

**QUORUM COURT MINUTES**

**11/12/2019**

## November 12, 2019 Quorum Court Minutes

All Justices of the Peace present.

Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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The first order of business was approval of the meeting's minutes from October 28, 2019. Justice Weinstock made a motion to approve the minutes and Justice Pasmore followed with a second.

**Old Business:** None to discuss.

**New Business:** There was one order of new business which was an Ordinance to disclose the relationship between Craighead County and Forrest Office Machines. The Deputy Clerk read the Ordinance, a copy of same is attached hereto as **Addendum A**. Justice Rogers made a motion to pass the Ordinance and Justice Cline seconded. The roll was called, and the motion passed unanimously with all votes in favor of.

**Announcements:** Mr. James Elwyn Hinds, a resident of Craighead County, introduced himself to the Court. Mr. Hinds told the Court that he believes the jail is in need of a major expansion and that a short-term tax increase would be the answer to raising the money to do so. Approximately 20 million dollars. Mr. Hinds feels that Craighead County is on the brink of what is known as "catch and release" at the jail, arresting just to release because of overcrowding and that our law enforcement will be in more danger if it gets any worse. Judge Day thanked Mr. Hinds for his time and concern.

Judge Day provided a working copy of the 2020 budget for the county to the Court stating that this is not the final copy, that it is only a draft and there may be needed adjustments. Judge Day informed the Court that if they felt a special meeting was needed to be called to discuss the working copy of the budget, he was open to do so. Judge Day also told the Court about positions that were decreased. Two positions on the road crew, the maintenance crew decreased one full time position, the IT department reduced one position, and one position that was fully removed between OEM and the Judge's office. There is also one less IT position at the jail. These changes were made to save the county money and made based on each department's employment needs. Judge Day also informed the Court that that he added a position for District Court due to the case load that they are now seeing.

Justice Cook asked for an update on the CSU (Crisis Stabilization Unit). Judge Day stated that in the first 3 weeks the CSU was opened, there were 47 referrals.

With no further business to discuss, the Court sang Happy Birthday to Richard Rogers. Justice Cline made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Justice Rogers seconded. Judge Day adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.