

**PROCEEDINGS OF UNION COUNTY QUORUM COURT
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Union County Quorum Court was held on September 19th, 2013 in the Union County Courthouse. Judge Mike Loftin called the meeting to order and led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance. Justice Don Traylor led the Court in an opening prayer. The Clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered:

JOHNNY BURSON	CASEY PLATT
HARRELL CHANDLER	CECIL POLK
WILL CROWDER	DEAN STOREY
MIKE DUMAS	DON TRAYLOR
JUSTIN HENDRIX	BENNY VESTAL
CAROLYN JONES	

All eleven justices were present and the following business transacted.

The Justices were previously mailed a copy of the minutes of the August 15, 2013 Quorum Court meeting. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Burson 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 August 2013. A motion for adoption of the Budget Comparison and Recap of Revenues was made by Justice Crowder and seconded by Justice Storey. Motion carried.

Quorum Court began its meeting with the discussion pertaining to the underbilling of the Union County Jail's water bill deriving from a faulty meter from January 2008. Mark Smith, General Manager of El Dorado Water Utilities, quoted the underbilled amount as \$143,291.55. Using the figures from January 2011, which was 98,365.04, El Dorado Water Utilities was asking the Court to pay half of this amount to settle. After much discussion, a vote was taken in favor of making a one-time payment of \$40,000.00 payment to El Dorado Water Utilities. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Chandler, Hendrix, Jones, Platt, Polk, Traylor, and Vestal. Those answering in the negative: Justices Burson, Crowder, Dumas, and Storey. Those abstaining: None.

An Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$40,000.00 From unappropriated 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 Jones and seconded by Justice Pratt. With 7-4 vote, Ordinance No. 1263 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$67,500.00 from unappropriated County General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 500 (Sheriff's Office) as follows:

Line 05 (Overtime & other Premium Compensation) - \$7,500.00, Line 25 (Fuel, Oil, Lubricants)- \$50,000.00, Line 94 (C/O Vehicles) -\$10,000.00 was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Polk and seconded by Justice Crowder. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Burson, Chandler, Crowder, Dumas, Hendrix, Jones, Platt, Polk, Storey, Traylor, and Vestal. Those answered in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No. 1264 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$390.72 from unappropriated County General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 2600 (Election Commission) - Line 03 (Extra Help) \$300.00; Fund 01-Dept. 4300 (Other County Expenses – Line 87(Other Misc) \$90.72. Section 2. These funds represent reimbursement from the State Board of Election Commissioners for Election Commissioner training held July 30, 2013 was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Chandler and seconded by Justice Vestal. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Burson, Chandler, Crowder, Dumas, Hendrix, Jones, Platt, Polk, Storey, Traylor, and Vestal. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No. 1265 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$14,420.00 from unappropriated County General Funds to Fund 01-Dept. 3600 (Public Buildings) - Line 65 (Buildings & Improvements) was read by the Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Crowder and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Burson, Chandler, Crowder, Dumas, Hendrix, Jones, Platt, Polk, Storey, Traylor, and Vestal. Those in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No .1266 was approved as read.

A Resolution authorizing Union County to apply for a grant on behalf of the the Faircrest Volunteer Fire Department for a pumper tanker in the amount of \$50,000.00. A Resolution stating "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNTY JUDGE OF UNION is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for purposes of securing state grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to aid and assist Faircrest VFD in executing the proposed project described herein and the Mayor/County Judge or Recorder/Treasurer of Foreman is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project was read by the Clerk. A Motion for adoption was made by William Crowder and seconded by Justin Hendrix. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Burson, Chandler, Crowder, Dumas, Hendrix, Jones, Platt, Polk, Storey, Traylor, and Vestal. Those in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Resolution No. 447 was approved as read.

In other business, Henry Florsheim, President and CEO of the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce told JPs that the Industrial Board has closed on the sale of property of FedEx for the Champagnolle Industrial Properties Project. He also mentioned that the next quarterly luncheon is scheduled for November 13th in Junction City. This allows Mayors from Union County and Representatives from around to come and give updates on what's happening in their area.

A recommendation by Justice Crowder concerning photo ID's for Quorum Court members was introduced.

A motion for adjournment was made by Justice Dumas and seconded by Justice Hendrix. The meeting was adjourned.