Committee of the Whole Report
June 18, 2019

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Meeting Room, Benton County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Absent: McKenzie

Others Present: Communications Director Channing Barker, IT Director James Turner, County Judge Barry Moehring, Administrator of Public Services Jay Frasier, Chief Engineer Josh Beam

Media: Mike Jones – Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Chair Kurt Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

LIAISON REPORTS: None

Agenda

1. Ozark Regional Transit – 0:41
   Jeff Hatley, Public Information Officer
   Jeff Hatley, Public Information Officer and Mobility Manager gave a report on ORT’s ride numbers and options available to citizens to use the system, and took questions from the committee.

2. Resolution Request: 22:05
   Waiver in Salary Policy for Circuit Court Division III – Drug Court
   Judge Smith asked for a waiver in salary policy for the Drug Court Case Manager in his division, and explained the importance of continuity in this position.
   31:10 JP Anglin made motion to forward a resolution to the June 27, 2019 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.
   Vote passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

3. Appropriation Request: 31:42
   Circuit Court Division III Salary Adjustment – Drug Court Case Manager/Court Assistant position for the remainder of 2019.
Brenda Guenther explained that this appropriation request is to appropriate $4,831.00 to compensate for the salary adjustment given to the Drug Court Case Manager/Court Assistant position for the remainder of 2019.

Vote passes by unanimous show of hands.

4. **Committee Meeting/Quorum Court Content Streaming Options: 33:00**
Communications Director Channing Barker gave a presentation on streaming options for county public meetings from a PowerPoint posted on the dashboard.

**Option 1) Live Stream - 36:40**
Channing Barker explained that this would be a two-camera system with one camera focused on the speaker and the other on the Quorum Court members.
- Initial Cost: **$34,081.93**
- Annual Cost: **$18,532**

IT Director James Turner was present to answer technical questions.

**Option 2) Audio Recording Only - 47:51**
Channing Barker explained that the County Clerk records all meetings currently. This option would put those recordings online.

County Clerk Betsy Harrell noted that the meeting reports would now have timestamps of certain items within the meeting so that the public will know where to go in the audio if they want to hear discussion on a particular subject.

**New Dashboard - 57:33**
Channing reviewed the features of a new online dashboard.

James Turner showed the committee how to navigate through the new dashboard and what it would look like.

1:07:53 Following discussion of both options, JP Smith made motion to go with Option 2 (audio only) and come back at a later date to review Option 1.
Motion died due to lack of second.

1:09:05 County Judge Barry Moehring recommended that they see how the public responds to the audio and then make a decision on adding video.

5. **Road Department Report – 1:11:08**
Jay Frasier, Administrator of Public Services, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the Road Department Report. The Power Point can be found on the dashboard.

1:33:25 Updated Road Plan

1:38:39 County Chief Engineer Josh Beam reviewed the bridge projects and plan for 2019.

1:48:11 Jay Frasier answered questions from the JP’s.
OTHER BUSINESS
None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1:53:56
JP Allen stated that he has been speaking with Brenda Guenther about having a special committee meeting to discuss the new courthouse on July 11th, 2019. No actual date was set for this special meeting.

JP Furgason stated that he received numerous favorable feedbacks from the discussion of the courthouse options from the June Finance meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 7:58