

**PROCEEDINGS OF UNION COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
AUGUST 15, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Union County Quorum Court was held on August 15, 2013 in the Union County Courthouse. Judge Mike Loftin called the meeting to order and led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance. Justice Mike Dumas led the Court in an opening prayer. The Clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered:

<b>JOHNNY BURSON</b>	<b>CASEY PLATT</b>
<b>HARRELL CHANDLER</b>	<b>CECIL POLK</b>
<b>WILL CROWDER</b>	<b>DEAN STOREY</b>
<b>MIKE DUMAS</b>	<b>DON TRAYLOR</b>
<b>JUSTIN HENDRIX</b>	<b>BENNY VESTSAL</b>
<b>CAROLYN JONES</b>	

All eleven justices were present and the following business transacted.

The Justices were previously mailed a copy of the minutes of the July 18, 2013 Quorum Court meeting. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Chandler and seconded by Justice Vestal. Motion carried.

The Justices were also mailed a copy of the Budget Comparison and a copy of the Recap of Revenues for the month of July 2013. A motion for adoption of the Budget Comparison and Recap of Revenues was made by Justice Chandler and seconded by Justice Jones. Motion carried.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$23,879.00 from unappropriated Union County General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 500 (Sheriff's Office) - Line 78 (Misc. law Enforcement). Section 2. These are grant funds to be used to upgrade radio equipment was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Polk and seconded by Justice Platt. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1254 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$10,000.00 from unappropriated District Court Auto Funds (#2049) to Fund 01-Dept. 1300 (District Court) - Line 44 (Data Processing) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Jones and seconded by Justice Vestal. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1255 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$3,000.00 from unappropriated Union County General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 1800 (Quorum Court) - Line 55 (Advertising & Publications) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Chandler. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1256 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$25,000.00 from unappropriated Union County General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 2400 (County Jail) - Line 63 (Water) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Crowder. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1257 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$18,339.00 from unappropriated Union County

General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 2400 (County Jail) - Line 05 (Overtime) \$15,000.00, Line 06- (SS Matching) \$1,147.50, and Line 08 (N/C Retirement) \$2,191.50 was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Storey and seconded by Justice Chandler. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1258 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$50,000.00 from unappropriated County General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 3600 (Public Bldgs.) - Line 65 (Bldgs. & Improvements) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Crowder and seconded by Justice Chandler. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1259 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$42,099.99 from unappropriated County Highway Funds to Fund 02-Dept. 5400 (Highway) - Line 37 (Lumber & Pilings- Bridges) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Jones and seconded by Justice Hendrix. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1260 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1-There is appropriated the sum of \$40,812.60 from County Highway Funds to Fund 02-Dept. 5400 (Highway) - Line 93 (C/O Mach & Equip) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Storey. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1261 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS" Section 1-There is transferred the sum of \$78.52 from Fund 06- Department 800 (Public Defender- Line 16 (Printing & Supplies) to Fund 06-Department 800 (Public Defender) - Line 52 ((Travel) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Chandler and seconded by Justice Storey. With eleven affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1262 was approved as read.

The Court passed an Order distributing Quarterly Severance Taxes on a motion from Justice Jones. Justice Crowder seconded the motion. Eleven affirmative voice votes were given by the Justices.

In Other Business, Representative John Baine addressed the Court. He thanked the Judge for space provided to him for an office on the Courthouse and provided a legislative update. He informed everyone that the January 1<sup>st</sup> meeting/swearing in ceremony is up to the Judge to hold and he also said that he and other legislators were working on compiling a listing of available grants for any county who would want it but it would be of great benefit for smaller counties who don't have full time grant writers to obtain funds for Union County. Justice Dumas asked for an update from Charles Hartsell on the animal cruelty issue previously brought before the Court. Hartsell provided and update on equine relocations from an endangered environment. Henry Florsheim from the Chamber of Commerce provided an update on local economic statuses. He highlighted the opening of TJ Maxx and Rue 21. Florsheim also spoke of an expansion and El Dorado Chemical that would bring more jobs and a poultry grower from California wanting to get contracts in place for local growers to produce a free range hearty chicken for shipment to a finishing plant in Prescott. Florsheim also spoke about the Industrial Board working on a plan for establishing infrastructure on Champagnolle near the ThermaFlight site. Florsheim also touched on Fed Ex's plan for their new construction in Union County.

A motion for adjournment was made by Justice Storey and seconded by Justice Traylor. The meeting was adjourned.