

Committee of the Whole Report

September 13, 2016

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Meeting Room, Benton County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas.

13 JPs Present: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, Adams, Sandlin, Anglin, Slinkard, Chiocco, Leadabrand, Meyers, Moore, Moehring
2 JPs Absent: K. Harrison, Jones

Others Present: Assessor Linda Hambrick, Administrator of General Services John Sudduth, Comptroller Brenda Guenther, Assessor-Elect Rod Grieve, District 11 JP-Elect Bob Bland, William Holley, Michael Hooper, Dietrich Bengs, Matthew Zachary, Mark Curtis, Nate Bachelor, Brandon Pinkerton, Nick Jewett, Kim Wilkins, Mike Clifford

Media: Tom Sissom – Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Committee of the Whole chair JP Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

JP Anglin reported on the Arkansas Association Counties Conference that was held in Hot Springs August 24.

JP J. Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

1. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of William L. Holley to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Position No. 1; Sponsor: JP Slinkard

JP Slinkard made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

William L. Holley stated that he moved to Bella Vista in 2013 from Oklahoma, and prior to that he lived in Southern California for 30 years. While living in Southern California he worked his way up from a building custodian to the City Manager. He stated that he is retired is now a

substitute Social Studies teacher. He has a Master's Degree in Public Communication and an undergraduate in Public Administration.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

2. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Michael L. Hooper to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Position No. 2; Sponsor JP Slinkard

JP Slinkard made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Allen.

Michael L. Hooper stated that he moved to Bentonville a year and half ago. He served in the Army for 12 years, in the Navy as a computer programmer for 35 years before retiring. He now works for United Health Corporation and is a part-time actor.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

3. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Dietrich W. Bengs to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Position No. 3; Sponsor JP Slinkard

JP Slinkard made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Dietrich W. Bengs stated he moved from Texas to Rogers in 2001. He currently works as a Walmart Property Manager and has always been involved in real estate. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Management. He stated that he just loves giving back to his community.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

4. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Matthew Zachary to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Position No. 4; Sponsor JP Sandlin

JP Sandlin made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Allen.

Matthew Zachary stated he moved to Bentonville in 1994 to play baseball for the University of Arkansas. Once he graduated he became a business owner helping build homes. In 1999, he became a general construction worker for commercial and residential areas in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas. In 2010, he went to work at Walmart as a real estate remodel

builder and for the last year and half has been working as a Walmart pickup team and programmer, building homes throughout the county while still building some residential homes. Currently he is building in Centerton.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

5. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Mark Curtis to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Position No. 5; Sponsor JP Sandlin

JP Sandlin made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Mark Curtis stated that is a resident of Prairie Creek, and has been a part of the Planning Board for 8 years. His term is almost up and the position has reach its term limit, so he asked if he could be a part of this new Board of Appeals.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

6. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Nathan Bachelor to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Position No. 6; Sponsor JP J. Harrison

JP J. Harrison made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Shadlow.

Nathan Bachelor stated that he prefers to be called Nate, and has been a resident of Rogers for 11 years. He is a licensed engineer at CEI Engineering, primarily focusing on commercial properties in NWA.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

7. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Joel Jones to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Position No. 7; Sponsor JP J. Harrison

JP J. Harrison made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

8. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Brandon Pinkerton to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Alternate Position No. 1; Sponsor JP Sandlin

JP Sandlin made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Brandon Pinkerton stated that he moved here from Tulsa, Oklahoma ten years ago, and is the owner of HP Engineering in Rogers.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

9. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Nick Jewett to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Alternate Position No. 2; Sponsor JP Sandlin

JP Sandlin made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Slinkard.

Nick Jewett stated he is an Arkansas native, having grown up in Bella Vista. He currently lives in Centerton where he is Chair of the Centerton Planning Commission. He stated that he is employed at the City of Bentonville Water Utilities Department.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

10. A Resolution Confirming The County Judge's Appointment of Kim Wilkins to The Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Alternate Position No. 3; Sponsor JP J. Harrison

JP J. Harrison made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Kim Wilkins stated that she is an Arkansas native, having grown up in Hot Springs. She is currently living in Decatur where she is the City Clerk and serves on the city's Planning Commission. She stated she wants to serve in this position because she would like to learn more about Benton County.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

11. A Resolution Amending Resolution R-2015-31, Which Authorized The County Judge of Benton County to Apply For An FY 2015 Economic Development Administration Grant For Construction of The Spanker Creek Bridge Project, to Increase The Amount of The Estimated Cost of The Project And to Increase The County's Required 50% Project Match; Sponsor JP Jones

JP Allen stated that County Attorney George Spence has informed them that a resolution is needed to change the amount in the original resolution adopted last year.

JP Meyer asked why there is such a large increase.

JP Sandlin stated it was because the bridge had been washed out and we now have to raise its elevation.

JP Adams commented that before we were just going to do this by the county's standards, but now that we are using Federal money we have to meet their standards, which states that the bridge has to be raised so many feet. He said the original estimate was prior to finding out that they had to use Federal standards making it a higher amount than was originally estimated.

JP Moore stated that we need a representative to come to the Quorum Court and give us more details on this.

JP Allen made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Slinkard.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

12. An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) To Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 0200, Road Department 0200, Road Department, Fund 4000; Sponsor JP Jones

JP Allen made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Adams.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

13. An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds Between Categories and Line Items in Department 0400, County Sheriff, Fund 3410; Sponsor JP Moehring

JP Moehring made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Adams.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

14. An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) To Amend Schedule 1- Revenues by Fund by Authorizing a Transfer from Capital Projects, Fund 4000 To General Fund, Fund 1000; Department 0418 Jail; and Authorizing Additional Expenditures Listed Herein; Sponsor JP Slinkard

JP Slinkard pointed out there should be a correction in the title; it should be from General Fund to the Capital Projects.

JP Adams asked if this was left out of the plan.

Comptroller Brenda stated that it was, and had thought it was included.

JP Allen stated that this is rather unusual that it was not included in the plan, and he is not satisfied with the explanation of how it was left out.

JP Moehring asked if there were any other issues out there that would cause us to go over budget.

Comptroller Brenda stated that they were trying to find any more issues but at this time there was none that they were aware of.

JP Slinkard made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

15. An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) To Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 0304, Siloam Springs Childcare Grant, Fund 4900; Sponsor JP Moehring

JP Moehring made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Slinkard.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

16. An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) To Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 0418, Jail, Fund 4000; Sponsor JP Chiocco

JP Meyers asked how many cells were determined to be needed.

Administrator of General Services John Sudduth stated that they have found that only need two cells are needed.

JP Meyers asked why Washington County only needed one, but we need two.

John Sudduth stated that they determined that they would need two based on the number of inmates being held, and to provide one cell for females and one cell for males.

JP Chiocco made motion to forward to the September 22, 2016 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Allen.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Anglin asked if there had been any road damage from the downpour the other night.

JP Adams stated that none had been reported to him, that the area where the rain fell was pretty small and did not cause anything too bad.

JP Meyers asked if JP Adams had heard anything about the Road Department machines.

JP Adams stated that they are down because of an equipment recall and that the new piece would not be in for another two to three weeks. He stated once they get the machines back up and running they will be trying to meet their goal by working overtime, but if we have an early winter that might not happen.

JP Allen reported on the presentation given by John Sudduth and Teresa Sidwell on the Convenience Centers, which are doing really well. They want to expand by adding a Bella Vista location, and the request was forwarded to the budget meeting.

JP Slinkard asked about getting a Road Department report once a month.

JP Adams stated that they just got behind with the turnover at the Road Department.

JP Adams stated that the County Judge has spoken with AHTD and they have approved the construction, the contract, and the environmental impact study for the War Eagle Bridge project. We are hoping to hear from FHWA, Federal Highway for construction authorization, and once we get that we can send it out for bids. He said he would be scheduling another meeting at that time, and would ask that someone come and provide an update.

JP Allen stated that there is an ordinance requiring a Road Department report to be presented quarterly to the Quorum Court, and we need to get back in the habit of doing this, because he would like to know what is going to be spent for the rest of the year.

John Sudduth referred back to an earlier question regarding additional issues, and stated that just any project is always going to have little things. He stated that they would be looking at adding some parking because there is not enough right now, and they would be looking at different plans to bring before the Finance Committee.

Brenda Guenther stated she has hired Donna Kim as her Account Administrator, and Nola Hintzel as the Accounts Payable Specialist. She said she has also made the change with possibly leaning toward not using cash but writing checks to people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justice Facilities Workshop #1 will be held Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.

JP Sandlin stated we need to remember Dennis Patton's family during their time of loss.

JP Allen stated we need to remember the former Sherriff Andy Lee's family during their time of loss.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Quorum Court – September 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting – September 26 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Clifford of Bentonville commented on APERS.

ADJOURNMENT

JP Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.