

**PROCEEDINGS OF UNION COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Union County Quorum Court was held on November 21, 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 from the following list:

<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 VESTAL</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 October 17th, 2013 Quorum Court meeting. Justice Chandler commented that he was absent for the Quorum Court held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. A correction to the list of JP's was corrected in the above list for the previous month. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Polk 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 October 2013. A motion for adoption of the Budget Comparison and Recap of Revenues was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Vestal. Motion carried.

Quorum Court began its meeting with a proposal from David Lee of the Boys & Girls Club asking for \$10,000 from Grants In Aid for the different programs offered to the children of the Boys & Girls Club. One of the programs was The Transportation Program that picks up over 60 children daily from various schools to provide a safe place for them to go after school. Also mentioned was The Meal Program where snacks are provided and hot meals in the evening. In summer, breakfast & lunch are served as well as extending hours to provide a safe place for our youth. Questions were asked to Mr. Lee about other funding they received, and said funding from other agencies have decreased. The annual membership fee is 5.00 a year and they would like to maintain the same fee. Judge Loftin said they would discuss it and make a decision at the end before the budget was approved.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS" Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$241.01 from unappropriated UCSO – Swat Team Funds (#2064) to Fund 01-Department 500 (Sheriff's Office) Line 85 (SWAT) was read by the clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Polk and seconded by Justice Platt. The Clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No. 1267 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 \$27,000.00 from unappropriated District Court Automation Funds (#2049) to Fund 01 – Department 1300 (District Court) – Line 44 (Data Processing) \$15,000.00, Line 93 (C/O Machine & Equip (Phones) - \$12,000.00. A motion for adoption was

made Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No. 1268 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 \$2,335.00 from unappropriated County General Funds to Fund 01 – Department 2100 (Prosecuting Attorney) – Line 04 (Contract Labor). Section 2. This is Stop Grant Funds which are 100% reimbursable was read by the clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Jones and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the roll and following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No. 1269 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 \$115,000.00 from unappropriated County Highway Funds to Fund 02- Dept. 5400 ( Highway) Line 34 (Asphalt) was read by the clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Crowder and seconded by Justice Polk. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No. 1270 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled "AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS". Section 1. There is hereby transferred the sum of \$400.00 within Fund 01- Department 1100 (Circuit Court-Judge Carroll) from Line 52 (Travel to Line 49 (Telephone) was read by the clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Hendrix and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No 1271 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled " AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS". Section 1. There is hereby transferred the sum of \$2,359.00 within Fund 01 – Dept 2100 (Prosecuting Attorney) from: Line 48 ( Professional Service) - \$121.00, Line 50 (Postage) \$346.00, Line 55 (Ads & Publications) \$429.00, Line 73 (Dues & Memberships) - \$25.00, Line 79 (Meals & Lodging) - \$425.00, Line 93 (Capital Outlay) - \$1013.00 to Line 17 (General Supplies) - \$559.00 and to Line 49 (Telephone) - \$1800.00 was read by the clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Jones and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No 1272 was approved as read.

An Ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled " AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS". Section 1. There is hereby transferred the sum of \$2,140.00 within Fund 01-Dept 2200 (Hot Checks) from: Line 48 – (Professional Service) - \$400.00, Line 50 – (Postage) - \$1540.00, Line 52 (Travel) \$200.00 to Line 17(General Supplies) - \$2,140.00 was read by the clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance 1273 was approved as read.

Justice Traylor commended the Finance Company (Finance Committee) for their hard work and trimming over a quarter of a million dollars from the budget.

Judge Loftin said a decision needed to be made concerning the Boys & Girls Club before passing the budget. After much discussion between the Justices, Judge Loftin recommended that a voice vote be taken since the presentation had already been made. A motion to deny the request from the Boys Club was made by Justice Platt and seconded by Justice Crowder. Justices Dumas, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor and Platt was in favor (saying I) to deny the request from the Boys Club. Justice Hendrix was opposed ( No) to deny the request.

An Ordinance to be entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2014. (Attached Budget was Included). Section 1. ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY REFERENCE The operating budget for 2014 identified as "FY 2014 Annual Budget, Union County, Arkansas, dated November 21, 2013, is hereby adopted by reference. A copy of said budget shall be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal business hours. Section 2. NONRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES. Expenditure of funds appropriated by this Ordinance shall not be restricted to the line item expenditure codes comprising the four major categories of expenditures— Personal Services, Supplies, Other Services and Charges, and Capital Outlays – but shall be restricted to office/departmental expenditures except for funds appropriated for personnel salaries and wages and related employee benefits. Personnel expenditures shall not exceed the dollar amounts, number of employees, and salary of wage rates specified in the annual budget of an amendment thereto. Section 3. EXPENDITURES RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIED FUND. No expenditure of appropriated funds shall be made from any fund other than the fund specified in this Ordinance, or an amendment thereto. 4. TRANSFERS. Any transfers of monies between the various funds of the County or between the four major categories of expenditures – Personal Services, Supplies, Other Services and Charges, and Capital Outlays – shall be made only with prior approval of the Union County Quorum Court. Provided, however, all transfers budgeted for in the annual budget shall be exempt from the provisions of this section. Section 5. MAXIMUM APPROPRIATED AMOUNTS. A. GENERAL FUND. See attached budget. B. ROAD FUND. See attached budget. C. 911 FUND. See attached budget. D. CIR. CLERK COST RECORDER. See attached budget. E. CIR. CLERK CHILD SUPPORT. See attached budget. F. PUBLIC DEFENDER. See attached budget. G. RECREATIONAL COMPLEX. See attached budget. H. CIR. CLERK 25% AUTO RECORDS. See attached budget. H. SALES TAX/CAP.IMPROVEMENTS. See attached budget. I .C/O IMPROVEMENTS. See attached Budget. Section 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable as read by the clerk. A motion was made by Justice Chandler and seconded by Justice Jones. The clerk called the roll and all Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Ordinance No. 1274 was approved as read.

An Ordinance to be entitled "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE, REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED IN UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2013 was

read by the clerk in its entirety. A motion was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Storey. The clerk called the row and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. A motion was made to suspend the rules and read by title only by Justice Vestal and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk reread the Ordinance by Title only. A motion was made by Justice Vestal and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the row and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. The clerk read the Ordinance by Title Only a 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

A motion was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Storey. The clerk called the row and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Ordinance 1275 was approved as read.

Judge Loftin addressed the one-time payroll bonuses for full time employees for 176 employees costing around \$131,000.00 from unappropriated county general funds. An ordinance sponsored by Justice Traylor and to be entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PAYROLL BONUS". Section 1. There is hereby approved a one-time payroll bonus for all current, full-time Union County employees employed as of November 21, 2013, based upon the employee's accumulated years of service with Union County (a rough draft copy of the yearly breakdown attached) as read by the clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Polk and seconded by Justice Jones. The clerk called the row and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Jones, Polk, Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor, and Platt. Ordinance No. 1276 was approved as read.

To get a clarification, the Clerk asked Judge Loftin if the bonuses were just all full-time employees, doesn't include Quorum Court members and he replied "It does include Quorum Court members, Yes. It includes full-time employees and elected officials. That was the recommendation."

In other business, discussion of increasing the fees paid to the jail from \$25.00 to \$28.00 . Judge Loftin said this would be in the form of an ordinance in December and to take effect January 2014. Sheriff Mike McGough pointed out interesting facts on cost of housing inmates. Further discussion will take place in Finance meeting in December. Questions from the audience consisted of conversation about UCAPs with the director giving information on the history and updated information about the organization, and comments about the Boys & Girls Club. A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Chandler. Justice Storey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.