

GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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Tanya Diotte
County & Circuit Clerk

The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, August 21, 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, Laith Adams, 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, July 17th, 2017, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept said minutes was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 9 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 Jason Roshto. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 9 for 0 against.

Judge Randy Pruitt reported the results of the county's online auction. They made \$108,738.00 and sold four (4) pickup trucks, a grader and a Mac dump truck.

Judge Pruitt reported an offer made by Cummings Chip Sealing Inc. to lay asphalt in Grant County. Judge Pruitt stated, two parking lots were in bad shape, specifically, the Grant County Search and Rescue parking lot and the back parking lot of the Grant County Court House. Cummings Chip Sealing Inc. bid \$19,800.00 to re-pave the lots. The Judge further explained, with the bid being under \$20,000.00, the county is not required to open the job up for bids, but does require approval from the Quorum Court. Following discussion, Justice Mike Nevens made a motion to approve the bid and to pave the two (2) parking lots. Justice Danny Bone seconded the motion. Vote 9 for 0 against. Judge Pruitt stated the work would begin in the upcoming days.

Next item on the agenda was **RESOLUTION 2017-06**, entitled, **A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE SUPPORT AND AGREEMENT OF THE GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT FOR GRANT COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (ACTING THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION)**. Judge Pruitt explained, this resolution would allow the county to apply to receive grant money for the Sheridan/Grant County Municipal Airport. He continued stating, should the County receive the grant money, the amount requested being: \$92,000.00, it would be used to build a parallel taxiway at the airport. **Resolution 2017-06** was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-06** was made by Justice Pat O'Bryan and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 9 for 0 against.

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Next item on the agenda was **RESOLUTION 2017-07**, entitled, **CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE AUTOMATED RECORDS SYSTEMS GRANT. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT COUNTY JUDGE AND GRANT COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE.** Judge Randy Pruitt explained this Resolution will allow for the Circuit Clerks office to submit a grant application to the Association of Arkansas Counties Automated Records System funds to purchase a new workstation in the amount of \$8099.55. **Resolution 2017-07** was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-07** was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Pat O'Bryan. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Next on the agenda, Judge Pruitt introduced **ORDINANCE 2017-06**, entitled, **AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FUNDS PAID BY ARKANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTION FOR ACT 570 SANCTION COMMITMENTS, TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF RADIO EQUIPMENT FUND.** The purpose of the ordinance, is to direct funds collected from the Arkansas Community Correction for Act 570 Sanctions committed to the Grant County Sheriff, to be deposited in the Grant County Sheriff's Radio Equipment fund. Sheriff Ray Vance explained Probation Pro approached him regarding Act 570 and sanctioned commitments. Sheriff Ray Vance noted, this will not be a continuous flow of income for the Sheriff's office, but it will provide a small and sporadic amount of revenue to bolster and cushion the Radio Fund. For example, the ordinance could help buy and/or fix surveillance cameras as the radio fund cover surveillance equipment or replacement costs for updated cell phones as currently the Sheriff's offices utilizes flip phones. County Clerk, Tanya Diotte read **Ordinance 2017-06** in its entirety. A motion to suspend the reading was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 9 for 0 against. The County Clerk then read the **Ordinance 2017-06** heading. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 9 for 0 against. The Clerk read the heading a final time. A motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-06** was made by Justice Tyler Campbell and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Next on the agenda, Judge Pruitt introduced **ORDINANCE 2017-05**, entitled, **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING GRANT COUNTY TO BECOME A VOTE CENTER FOR ALL FURTHER ELECTIONS AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.** The purpose of the ordinance, is to establish vote centers for elections. Judge Pruitt stated, "It is my understanding that this Ordinance is not obligating anything, it is to move forward and allow them (Election Commission) to request (funds) and to be put on a list to possibly receive 50% matching grant money for the purchase of new equipment that would save the county money. This Ordinance would take us from 18 voting precincts to 7 voting centers." Justice Tony Carder asked, "This is taking us to 7 proposed voting centers, but not 7 concrete voting centers? Is that correct? This is not concrete, is it?" Karla Koon, Commissioner responded by stating, "We are proposing 7 vote centers. The idea for the voting centers is to get away from the 18 voting precincts." "We are trying to get on the Governor's list, per the letter from the Secretary of State's office, for the 50/50 match on voting

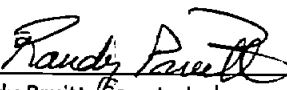
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equipment." Commissioner Koon proposed 7 possible voting centers: Sheridan Recreation Center, Immanuel Baptist Church in Sheridan, Marlow Missionary Baptist Church in Sheridan, Calvert Fire Department, Meadow View Southern Baptist Church in Sheridan, Prattsville Community Center and Tull Community Center. She continued on to explain the benefits and advantages of early voting, voting centers, electronic poll books and the importance of Wi-Fi and/or Bluetooth connectivity. Justice Tyler Campbell asked, "Is there a time limit on when we can get that 50/50? Or is there a time limit on when we have to get this ordinance done by?" Commissioner Koon replied, "There is no date on the letter from the Secretary of State's office or from the Governor." "Politicians have told me the money is there, but we need to have our name on the list for the 50/50, as its first come first serve." Justice Tony Carder stated, "I know we need to get on this list. I can tell you right now, the people in my district will not be happy, as I don't have a voting center in my district." There was extensive overlapping discussion as to whether or not the voting center plans could be altered at a later date to adjust for more or less voting centers. It was decided that it could be altered at a later date and any new plan would need to first be approved by the Quorum Court and to move forward with the ordinance to get on the 50/50 list. County Clerk, Tanya Diotte read **Ordinance 2017-05** in its entirety. A motion to suspend the second reading was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 9 for 0 against. The County Clerk then read the **Ordinance 2017-05** heading. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Tony Carder and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 9 for 0 against. The Clerk read the heading a final time. A motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-05** was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 9 for 0 against.

Sales Tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed.

In other business, Judge Pruitt reported the names of the Cane Creek Volunteer Fire Department 2017 Board as Robert Clark, Jerry "RJ" Spann, Conrad Speir, Justin Stockton and Jim Winders.

Motion to adjourn.


Randy Pruitt, County Judge


Tanya Diotte, County & Circuit Clerk