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Grant County Quorum Court

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, December 18, 2017 at the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Members answering roll call were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Tyler Campbell, Tony Carder, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, November 20, 2017, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 8 for 0 against.

The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. With no opposition to the Financial Statement as presented, a motion to accept was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 8 for 0 against.

Next on the agenda: Judge Randy Pruitt explained that he had has appointed two (2) new board members to the Calvert Fire Board; 1) Former board member Buddy Gibbs was reappointed and 1) Shelia Gesing was appointed to the second spot. Reviewed with no further discussion.

Next on the agenda: **Ordinance 2017-10: An Ordinance to Mandate Direct Deposit of Grant County Employee Payroll**. County Clerk Tanya Diotte read the Ordinance No. 2017-10 in its entirety. A motion to suspend the second reading was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Voted 8 for 0 against. The County Clerk read the Ordinance No. 2017-10 heading. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Voted 8 for 0 against. The County Clerk read the Ordinance No. 2017-10 heading a final time. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-10 was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Pat O'Bryan. Voted 8 for 0 against.

Next on the agenda: **Ordinance 2017-11: An Ordinance for Setting Per Diem Compensation to be Paid to Quorum Court Members for Attending Any Official, Regular, Special, or Committee Meetings**. County Clerk Tanya Diotte read the Ordinance No. 2017-11 in its entirety. A motion to suspend the second reading was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Voted 7 for 1 against. The County Clerk read the Ordinance No. 2017-11 heading. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Voted 7 for 1 against. The County Clerk read the

Ordinance No. 2017-11 heading a final time. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-11 was made by Justice Danny Bone and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Voted 7 for 1 against.

Next on the agenda: **Ordinance 2017-12: An Ordinance to Establish the Annual Operating Budget for Calendar Year 2018.** County Clerk Tanya Diotte read the Ordinance No. 2017-12 in its entirety. A motion to suspend the second reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Voted 8 for 0 against. The County Clerk read the Ordinance No. 2017-12 heading. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Tony Carder. Voted 8 for 0 against. The County Clerk read the Ordinance No. 2017-12 heading a final time. Justice Jason Roshto noted jail costs being an issue. There was some general discussion about jail costs. Justice Tony Carder stated this time next year we will have to re-examine jail costs and its budget again. Justice Carder noted that all officials had stayed within their budgets. The Justice's further discussed 2018 raises, the majority of the county's employees will receive a 3% raise. 911 Dispatchers will receive a 4% raise. The Sheriff's office deputies which are "gun carriers" will have a 6% raise. Further, the Justices discussed the 911 dispatch CADD system. Vote 8 for 0 against

Next on the agenda: Justice Jason Roshto was selected to be the Grant County Quorum Court Delegate for 2018 and attend the April 14, 2018 AAC Meeting.

In Other Business:

Judge Pruitt discussed AAC's Opioid litigation. Judge Pruitt asked our Prosecuting Attorney, Theresa Howell to look into the suit. After making some calls she recommends Grant County move forward. Judge Pruitt stated, "That as of right now, 34 out of 75 counties have already filed suit." This was not an issue to be voted on, but that he wanted to bring it to the Quorum Court's attention.

The Sheriff's office would like to pay comp time down to 60 hours. Being that funds are available in the Sheriff's budget to do so with the Quorum Court's approval, Justice Tony Carder made a motion to allow 2017 Comp time to be paid down to 60 hours. Justice Mike Nevens seconded the motion. Vote 8 for 0 against.

Judge Pruitt gave a short Phase II update. He explained, they are working with the architect on getting the numbers down and stated the Mapping System E.D.G.E it is up and running, but not yet available to the public.

Sales Taxes were reviewed no further discussion.

Motion to adjourn.

Randy Pruitt, County Judge

Tanya Diotte, County & Circuit Clerk