

AGENDA
Cleburne County Quorum Court
Thursday, December 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Cleburne County Court Building
922 South 9th Street
Heber Springs, AR 72543

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call:**
2. **Reading, Correction, and Disposition of Minutes:**
3. **Report of Treasurer:**
4. **Report of Committees:**
 - a. Emergency Services Oversight Committee-**JP Foust**
 - b. Budget Committee-**JP Evans**
 - c. Jail Committee-**JP Evans**
5. **Unfinished Business:**
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Bobby Mooney Fundraiser Challenge-**JP Caldwell**
 - b. 2023 Legislative Audit-**Judge Crosby**
 - c. Proposed Resolution No. 2024-Declaring and Filing a Vacancy-County Clerk-**JP**
7. **Comments from the Public:**
8. **Announcements:**
 - a. Next Regular Quorum Court Meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2025.
9. **Adjournment:**

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

November 21, 2024

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the Cleburne Court Building, 922 South 9th Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. County Judge Eric Crosby presided.

PRESENT: Moorehead, Henegar, Fletcher, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Owens, Douglass.

ABSENT: Caldwell

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Martin to make a correction to the minutes of October 10, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Motion was made by JP Fletcher to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Emergency Services Oversight Committee: JP Foust reported the Highway 92 property is almost complete.

Budget Committee: JP Evans stated that the budget meeting was held as well as a follow-up meeting. Other than 2025 budget business, the sheriff's office reported two wrecked vehicles due to a pursuit and there is an ordinance to follow tonight concerning that issue. He also said that they hoped to set an agenda for the following meetings.

Jail Committee: JP Evans reported they recently received the requirements needed to be able to bid the building of a new jail. The committee is leaning towards a new building as opposed to reconstruction. Discussion followed concerning the Freedom Center lease, which was entered into on August 10, 2005, and was for 25 years. They are willing to end the lease but would like an alternative location to meet. The cleaning up of the property has begun.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge Crosby announced Kara Moorehead was nominated for a five-year term on Cleburne County Fair Board. Motion to accept was made by JP Evans, seconded by JP Fletcher. Voice vote, motion carried.

Proposed Resolution No. 2024-Letter of Credit

JP Foust introduced a Resolution: "A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE LETTER OF CREDIT." JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Moorehead. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Douglass, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell.

Passed and adopted as Resolution 2024-10.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024- Amend 2024 Budget-Sheriff

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-038, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE SHERIFF BUDGET."** JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Fletcher. JP Henegar requested Arkansas be listed after Cleburne County in an instance where it was not. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Douglass, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-39.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Amend 2024 Budget-Election, Hwy 92, Prosecuting Attorney, and OEM

JP Foust introduced an Ordinance. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-38, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE ELECTION, HWY 92 PROPERTY, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, AND OEM BUDGETS."** JP Foust read the Ordinance.

JP Henegar requested that a subtraction symbol be removed where it was listed in error. JP Foust made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by JP Fletcher. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Douglass, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-40

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-Establish Millages

JP Henegar introduced an Ordinance. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2025."** JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Douglass, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-41.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-2025 Budget

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2025, MAKING SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS SET IN THE BUDGET."** JP Evans made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Douglass, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-42.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-2025 Positions and Starting Salaries

JP Henegar introduced an Ordinance. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED; "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND STARTING SALARIES FOR NON-ELECTED COUNTY POSITIONS"** JP Henegar made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Fletcher. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Douglass, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-43.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-2025 Max Salary Per Employee

JP Moorehead introduced an Ordinance. **BE IN ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZED SALARY PER EMPLOYEE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CLEBURNE COUNTY GOVERNMENT."** JP Moorehead made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Moorehead made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Douglass, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Moorehead, Owens, Tamburo. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2024-44.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Cleburne County Clerk Rachele Evans announced her retirement effective December 31, 2024.
- Mr. Haney reported that the appeal had been filed concerning the paper ballot issue. An answer is not expected until spring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, December 12, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Martin made the motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Moorehead. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Rachele Evans, Cleburne County Clerk by Kim Wallace

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-DECLARING AND FILLING A VACANCY-COUNTY CLERK

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, Rachelle Evans, who presently holds the office of the County Clerk of Cleburne County, State of Arkansas, and has served in that capacity since 2017 will be retiring effective December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Quorum Court of the County of Cleburne, State of Arkansas, to declare that a vacancy will occur in the office of the County Clerk in the County of Cleburne, State of Arkansas, as authorized by Amendment 55 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and Arkansas Code Annotated §14-14-1309, and

WHEREAS, The Quorum Court is further authorized by Amendment 55 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and Arkansas Code Annotated §14-14-1310 to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term by appointment, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. A vacancy is declared to exist in the office of County Clerk of Cleburne County, Arkansas, from the retirement of the duly elected Cleburne County Clerk effective midnight December 31, 2024.

Section 2. That (name of newly appointed official) is appointed hereby to fill the position of County Clerk of Cleburne County, Arkansas, effective midnight December 31, 2024, and that said person is authorized herby to serve in said capacity until the expiration of the term on December 31, 2026.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be effective midnight December 31, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____th day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

Eric Crosby, Cleburne County Judge

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