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## **Grant County Quorum Court**

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Thursday, January 18, 2018 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, Jason Roshto, and Grant Westmoreland.

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, December 18, 2017, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. 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: Ordinance 2018-01: An Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRATIONS AND TRANSFERS TO THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017. Treasurer Tim Stuckey went over the numbers to this Ordinance. Deputy Clerk Pualani Berry read the Ordinance No. 2018-01 in its entirety. A motion to suspend the second reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland and Justice Jason Roshto. Voted 8 for 0 against. The Deputy Clerk read the Ordinance No. 2018-01 heading. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Voted 8 for 0 against. The Deputy Clerk read the Ordinance No. 2018-01 heading a final time. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-01 was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Voted 8 for 0 against.

Next on the agenda: Sales Tax was reviewed.

Other Business:

Sheriff Ray Vance talked about a local agreement with Pulaski County and other surrounding Counties on a privacy stabilization to house people with mental health instead of being in our jails. This agreement addresses overcrowding in our jails. Justice Tony Carder asked how much it would cost to use this service. If we us this service it will be \$50.00 per day for 72 hours. We normally have maybe six a year that need a mental evaluation. There is no cost if we do not use the service. This service we can retract at any time. It's already part of the process to have a mental evaluation done on any major crime. A motion to accept was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Tyler Campbell. Voted 8 for 0 against.

Next, there is an increase in the cost of poll books it was brought to the attention of the Quorum Court that the cost for new Poll Books is \$29,072.57. This was brought to the attention of the Quorum Court as the line item to pay for poll books was budgeted for \$25,000.00, if purchased this would put

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that line item over budget. The Clerk requires the Quorum Court's approval prior to purchasing these poll books. The Quorum Court discussed the increase in the line item and agreed to allow the Clerk to move forward with the purchase of the poll books in the amount of \$29,072.57.

Phase II plans and specs were received on January 18, 2018. Plans will be published in the Headlight for two weeks for new bids. Bids will open up on February 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Judge Randy Pruitt meet with the School district where a program to help grow the community in business and industry in Arkansas was discussed. Arkansas is ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. of people that hold bachelor degrees. This program will allow high school kids to receive training in certain areas and receive a certificate of skill level. We have an economy development committee that Jim Lancaster heads. They are looking for Grant County to join and partner with the school and industry. No vote was required, Judge Pruitt wanted feedback of the Quorum Court members.

Motion to adjourn.

Randy Pruitt, County Judge

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