

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
MARCH 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.

Linda Murry led the Invocation.

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk, called the roll, with all 13 members present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Hudson asked if there were any public comments.

Ronnie Hisaw with the White Bluff Rye Hill Fire Department stated that having the Public Comments at the beginning of the meeting is a disadvantage, due to the fact that there is not enough time to look at the packet to see what's in it. He, also, stated that the Fire Department would like to be responsible for their on funding.

Judge Hudson stated that the issue would be discussed Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Department's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2015 Quorum Court Regular Meeting

Johnny Hobbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REGULAR REPORTS

Executive Report of the County Judge

There is no Executive Report of the County Judge for tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

First Item:

A Review of the 2015 Capital Budget Proposals. The Capital Report is found on Page 93.

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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) [Second Reading]

Sharon Brooks read the Ordinance.

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

Sharon Brooks called the roll.

The Second Reading of the Ordinance passed with 8 YES votes and 5 NO votes. (NO Votes, Linda Murry, Phil Hicks, Shawn Looper, Tony Crockett, and John Spradlin).

Next Item:

Review of 2015 Personnel Project - Updated March 17, 2015

Steve Hotz presented a Power Point presentation to the Quorum Court, in which he brought up four issues of concern, and asked for input from the QC members.

1. Frequency of salary range updates
2. Limit salaries to the top of the range
3. Market based salary for key positions
4. Merit plus cost of living increases

Steve Hotz stated that he will talk with the Elected Officials and they will come up with a plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Item:

Briefing on Proposed County Communications Platform Upgrade by Kevin Smith (Page 57 in the Packet)

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Sharon Brooks read the Ordinance.

John Spradlin made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Phil Hicks seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the roll.

Ordinance 2015-6 passed unanimously 13 to 0.

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Next Item:

A Resolution Honoring Major General William D. Wofford for Outstanding and Dedicated Performance of Duties as The Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard. (Page 86)

Johnny Hobbs made a motion to approve Resolution. John Spradlin seconded the motion. Sharon Brooks called the roll.

Resolution 2015-2 passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Next Item:

The Quorum Court Members recognized Landon Reeves, a Scout working on his Eagle Badge.

Final Item:

A Resolution of the Sebastian County Quorum Court Certifying Local Government Endorsement of Mars Petcare US, Inc. to Participate in the Tax Back Program (as Authorized by Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003).

Shawn Looper made a motion to approve Resolution. Johnny Hobbs seconded the motion.

Sharon Brooks called the roll.

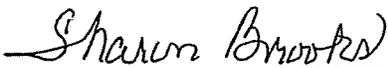
Resolution 2015- 3 passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Rhonda Royal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Schwartz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Brooks, County Clerk



Marcela White, Deputy Clerk