

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
August 25, 2014

NOTICE:

THIS MEETING WILL BE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT:
611 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
JONESBORO, AR 72401

EVENING MEAL SERVED BEGINNING AT 5:30, COURT MEETING WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes for July, 2014 meeting.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Service Committee Report.
 - b. Finance and Administration Committee Report.
 - c. Roads and Transportation Committee Report.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. None
- v. New business:
 - a. Resolution to reappoint Jay Scholtens to an additional term on the Craighead County Nursing Center for a five (5) year term.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
August 11, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Public Service members assembled after full court business.

Chairperson Ken Stacks called the meeting to order. Those present were Ken Stacks, Barbara Weinstock, and Josh Longmire, and Fred Bowers.

1. Recommendation to reappoint Jay Scholtens to a second term on the Craighead County Nursing Center Board of Directors. Motion made to accept recommendation, seconded motion, all members present unanimously agreed to the reappointment. A Resolution will be brought before the full court on August 25, 2014.

With no other business to address, the committee adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

August 11, 2014

Finance Committee Members present: Justices Bob Blankenship, Kenny Hendrix, and Brett Provost.

Chairman Jim Bryant and Vice Chair Dana Watkins were absent.

Others present: Al Haines, County Clerk Kade Holliday, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, Sheriff Boyd, John Reeves and several other guests.

Press: Dustin Azlin, Jonesboro Sun

Justice Blankenship sat in for Justice Bryant and called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 7:30 PM after the full court meeting and discussed the following:

Reviewed revenue and expenditure reports for July 2014.

Holliday indicated that he is applying for \$15,000 security grant for the election building to pay for a cable run, cameras, and other security devices.

McNatt indicated that the highway monies are coming in ahead state expectations and tax rebate claims are down.

Justice Provost believes the local sales tax monies breakout could be changed without sacrificing road needs. He believes an equitable redistribution of the local tax revenue would be Roads 50%, General 47.5%, and Capital 2.5%.

Justice Hendrix would like to repay the Capital Fund, but not at the expense of the Road Fund. He says there are miles of county paved roads that are in desperate need of asphalt overlay and cutting the Road Fund will greatly hinder these repairs.

Sheriff Boyd says the Sheriff's Office has not increased his personnel since 2006 and the county has grown by 16% and believes the shift of tax monies to the general fund could help several county departments.

No formal action was taken on any of these issues.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 8:05 PM.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE CRAIGHEAD NURSING CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

WHEREAS, That on June 26, 2000, Ordinance 2000-9 was passed by the Craighead County Quorum Court that created a five-member administrative board for the Craighead Nursing Center.

WHEREAS, Board member Jay Scholtens currently serves on the Craighead Nursing Center; and, has been recommended to serve an additional term on the Craighead Nursing Home Board of Directors. He has agreed to serve an additional term.

WHEREAS, The Craighead County Judge and the Quorum Court has accepted the recommendation of the Craighead County Nursing Center Administrator, Ms. Karen Clark to reappoint Mr. Jay Scholtens, 1509 Frierson Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401 to fill this vacancy; said term to be for five (5) years.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT THAT Jay Scholtens, 1509 Frierson Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 be reappointed to the Craighead Nursing Center Board of Directors for a five (5) year term, said term to become effective September 1, 2014, and expire on September 1, 2019.

Dated this _____ day of August, 2014

Approved: _____
Ed Hill
Craighead County Judge

Attest: _____
Kade Holliday
Craighead County Clerk

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
August 11, 2014
Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Terry Couch, Mike Hawkins, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Judge Ed Hill, Eugene Neff—Road Superintendent, Tony Thomas, and Ty Koons.

Justice Couch called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm and the following business was discussed:

Eugene Neff delivered his monthly road report (also distributed to the full court) and updated the committee regarding on-going projects. An update was provided on current paving projects and bridge repairs.

Crews have been active at the Kathleen Street bridge project with 26 of the 45 concrete boxes laid as of the end of the day August 11. It was anticipated the remaining concrete boxes would be installed the next day with work beginning on the roadbed immediately after installation.

After being asked about gravel needs, Neff indicated that gravel pits were still producing quantities needed at the desired quality. A secondary pit has already been located in the event the quantity or quality of this one diminishes.

The two new dump trucks arrived and are in operation by road personnel. The department still one of the Mack Trucks that is currently being repaired (under warranty).

Finalize paperwork from AHTD on the state-aid paving/overlay project with work expected to begin soon.

Justice Kidd mentioned desired an update on the repair of a stretch of Lawson Road that constituents had brought to his attention. Neff indicated that he would look at scheduling of that stretch once it was inspected.

With no other business, the committee adjourned 7:54 pm.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
August 18, 2014
Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Terry Couch, Mike Hawkins, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Judge Ed Hill, Dustin Azlin, Brett Provost, Barbara Weinstock, and Tony Thomas.

Justice Couch called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm and the following business was discussed:

Justice Provost briefly updated the committee on the informal discussion held by the Finance Committee. This discussion focused on a temporary change of the one (1) cent general sales tax collection distribution from a 60/40 split to a 50/50 split. There was some general discussion to ensure that everyone was on the same page in reference to the actual funds being discussed. Later he shared that this discussion began in the Finance Committee when information was shared regarding over \$1.7 million not being used by the Road Department last year. He indicated this actually led to questions being asked and the consideration for the potential reallocation of the funds in the event this type of yearly excess revenue did exist. Information was shared related to the actual expenses versus revenue for the 2013 budget year—which resulted in unused appropriation or unappropriated funds of approximately \$500,000.

Discussion was held related to current line items in the budget—specifically the asphalt budget and lack of increases in this area related to increased costs for the product. Judge Hill indicated that we are doing half as much as we once did due to the increase in pricing. He also informed the committee that it is time to place a significant investment in overlays. In the past a 1 million was set aside for a large overlay project approximately every 10 years.

Justice Render indicated he thought the discussions related to this redistribution were to build up Capital or General Funds, not to turn around and place the funds in the appropriation process to expend. Justice Provost reinforced his interest in consideration of a change is to stop being reactive and to find a proactive approach to the needs of County government—specifically public safety although no one has indicated a specific use for the funds. As growth continues throughout the County, providing adequate personnel in the public safety arena will grow as well. Various

opinions and views of Justices were discussed about this issue with all members agreeing this is the type of dialogue that is needed to bring forward the information needed to make sound decisions.

This discussion ended with a consensus that consideration for maximizing every resource available to the county from a revenue perspective is needed. Some potential avenues were discussed. Justice Provost indicated he would bring this before the Finance Committee at their next meeting.

With no other business, the committee adjourned 7:15 pm.