

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.  
FORT SMITH COURTHOUSE, ROOM 204  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Bob Schwartz led the Invocation.

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk called the roll, with 9 members present. (Linda Murry, Denny Altes and Phil Hicks were absent.)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Hudson asked if there were any Public Comments.

Kim Burton Norman – Realtor and Fort Smith Resident stated that she was pleased with the decisions made by the Quorum Court regarding the Golf Course.

Mr. Howard stated that he has seen a lot of improvements and high morale in the golf community due to the changes made at the Ben Geren Golf Course.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 27, 2015 Quorum Court Regular Meeting

John Spradlin stated that the Southwest Times Record featured Prosecuting Attorney Dan Shue as the recipient of the annual Percy Malone Children’s Champion Award. JP Spradlin stated that the ceremony will take place in April at the Clinton Library in Little Rock.

Rhonda Royal 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

The Report was submitted to the Quorum Court for review.

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**David Hudson**

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February 2, 2015

**MEMO**

To: Quorum Court  
From: County Judge *DA*  
Subject: 1. Revisions to the 2015 Aquatics Financial Plan and  
2. Correction of the 2015 Aquatics Budget

1. Financial Plan for Aquatics

In completing financial analysis for the aquatics facility, the 2015 allocation of \$260,213 for the EMS Facility was not included. This will require a new financial plan.

2. 2015 Aquatics Facility Budget

The reconciliation of the 2015 aquatics budget was not calculated with the actual expenses for 2012 through 2014 and requires an adjustment to the 2015 Appropriation.

It is recommended that \$260,213 for the EMS project be transferred from the General Fund balance to the General Fund Capital Reserve account to make the total allocated for that project from the General Fund Capital Reserve account \$1,250,076 in the 2015 Budget.

An adjustment for the 2015 Aquatics Budget is outlined in this memo.

Detailed Calculations for both of these budget adjustments are set forth below.

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The 2015 Aquatics Budget is as follows:

County Government 50% share of the Aquatics Project	\$5,450,000
2012 Expenses	\$ 34,967
2013 Expenses	\$ 56,130
2014 Expenses	<u>\$2,968,462</u>
(Less) Total Expenses 2012 - 2014	\$3,059,559
Balance of Funding Needed for the 2015 Aquatics Budget	\$2,390,440
(Less) Current Appropriation for the Aquatics Project	\$2,072,168
Additional Appropriation Needed in the February Meeting	<u>\$ 318,272</u>

Revisions to the Financial Plan for Aquatics

Aquatics Project	\$5,450,000
(Less) Total Expenses 2012 - 2014	\$3,059,559
Balance required to complete the project	\$2,390,441
(Less) Sales Tax Capital Fund Balance 1/1/15	\$1,896,325
Funding Needed	\$ 494,116
(Less) 2015 11% Sales Tax Capital	\$ 367,054
Balance of funding needed	\$ 127,062
(PLUS) Pre - Opening Agreement	\$ 22,000
Total Needed	\$ 149,062

Funding of the Balance needed:

(Less) 1% Sales Tax Parks from 2014 (July-Oct)	\$ 17,994
(Less) 1% Sales Tax Parks for 2015 (Jan -Dec)	\$ 33,985
Adjusted balance needed	\$ 97,083

Transfer \$97,083 from General Fund Balance

Repay the \$97,083 from 2016 11% Sales Tax Funds

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The transfer of \$357,296 (\$260,213 EMS Project+ \$97,083 Aquatics) from the General Fund balance will be nearly totally offset by the transfer of Health Insurance reimbursement. The January Health Insurance reimbursement allowed transfer from the Health Insurance Fund to General Fund Balance by County Court Order of \$343,689.55. This transfer will be implemented in February and is noted on our financial report.

These transfers result in General Fund Balance of \$6,727, 286.55. Accordingly, these transfers will not present any cash flow or related operational issues and is the recommended approach to reconciling the 2015 EMS capital budget and the Aquatics Facility budget. By addressing the funding in this fashion, the Aquatics Facility will be fully funded by County sales tax funds.

We will review this plan and answer questions by contacting you individually to review for a conference with the County Comptroller Kathy Lawrence. In that meeting you may also address and have answered any related questions you may have concerning county financial reports.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathy Lawrence if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

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OLD BUSINESS

Next Item:

Review 2015 Capital Budget Proposals

Paul presented a Power Point Review of Capital Projects.

Next Item:

Review of Personnel Project

Steve Hotz presented a report on the Personnel Project and the Report was made available to the Quorum Court in the regular packet.

Judge Hudson asked the Quorum Court members if they think this study is going in the right direction.

Shawn Looper made a motion to continue the study. The motion was seconded by Bob Schwartz.

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. (Capital)

Judge David Hudson asked County Clerk Sharon Brooks to read Appropriation Ordinance on pages 46-55.

Bob Schwartz made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Jim Medley seconded the motion.

Danny Aldridge made a motion to table Items 7 and 8 until the May Quorum Court meeting.

There was no second on that motion and the motion was removed.

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Sharon Brooks called the roll.

The motion made by Bob Schwartz and seconded by Jim Medley passed with 7 YES votes and 3 NO votes. This was the First Reading of the motion. (NO votes were Shawn Looper, Tony Crockett, and Danny Aldridge. Linda Murry, Denny Altes and Phil Hicks were absent.)

NEW BUSINESS

Next Item:

An Emergency Ordinance Creating the Official Position of County Jail Psychiatrist

Judge David Hudson asked County Clerk Sharon Brooks to read Appropriation Ordinance on pages 56-57.

Danny Aldridge made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Jim Medley seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the roll.

Ordinance 2015-4 passed unanimously with 10 YES votes. (Linda Murry, Denny Altes and Phil Hicks were absent.)

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

Sharon Brooks called the roll.

Ordinance 2015-5 passed unanimously with 10 YES votes. (Linda Murry, Denny Altes and Phil Hicks were absent.)

John Spradlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Looper seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Brooks, County Clerk



Marcela White, Deputy Clerk