

GRANT COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Grant County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Members and County Clerk roll call were Danny Bone, Tyler Campbell, Mike Nevens, Pat O'Bryan, Jason Roshto, Tanya Diotte, and Grant Westmoreland. <sup>County & Circuit Clerk</sup> <sup>Grant County, AR</sup> <sup>KNC DC</sup>

Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the Quorum Court meeting held, February 21, 2017, were presented to the Quorum Court for review. A motion to accept said minutes made by Justice Grant Westmoreland and seconded by Justice Tyler Campbell. Vote 6 for 0 against.

The Financial Statement was presented to the Quorum Court. Treasurer Tim Stuckey reviewed the Statement with the Quorum Court. There being no opposition to the Financial Statement as presented, a motion to accept was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 6 for 0 against.

Justice Mark Allen enters and present.

Judge Randy Pruitt explained the procedure for declaring and filling the vacant positions of former Grant County Justice of the Peace and Simpson Township Constable, Louise Lavelle, with the Quorum Court. The Judge explained Resolutions 2017-2 and 2017-3 which declare said vacancies. Judge Pruitt further explained, that Governor Asa Hutchinson would be appointing the new Constable and listed the three individuals volunteering for selection of Interim Justice of the Peace Position as Independent, T.J. Lavelle, Democrat, Bobby Webb, and Republican, Laith Adams. That no names had been submitted to fill the vacancy of Simpson Township Constable.

Judge Pruitt introduced Resolution, 2017-02, entitled, **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT NOTICE BE PUBLISHED; THAT A VACANCY IN OFFICE OF CONSTABLE, SIMPSON TOWNSHIP BE DECLARED; THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS BE NOTIFIED OF THE VACANCY; AND FURTHER THAT LOUISE LAVELLE BE COMMNEDED FOR THE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND TO THE CITIZENS OF GRANT COUNTY.** Same was read aloud by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to adopt the Resolution with correction of the word "notify" in the last paragraph being changed to "notified", was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Jason Roshto. Vote 7 for 0 against.

Next Pruitt then introduced, Resolution 2017-03 entitled, **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT NOTICE BE PUBLISHED; THAT A VACANCY IN OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 3 BE DECLARED; THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF**

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ARKANSAS BE NOTIFIED OF THE VACANCY; AND FURTHER THAT THE HONORABLE LOUISE LAVELLE BE COMMNEDED FOR THE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND TO THE CITIZENS OF GRANT COUNTY. Same was read aloud by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to adopt the Resolution with correction of the word "notify" in the last paragraph being changed to "notified", was made by Justice Jason Roshto and seconded by Justice Mike Nevens. Vote 7 for 0 against.

Judge Randy Pruitt introduced **Ordinance 2017-02** entitled, **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR GRANT COUNTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**. Justice Grant Westmoreland explained to the Quorum Court how communities participate in Flood Plain Insurance, how flood insurance are assessed and how the proposed flood plain ordinance will lessen the cost of flood insurance for Grant County residents. Same was read aloud by County Clerk, Tanya Diotte. A motion to suspend the second reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Grant Westmoreland. Vote 7 for 0 against. A motion to suspend the third reading was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Danny Bone. Vote 7 for 0 against. Judge Pruitt opened the floor up for discussion. Following a general discussion regarding the Ordinance, a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-02 was made by Justice Mike Nevens and seconded by Justice Pat O'Bryan. Vote 7 for 0 against.

A Grant County Museum Board appointment was the next item on the agenda. Denise Nall's name was presented to the Quorum Court to fill said position. Justice Mike Nevens made a motion to accept the appointment of Denise Nall as a Grant County Museum Board member. Jason Roshto seconded the motion. There being no discussion. Vote 7 for 0 against.

Sales Tax receipt reports were introduced and reviewed.

For other business, Justice Grant Westmoreland reported that the Building and Grounds Committee toured the District Court building. The committee recommends a lesser amount of approximately \$5000.00 should be used to give the current District Court building a minimal facelift. That the building is in disrepair, has issues with asbestos and would better serve the County as a building for storage. The committee recommends proceeding with Phase 2 of the Justice Complex. Justice Grant Westmoreland noted the money for the projects have already been ear marked for the purpose of upgrading, to which Treasurer Tim Stuckey concurred. Projection costs for Phase 2 are approximately \$250,000 and that there is approximately \$500,000 available. Currently, the architect is reviewing and drawing up a floor plan. The Building and Grounds Committee recommends the Quorum Court wait on hard numbers to come back on the project and that those numbers are to be presented to the Budget Committee for review. Justice Mike Nevens made a motion to go forward with architectural plans for Phase 2 with Justice Tyler Campbell seconding the motion. 7 for 0 against.

Judge Pruitt reported that Grant County Highway Department currently has an auction for old equipment on ourplanet.com. The purpose is to auction off old road

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equipment on a national level to get a better price. The auction is set for 2 days starting March 30, 2017.

A Compensatory time report of all Grant County Employees was provided by the Clerk to the members of the Quorum Court for review.

It was brought to the attention of the Quorum Court that residents of Old Smokey have water issues. Judge Pruitt reported, it is the responsibility of the residents to decide how to move forward. There is a loan that the residents could take out for assistance, but the small community can not afford the sizable loan amount. It was mentioned that the Mayor of Tull is well aware of the situation and has received a grant in the amount of \$22,000 to help with some of the water testing costs.

Justice Tyler Campbell stated that he had attended the Airport Authority Board meeting and gave his report. The board will meet quarterly, on the third Thursday of the month. The board set a six (6) year term limit for board members. Currently, the Board is working on a tenant lease agreement. The Airport Authority board is not interested in assessing late fees at this time. Justice Campbell noted the board discussed the need to have access, specifically, "a key" to all hangers for on-site inspections, which are given without notice, specifically Insurance inspections.

Motion to adjourn.

  
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Randy Pruitt, County Judge

  
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Tanya Diotte, County & Circuit Clerk