

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT MINUTES 28 2023

January 10, 2023

DAWN MOFFET
Marion County Clerk
D.C.

The Marion County Quorum Court held their monthly meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

Judge Stumph presided over the meeting and all Justices were present. Justice Hutching gave the invocation and Justice Reed led the pledge.

All reports were read and accepted. During the Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Susann Crespino stated that she did not have any confidence in the numbers that her reports were generating and that she had a call into the software company for assistance in this matter. The Law Enforcement report was made vocally by Sheriff Gregg Alexander. He stated that the old vehicles were in the process of being stripped by the 309 inmates. He continued to state that he anticipated that sometime in February those vehicles would be disposed of. Justice Scrima stated that he has asked several times for a report that showed which vehicles were assigned to which officer. He also requested an updated report of the current inventory for the Sheriff's office. There was no vote on the library report as no one representing the library was in attendance. Sandy Evans, secretary to the Fire Board, announced that the towers were up and they were waiting for the licenses, and hope to have the tower up and running by February.

Justice Vancuren made the motion to read the ordinance by title only. Justice Nicekls seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Stumph had requested that a procedural ordinance that he prepared be placed on the agenda for this meeting. He did not have any sponsored for said ordinance. Justice Hutching agreed to sponsor the ordinance, but the current procedural ordinance states that after the packets are sent out, three Justices must sponsor an ordinance in order for it to be placed on the agenda. Therefore, this ordinance was not presented.

Ordinance 2023-1 – Procedural Ordinance – Sponsored by Justices Vancuren, Brigham, White, and Scrima. This ordinance outlines the Procedural guidelines for the Quorum Court for each meeting. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Vancuren and seconded by Justice Brigham. During the discussion, Justice Scrima suggested that the court go through this ordinance carefully to make sure everyone understood what the proper procedures were. Judge Stumph, in the ordinance he had presented had requested a change in the time and date of the regular meeting. He stated that he had gotten some feedback from citizens that changing the meeting time to 4 p.m. was beneficial to some people so that they did not have to

go home and come back at 5:30. Justices McCalla, Scrima, and Brigham all stated that they had spoken to some of their constituents and overwhelmingly they wanted the time and date to remain the same. Justice Hutching offered that the Librarian had stated that someone would be there to give the report if the meeting was during the day. Another point of discussion was that if the elected official cannot attend a meeting and has an ordinance before the court, the proposed ordinance would be tabled until the next meeting. Also, addressed was that the public has the opportunity to voice their opinion of any ordinance before the court as a whole votes on said ordinance. However, their Justice must be a sponsor to the ordinance and the person requesting the time to address the court must be on the agenda. Clerk Dawn Moffet asked if this ordinance can be amended. She would like to see that there be a deadline as to when reports and ordinances can be placed on the agenda. She will present an ordinance to the procedural committee at their next meeting to reflect this change. The motion to adopt passed unanimously.

Linda McKeon representing the Oakland Community was advised to make an appointment with Sheriff Alexander and if necessary ask to be placed on the February agenda.

Justice White was nominated by Justice Scrima to be the delegate to the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts. Justice Brigham seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

During the announcements Judge Stumph released his committee assignments as follows:

Budget Committee: Marty Nickels, Rick White, John Reed, Rolin Hutching, Joyce McCalla

Law Enforcement Committee: Marty Nickels, John Reed, Joyce McCalla

Personnel Committee: Marty Nickels, Rick White, John Reed, Rolin Hutching and Joyce McCalla

Procedures and Management Committee: Rick White, John Reed, Joyce McCalla

Solid Waste Committee: Rick White, Rolin Hutching, Wesley Shipman

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____



Jason Stumph, County Judge

Date: 2/21/23

Attest: 
Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT ROLL CALL RECORD

Motion
ORDINANCE 2023-_____

DATE: 01/01/23

MOTION TO: To Read By Title Only

MOVED BY JUSTICE Scrima

SECONDED BY JUSTICE White

JUSTICES	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JUSTICE MICHAEL SCRIMA (District #1)	X			
JUSTICE MARTY NICKELS (District #2)	X			
JUSTICE TALON VANCUREN (District #3)		X		
JUSTICE RICK WHITE (District #4)	X			
JUSTICE JOHN REED (District #5)	X			
JUSTICE ROLIN HUTCHING (District #6)	X			
JUSTICE WESLEY SHIPMAN (District #7)	X			
JUSTICE CLAUDIA BRIGHAM (District #8)	X			
JUSTICE JOYCE MCCALLA (District #9)	X			
TOTALS	8	1		

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FILED FOR RECORD
at 008 o'clock P M

FEB 28 2023

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JAN 23 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 /

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024.

Whereas, the Marion County Quorum Court is required by Arkansas Code Annotated 14-14-904 to determine its rules of procedure in order to properly conduct the business of county government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1.

The Quorum Court of Marion County, Arkansas adopts in its entirety the rules of procedure as stated in the Procedural Guide for Arkansas County Quorum Court Meetings, published by the Association of Arkansas Counties. In those instances where this guide does not explicitly address the situation, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) shall be the standard procedural guide for all meetings.

Section 2. Meeting Dates

A. (1) The regular monthly meetings of the Marion County Quorum Court shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6 p.m., in the 2nd floor courtroom of the Marion County Courthouse.

(2) If the date of the regular meeting falls on a holiday, the County Judge is authorized and empowered to choose another date for the Quorum Court to meet. The County Judge shall notify the County Clerk of the date, and the County Clerk shall notify all members of the Quorum Court not less than four (4) days prior to the new meeting date.

B. (1) The County Judge or a majority of the elected Justices of the Peace may call Special Meetings upon at least twenty-four (24) hour notice. The notice of said meeting shall specify the Subjects, Date, Time and Designated Location of the special meeting. Only such business as was included in the notice may be considered.

(2) All special meetings of the Quorum Court and any of its committees shall be in conformance with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act and all other Arkansas State laws.

Section 3. Order of Business

A The following order of business shall apply to regular and special called meetings of the Quorum Court.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Disposition of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4. Committee Reports
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Comments/Questions from the Public
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

B The office of the County Clerk shall distribute, via electronic or US Mail, the Quorum Court agenda and supporting documentation at least seven (7) days prior to the Quorum Court meeting.

C Three (3) members of the Quorum Court may submit items after the agenda closes, if it is considered to be in the best interest of the county or that important.

D The ordinance shall have the Elected Official Name(s) on the Ordinance, who it effects, and, the name(s) of 3 Justice(s) or the committee sponsoring the ordinance to be submitted for passage.

E. If the ordinance being presented increases the annual budget for the elected official(s) the Elected Official or their delegate shall give a presentation on the proposed ordinance. The presentation shall include the need and justification for the Ordinance, the estimated cost and the annual reoccurring cost. The presentation shall also include where the funds will come from to complete the project.

Note: If the elected official for whatever reason cannot attend the meeting the proposed ordinance shall be tabled until the next scheduled Quorum Court meeting.

F. Public input prior to the vote of an ordinance.

The public shall be allowed their input prior to a vote on any ordinance being presented providing:

1. They have the JP in their district as a sponsor.
2. They are on the agenda to speak on this issue.
3. They will be allowed 5 minutes to present their views.

Section 4. Committee Appointments

A The following standing committees have been established and are to be comprised of at least three (3) members and not to exceed five (5) members each.

1. Budget Committee
2. Law Enforcement Committee
3. Personnel Committee
4. Solid Waste Committee
5. Procedure Management Committee

B The County Judge shall appoint members to the standing committees and to the ad hoc committees from the members of the Quorum Court. Appointments shall be made at the beginning of the Quorums Court's new term and before the February meeting of that term.

Section 5. Per Diem

A All Justices of the Peace of the Quorum Court shall receive a per diem of \$250.00 for each regular scheduled meeting and any special meeting.

B All Justices of the Peace who attend their assigned committee meetings shall receive a per diem of \$70.00 per meeting.

C In the event a member of the Quorum Court incurs expenses in the pursuit of official county business, he/she may request reimbursement for such expenses. To receive reimbursement, the member must submit to the County Judge the original, itemized receipts for all expenses and provide a description and explanation of the county business conducted. Approval for overnight expense reimbursement must be obtained from the County Judge in advance of the activity.


Section 6. Repeal

This ordinance shall repeal that part of any previous ordinance with which it conflicts.

Section 7. Emergency Clause.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Quorum Court.

Approved: _____


Jason Stumph, County Judge

Attest: _____


Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

Date: _____

1/10/23

Sponsored by: _____

Justices Scrima, Vancuren,
Brigham, White

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT ROLL CALL RECORD

ORDINANCE 2023- 1

DATE: 11/10/23

MOTION TO: Adopt

MOVED BY JUSTICE Vancuren

SECONDED BY JUSTICE Brigham

JUSTICES	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JUSTICE MICHAEL SCRIMA (District #1)	X			
JUSTICE MARTY NICKELS (District #2)	X			
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TOTALS	9			

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