the second week of February and continued focus of legislative issues will be topics for those meetings.

Next Item:
Report on Disposal of Surplus of Property

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The County Judge's Office disposed of certain property deemed surplus in accordance with the guidelines set forth by ACA 14-16-106 and Act 1014 of 2011. The County was in possession of property that had outlived its serviceable life and had been replaced in accordance with Sebastian County's Fleet Replacement Plan.

This sale was accomplished by way of Internet Sale through the County's Memo of Understanding with GovDeals, Inc. A Sold Asset Report illustrating the Description, VIN, Buyer and Sale price is enclosed. One vehicle from the Sheriffs fleet was sold. Also, sold were various cell phones that were deemed unusable and/or out of date. The total of sales for the month of December 2014 was \$2,085.88. All moneys received were placed into the General Fund 1000 account.

Next Item:

Elect Delegate to the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts, Inc.

Jim Medley nominated JP Danny Aldridge to be the delegate to the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts, Inc.

Jim Medley made a motion to re-elect Danny Aldridge as the delegate. John Spradlin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSSINESS

Next Item:

Review 2014 Revenues and Year –end Balances

Next Item:

Review 2015 Capital Budget Proposals (See Capital Report)

General Fund Balance

The 1/1/15 General Fund balance is \$7,783,266. This balance allows consideration of proposed 2015 Capital Appropriations. After deducting planned Budget Allocations and Grants and allowing \$250,000 Unobligated Balance, the General Fund recommended Cash Flow Balance is \$6, 740,893.

Actual General Fund expenses for 2014 amounted to 93% of the Total Appropriations.

A copy of the Actual 2014 General Fund Cash Flow is attached. A copy of the 2015 projected General Fund Cash Flow Spreadsheet listing the beginning balance of \$7,783,266

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and the allowance of \$250,000 Unobligated Balance for the General Fund to adjust the total to \$6,740,893 is set forth on the attached Cash Flow Spreadsheet [see enclosure].

Review of 2015 Proposed Capital Appropriations

A specific review of each Office/Department Capital Proposals for 2015 is scheduled for the January meeting. Based upon Quorum Court approval, an Appropriation Ordinance for each Capital Proposal will be drafted for funding in the February regular meeting. Elected Officials and Department Heads have been invited to the meeting to present their Capital Proposals and answer questions.

Enclosures: Actual General Fund 2014 Cash Flow

Projected General Fund 2015 Cash Flow

Next Item:

Review of 2015 Personnel Project

Steve Hotz, HR Director presented a Personnel Project Report based on the Point Factor Analysis System to the Quorum Court in a Power Point format.

Shawn Looper made a motion to support spending \$9,900 to purchase a software upgrade to complete the Personnel Study.

Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2014-19 in Order to Appropriate Additional Funds and Approve Additional Expenditures for County Offices and Departments in the 2015 Budget; and for Other Purposes (2nd Reading)

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the roll.

Appropriation Ordinance 2015-1 passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2014-19 in Order to Appropriate Additional Funds and Approve Additional Expenditures for County Offices and Departments in the 2015 Budget; and for Other Purposes

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Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Danny Aldridge seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the roll.

Appropriation Ordinance 2015-2 passed unanimously.

Next Item:

A Resolution of the Sebastian County Quorum Court Certifying Local Government Endorsement of ArcBest Corporation to Participate in the Tax Back Program (as Authorized by Sections 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003).

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve Resolution. Phil Hicks seconded the motion.

Resolution 2015-1 passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Danny Aldridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion.

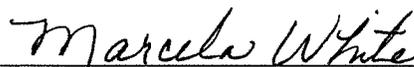
The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Brooks, County Clerk



Marcela White, Deputy Clerk