

COUNTY JUDGE’S REPORT:

County Judge Gary Black announced that he is re-appointing Dale Shastid to another 5-year term on the 9-1-1 Administration Board. JP Summers made motion to confirm the appointment, seconded by JP Winscott. Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Representatives from the Northwest Arkansas Cattlewomen’s Association were recognized, and Thekla Wallace stated that the group would like to remind everyone that Benton County was built on the beef and poultry industries, and asked that the Quorum Court continue to consider agricultural interests in any decisions that are made. County Judge Gary Black expressed thanks to the group for the dinner provided prior to the meeting.

County Judge Gary Black introduced Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Nathan Smith who is serving as counsel tonight in the absence of County Attorney Robin Green.

County Judge Gary Black yielded to Department of Emergency Management Director Marshal Watson who gave an update on storm damage and explained the various levels of state and federal assistance that will be available to individuals and local governments. He said that Benton County has incurred almost \$1 million in damages, primarily to bridges and roads, and the total cost to all government entities in Benton County is almost \$3 million. He said that they have now received a Presidential Declaration of the disaster area, which will provide reimbursement of 87% of the costs incurred by public entities. JP Summers asked if any of the flooding events had exceeded the 50-year or 100-year flood levels. Marshal Watson stated that Beaver Lake reached its highest level ever recorded, exceeding the 100-year flood level by 7 inches. He added that if they had not met the Federal declaration threshold, Benton County would have only received 35% reimbursement from the State of Arkansas.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) Third and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. O-2006-01, Adopting a Revised Fee Schedule For Building Inspections, and Exempting Agricultural Buildings From Building Inspections and Fees; Sponsor: JP Beverly Williams

JP Williams made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Moore. JP Williams stated that this is the third reading and it has been thoroughly discussed.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

10 yeas: Harrison, Hill, Hobbs, Moore, Stephenson, Summers, Williams, Wincott,
Wolf, Wozniak
2 nays: Brown, Hubbard
1 absent: Glass

Ordinance duly adopted and assigned No. **O-2008-14**.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Proposed Resolution Authorizing the County Judge to Enter Into Negotiations For a Contract With an Architect and Construction Manager For a New Juvenile Detention Center Facility To Be Located On the County's Existing Property On Highway 102, Bentonville, Arkansas; Sponsor: JP Frank Wincott

Deputy Clerk Betsy Deaton read the proposed resolution in full. JP Summers made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Hill. JP Summers stated that the language in the resolution refers only to a "new facility" and does not allow for consideration of remodeling the current facility. JP Wincott stated that they need to continue with the procedure of getting the estimate for a new facility, and if the cost is too great and the project is not approved, they will start a new process of looking at other options. JP Stephenson stated that it has been generally understood that remodeling the current facility is not a good idea, and adding that consideration to the proposed resolution would be involving the firms in two separate issues. He said if the proposal comes back with an affordable price tag, they will not need to pursue other options. JP Summers stated that striking the word "new" from the proposed resolution would allow them to look at other options without starting over at square one. JP Wincott stated that he would favor starting over anyway because they may want to consider a different architect if they are remodeling the old facility instead of constructing a new one. Dennis Cottrell was recognized and stated that three years ago, Hight-Jackson Architects estimated that the most that the current facility could be expanded was 8 beds at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million, and their number one recommendation at the time was for new construction. He said getting an accurate estimate of the cost does not preclude any other options, and he hopes that they will continue with this process. JP Williams stated that she agreed with the comment by JP Wincott concerning the possibility of using a different architect to perform renovation work rather than the one chosen for new construction.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: Brown, Harrison, Hill, Hobbs, Hubbard, Moore, Stephenson,
Summers, Williams, Wincott, Wolf, Wozniak
1 Absent: Glass

Resolution duly adopted and assigned No. **R-2008-06**.

- (B) Proposed Resolution Appointing A Quorum Court Representative To the Benton County Equalization Board For A Three-Year Term; Sponsor: JP Tim Summers

Deputy Clerk Betsy Deaton read the proposed resolution in full appointing Rich Coleman to a 3-year term on the Equalization Board. JP Summers made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Williams.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: Brown, Harrison, Hill, Hobbs, Hubbard, Moore, Stephenson,
Summers, Williams, Winscott, Wolf, Wozniak
1 Absent: Glass

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2008-07.**

- (C) Proposed Resolution Appointing A Quorum Court Representative To The Benton County Equalization Board For A Three-Year Term; Sponsor: JP Tim Summers

Deputy Clerk Betsy Deaton read the proposed resolution in full appointing H. Leroy Thompson to a 3-year term on the Equalization Board. JP Summers made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Hill.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: Brown, Harrison, Hill, Hobbs, Hubbard, Moore, Stephenson,
Summers, Williams, Winscott, Wolf, Wozniak
1 Absent: Glass

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2008-08.**

- (D) Proposed Resolution Authorizing The County Judge To Apply For A Grant On Behalf Of The NEBCO Fire Department; Sponsor: JP Christian Glass

Deputy Clerk Betsy Deaton read the proposed resolution in full. JP Stephenson made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Williams.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: Brown, Harrison, Hill, Hobbs, Hubbard, Moore, Stephenson,
Summers, Williams, Winscott, Wolf, Wozniak
1 Absent: Glass

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2008-09.**

- (E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2007-30 (2008 Benton County Budget) To Create A New Fund To Be Named "Piney Point Fire Department" And Numbered No. 489 In Department **01**, To Amend *Schedule 1-Revenues By Fund* To Increase Revenues, And To Appropriate Additional Monies And Authorize Additional Expenditures Therein; Sponsor: JP Frank Winscott

Deputy Clerk Betsy Deaton read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only. JP Williams made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Winscott. JP Winscott stated that the grant is for \$15,000, and will require matching funds which will be raised by the Piney Point Volunteer Fire Department.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: Brown, Harrison, Hill, Hobbs, Hubbard, Moore, Stephenson,
Summers, Williams, Winscott, Wolf, Wozniak
1 Absent: Glass

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2008-15**.

OTHER BUSINESS:

JP Hubbard asked if any progress has been made in getting the retired Sheriff's Department badges to former deputies. County Judge Gary Black responded that the paperwork has been completed and he will be meeting with the Sheriff to complete the process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JP Moore announced that the Long Range Planning/Properties & Equipment Committee will meet Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 4:30 rather than 5:30 as previously announced, because he will be attending the Siloam Springs City Council meeting at 6:30 to discuss the need for a Public Health Clinic.

JP Summers announced that the Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., and the Committee of Thirteen will meet on June 10 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the court, upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Slinkard,
County Clerk

Prepared by: Betsy Deaton