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GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, August 20, 2018 at the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Members answering rollcall were Mark Allen, Tommy Cobb, Tony Carder, Laith Adams, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto and Grant Westmoreland.

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order and welcomed Justice Tommy Cobb to the Quorum Court and thanked him for accepting the position and appointment.

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, July 16th, 2018, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept said minutes was made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 7 for 0 against. Motion Carried.

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 Pat O'Bryan. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 7 for 0 against. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda, a letter from District Judge Emily White was introduced requesting authorization to spend funds from the District Court Automation Fund to equip the new District courtroom and jail with relevant technology. Judge Pruitt further explained that the spending of the funds requires the approval of both the City Council and Quorum Court. Justice Grant Westmoreland made a motion to accept and authorize District Judge Emily White's request to purchase necessary indirect expenses from the District Court Automation Funds; said motion was seconded by Justice Mark Allen. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 7 for 0 against. Motion carried.

Sales Tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed.

In Other Business:

Clerk Tanya Diotte introduced the Comp Time report for Grant County employees. The reports was reviewed by the Quorum Court.

Judge Randy Pruitt explained, 911 has a UPS battery back-up system which allows for a seamless transition to its back-up generator should the facility lose power. He further explained, CCSEP purchased this battery back-up system for the County in 2010 for between \$33,000.00 and \$32,000.00. The system now requires critical maintenance. The cost to repair the battery backup system is \$12,300.00. Justice Grant

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Westmoreland stated, "This is a very important and mission critical element to maintain 911's seamless power back-up system." Justice Tony Carder agreed and added his recommendation to replace the 911 battery back-ups. Justice Tony Carder made a motion to authorize and approve 911's request to repair the UPS battery backup system, specifically giving 911 approval and authorization to go over budget for the \$12,300.00 repair as needed; said motion was seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 7 for 0 against. Motion carried.

Next, Judge Randy Pruitt explained, the Sheriff has acquired a back-up generator that can back up and run the entire Justice Complex at no cost. It will cost just approximately \$9000.00 to have an electrical company come in, install and hook up the generator to get it up and running. As the Sheriff acquired the generator this year, this was not an expense the county could have budgeted for in last year's budget. Prosecuting Attorney, Theresa Howell had also contacted Judge Pruitt in support of the generator installation as well. They are requesting the Quorum Court's approval and authorization to spend approximately \$9000.00 to have the newly acquired back-up generator installed and hooked up. Several Quorum Court members discussed and agreed that the backup generator expense qualifies as a public safety expense and utilizing funds from the new medical services sales tax would be appropriate. There was further discussion regarding the importance of keeping the Justice Complex up and running 24/7. Justice Grant Westmoreland made a motion to authorize and approve the request to install the back-up generator for the Justice Complex and to approve and authorize said expenses, to be paid out of the new medical services sales tax; motion was seconded by Justice Tony Carder. With there being no further discussion or questions: Vote 7 for 0 against. Motion carried.

Judge Pruitt explained Cox Creek Lake is making a few improvements which are exciting for Grant County. Some of the improvements include some leveling and new camper pads.

Motion to adjourn.



Randy Pruitt, County Judge



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