

**PROCEEDINGS OF UNION COUNTY QUORUM COURT
May 15, 2014**

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Union County Quorum Court was held on May 15, 2014 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 from the following list:

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

Justices were present with Justice Jones being absent and the following business transacted.

The Justices were previously mailed a copy of the minutes of the April 17, 2014 Quorum Court meeting. A motion for adoption was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Platt. 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 April 2014. A motion for adoption of the Budget Comparison and Recap of Revenues was made by Justice Burson and seconded by Justice Storey. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF UNION COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A GIF GRANT ON BEHALF OF UNION COUNTY AND THE EL DORADO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT:

WHEREAS, THE Union County Quorum Court has determined that Union County meets the eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the GIF Funded Community Enhancement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado Boys and Girls Club has presented plans to make improvements to the Wetherington Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Union County recognizes the need for the project, concurs its importance, and supports the El Dorado Boys and Girls Club in its efforts to proceed with the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Quorum Court that the County Judge of Union County 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 \$150,000.00 to aid and assist the community in executing the proposed project described herein and that the Union County Judge is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project.

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2014.

A motion was made by Justice Polk and seconded by Justice Chandler. The clerk called the roll and the following Justices answered in the affirmative: Dumas, Hendrix, Chandler, Storey, Polk,

Burson, Crowder, Vestal, Traylor and Platt. Those answering in the negative: None. Those abstaining: None. Resolution No. 451 was approved as read.

In addition, the El Dorado Boys & Girls Club Executive Director David Lee said the funds will be used to make improvements, especially in the kitchen unit, and also improvements to the bathrooms and rewiring.

Justice Hendrix recently attended an Association of Arkansas Counties Quorum Court meeting. The two main issues discussed were that the county's turnback was too low and are trying to push for a slight increase, and also pushing for a daily housing pay increase for the county jails.

Jeremy Stratton, CEO and president of the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce shared his focus to help existing and future businesses to grow. He said there are several projects in the works right now, one of which is someone bringing in a warehouse.

Susan Blake, Union County Health Unit Administrator announced her retirement effective June 30, 2014. She thanked past and present JPS for their support and at this time does not know who her successor will be.

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Traylor and seconded by Justice Chandler. The meeting was adjourned.