

Committee of the Whole

June 9, 2015

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

13 JPs Present: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison,
Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers,
Moehring

2 Absent: Chiocco, Curry

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, Circuit Judge John Scott, Comptroller Brenda Guenther, Benton County Solid Waste Director Wendy Cravens, Environmental Services Program Director Teresa Sidwell, Jay Allen, Brenda Anderson

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

JP Kurt Moore called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

JP J. Harrison made motion to read all resolutions and ordinances by title only, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

A. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Capital Projects, Dept. 0108, Non-Departmental, Fund 4000; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

JP Jones stated that this is to appropriate the monies to pay for the courthouse restoration which will be reimbursed through the Walton Family Foundation Grant. He then made motion to forward to the QC Agenda, seconded by JP Adams.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

B. Resolution Request to Start the Benton County Convenience Center Pilot Program January 1, 2016; Sponsor: JP Kurt Moore

JP Jones stated this expands services to five days a week and made motion to forward to the next Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

After much lengthy discussion was had regarding the 2016 clean-up pilot program and striking language in the resolution, JP Jones called the vote to leave the proposed resolution as is.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

10 yeas: Easley, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin,
Leadabrand, Moore

3 nays: Shadlow, Meyers, Moehring

2 absent: Chiocco, Curry

Motion to forward to the Quorum Court agenda passed.

Discussion: New Courts Facility

County Judge Clinard read a letter to the committee regarding the site consideration for a new Benton County Justice Facility.

After much lengthy discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of both the Hwy. 102 site vs. the downtown location, JP Sandlin stated that the county judge needs to know the location that the committee favors. JP Sandlin then made a motion to vote as a committee for the recommendation of the downtown location, seconded by JP Adams.

Following some further discussion, a call for the question was made.

A roll vote was then recorded as follows:

9 for: Shadlow, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Moore,
Moehring

3 against: J. Harrison, Meyers, Leadabrand

3 absent: Easley, Chiocco, Curry

Motion for the Benton County Justice Facility to be located downtown passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

JP Jones reported that JP Chiocco's husband is not doing well.

Judge Clinard stated that the Road Department is accepting donations for JP Chiocco.

JP Leadabrand asked about the progress on the War Eagle Bridge project.

Judge Clinard reported that they had received three bids and would present more information at the Quorum Court meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Sandlin announced that a Personnel Committee meeting will be held on June 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue Elverston stated that parking is a big issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.