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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

Thursday, May 19, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
Washington County Quorum Court Room

- 133.1 The Washington County Quorum Court met in regular session on Thursday, May 19, 2016. The meeting was called to order by County Judge Marilyn Edwards.
- 133.2 J. Maxwell led the Quorum Court in prayer and in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 133.3 MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Balls, Harvey Bowman, Rick Cochran, Robert Dennis, Lisa Ecke, Ann Harbison, Sharon Lloyd, Tom Lundstrum, Eva Madison, Sue Madison, Joel Maxwell, Gary McHenry, Joe Patterson, Butch Pond, and Bill Ussery.
- 133.4 OTHERS PRESENT: Chief of Staff George Butler, County Attorney Steve Zega, Assistant County Comptroller Ashley Farber, interested citizens, and members of the press.
- 133.5 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Judge Edwards stated that there were a few changes to be made to the agenda with the Quorum Court's approval. First, she would like to move the County Judge's Report up to after #6.1 as Josh Moore was in attendance to the annual Washington Water Authority/RDA report and has another engagement to attend. Further, JP Madison has a resolution to add authorizing the adoption and implementation of new voting equipment; and JP Cochran has two grant appropriation ordinances and a resolution authorizing the submittal of a notice of intent to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.
- 133.6 **A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda with the amendments stated. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The agenda was adopted as amended.**
- 133.7 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Judge Edwards asked if there were any corrections to be made to the minutes of the Quorum Court meetings held on January 14 and 21, February 18, March 17 and 29, and April 21.
- 133.8 S. Madison stated that she has read the drafts and revised sets of minutes with only some minor typos and spelling errors which she had advised Ms. Sandidge about.
- 133.9 **S. Madison made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14 and 21, February 18, March 17 and 29, and April 21 Quorum Court meetings. R. Cochran seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The minutes were approved.**

- 134.1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DAVID FURR FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER: T. Lundstrum introduced and read **A Resolution Expressing Appreciation To David Furr For His Service To The Washington County Juvenile Detention Center.**
- 134.2 T. Lundstrum explained that David Furr, a Professional Barber, has cut the hair of the youth at the Juvenile Detention Center for 16 years as part of his ministry.
- 134.3 Mr. Furr was then presented a plaque by JDC Director Jeane Mack and he was given a round of applause.
- 134.4 David Furr addressed the Quorum Court stating that the staff at JDC has always been caring and professional and they are doing a good job for Washington County.
- 134.5 **T. Lundstrum made a motion to adopt the Resolution. E. Madison seconded.**
- 134.6 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the Resolution.**
- 134.7 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The resolution was adopted.**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09, BOOK NO. 3, PAGE NO. 143**
- 134.8 COUNTY JUDGE REPORT: Judge Edwards stated at this time the Quorum Court would hear the annual report from the Rural Development and Washington Water Authorities.
- 134.9 Josh Moore, General Manager of the Washington Water Authority (WWA), addressed the Quorum Court stating that he is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Arkansas for civil engineering and has worked with rural water systems since the beginning of his career. He noted he had been with WWA for 13½ years and has worked on a lot of good projects.
- 134.10 J. Moore explained that the WWA was created in 1988 as a project of the Rural Development Authority (RDA). The RDA of Washington County is

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the owner of the water system and incurs the debt from that system. For WWA, it is the operative entity for the system, taking care of maintenance, collections, billings, and works with the RDA on new projects. He stated that WWA has approximately 750 miles of water pipe in the ground, one of the largest rural water systems in the State of Arkansas; and based on its service area and coverage, covers about 350 sq. miles of Washington County's 900 sq. miles of geographic area. WWA currently has 387 water customers as of the last billing last month and serves an estimated population of 15,000 in the rural portion of the county population served with water. With the growth experienced in the past 10-15 years, some of those areas are becoming cities annexing out and WWA serves most of the cities in the county. In the last 10 years, it had a 30.69% growth in customer base; when he started in 2002, WWA had 3,800 to 3,900 customers and now is at 6,387. J. Moore reported that about 1,100 plumbing inspections were done last year to make sure that they met Arkansas State Plumbing Code. He stated that WWA operates itself on a daily basis based on the regulations and requirements of the Arkansas Department of Health. Sometimes it makes tough decisions in the best interest of providing a safe, potable water supply to all of its customers.

- 135.1 J. Moore stated that WWA operates with a relatively small staff of 8 field guys, 3 office staff and him or 12 people operating this system of 6,300 plus customers. He stated that via the Phase I Southeast Project through the Devil's Den State Park, WWA serves water. He noted that it has been servicing the new 6-field Farmington Sports Complex, the gymnasium and Fine Arts facility at the new Farmington High School, and the new high school, which is currently under construction.
- 135.2 J. Moore reported for 2016, WWA's annual budget was \$4.9 million and with that has incurred indebtedness of about \$19.8 million, leaving it with a large debt on the water system for the infrastructure that it has. He stated that the yearly loan payments are about \$1.5 million of that, so with an annual budget of \$4.9 expected revenue, \$1.5 million of that goes strictly to debt service.
- 135.3 J. Moore reported the most recent, completed project was the Southeast Phase II Project on June 17, 2014. The first person to receive water from that project was former County Sheriff Bud Dennis on October 1, 2012. He stated that this project brought water to about 415 new water customers and added 73.9 miles of pipe. He stated with a new 200,000 gallon elevated storage tank, the total project cost was \$8.992 million. He noted that there was also LMI portion of that project costing \$350,000 that used to get low-income users water, based on the grants received. Out of

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that project, which costed \$8.992 million, \$7.7 million was grant funds received. J. Moore stated to save money on the project; WWA did all of the easement preparation and acquisition. He noted that the big contributors to the success of this project were Wayne Blankenship as the primary driver, Judge Marilyn Edwards, Tim Mayes as WWA's Project Engineer, Jay Stallard with the N.W.A. Economic Development District, Ann Harbison and Butch Pond, Neal Hodges, their representative in Harrison, and Scott Savoy with ANRC.

- 136.1 J. Moore reported that from the huge rain received on December 27, 2015 and WWA's supplier, Benton and Washington Regional Public Water Authority had a water main wash out on Doc Hall Road north of Prairie Grove, which put the system at severe risk of running out of water. He stated that luckily there was enough storage to keep everybody in water and received some assistance from the City of Fayetteville. As a precaution, a system wide boil order was issued due to a one-mile long section water line that was down for more than four hours. He further noted that the County Road Department helped tremendously by getting WWA gravel and shot rock.
- 136.2 J. Moore reported that it has a current project through its supplier of the Two-Ton System with a parallel water main coming down from east of Siloam Springs at the old Allen's Canning Company, now Del Monte Foods, to the tank system north of Lincoln. He stated that WWA currently has an 18" water main that comes down with a bush pump station feeding that area at 4,500 gallons a minute currently. He stated that this line feeds all of Washington Water Authority, City of Prairie Grove, City of Lincoln, and Westville, Oklahoma. He explained that during the summer that becomes a bottleneck and it cannot get enough water at 4,500 gallons a minute. He stated they will put a parallel 24" water main and some bigger pump stations to increase that capacity. J. Moore stated that this will be about \$8.67 million project and bids were expected to come in at about \$12 million; however, they got it in for about \$8 million, which will help their customers save in rates. He stated that they will see a small rate increase as Two-Ton has raised the rates a little bit per 1,000 to cover that project cost and WWA will have to pass that along to the customers.
- 136.3 TREASURER'S REPORT: County Treasurer Bobby Hill reported from the Treasurer's Financial Summary for April, noting for County General, expenditures were over revenues, which was not unusual for April. He noted for the current month the County did receive \$3.3 million in property taxes so the report for May will show a little better. He stated that the Road Fund nearly stayed the same beginning and ending; and the Jail

Fund improved a little bit in revenue mostly due to \$433,000 in State and Federal prisoner reimbursements. He noted that the County had an ending balance in April of \$23,936,884.

- 137.1 B. Hill reported after a dip last month, the county 1% sales tax had an excellent month partially due to the leap year, which added about \$20,000 to the total with a total 15% increase over last year. He stated that the ¼ cent jail sales tax had the best showing in the history of the tax going back to 2002, which was also up 15%. Collections are running \$200,000 over this same time last year. He reported that the Road ½ cent sales tax came in at \$120,000, which is a 7.5% increase over last year.
- 137.2 COMPTROLLER'S REPORT: Assistant Comptroller Ashley Farber reported that effective May 31, Comptroller Cheryl Bolinger is officially retired and she will be taking over her position. She further reported the ending balance in General Fund Unappropriated Reserves was \$7,768,961 for April. She further presented the April 2016 Summary of Revenues and Expenditures and the Summary Statement of Operations-Expenses by Fund and Department that shows encumbrances and percent used for each department.
- 137.3 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING A PERSONNEL POSITION IN THE ASSESSOR'S BUDGET FOR 2016: B. Pond introduced **An Ordinance Changing A Personnel Position In The Assessor's Budget For 2016**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.
- 137.4 B. Pond explained that it does not happen very often, but an employee will be taken down a notch or two in grade so this will not cost the County more money.
- 137.5 **B. Pond made a motion to adopt the ordinance. J. Maxwell seconded.**
- 137.6 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 137.7 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 137.8 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.**

- 138.1 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$4,069 IN THE GENERAL FUND; REDUCING THE GENERAL SUPPLIES LINE ITEM IN THE SHERIFF-WORK RELEASE BUDGET BY \$12,000; AND APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$16,069 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE VEHICLE LINE ITEM IN THE SHERIFF-WORK RELEASE BUDET FOR 2016: R. Cochran introduced **An Ordinance Recognizing Additional Revenue Of \$4,069 In The General Fund; Reducing The General Supplies Line Item In The Sheriff-Work Release Budget By \$12,000; And Appropriating The Total Amount Of \$16,069 From The General Fund To The Vehicle Line Item In The Sheriff-Work Release Budget For 2016**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.
- 138.2 R. Cochran explained that this ordinance will bring in additional revenue and take money away from the Work Release budget to combine to a total of \$16,069 for a vehicle.
- 138.3 **R. Cochran made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Pond seconded.**
- 138.4 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 138.5 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 138.6 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.**
- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-26, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 443**
- 138.7 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE OF \$2,000 IN THE RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND FOR THE CANE HILL COMMUNITY 2016: R. Cochran introduced **An Ordinance Anticipating and Appropriating Revenue Of \$2,000 In The Rural Community Grant Fund For The Cane Hill Community 2016**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.
- 138.8 R. Cochran explained that this ordinance was anticipated revenue of \$2,000 for the Cane Hill Community.
- 138.9 **R. Cochran made a motion to adopt the ordinance. J. Maxwell seconded.**

- 139.1 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 139.2 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 139.3 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-27, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 444**

- 139.4 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE OF \$9,749 IN THE RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND FOR THE EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY FOR 2016: R. Cochran introduced **An Ordinance Anticipating and Appropriating Revenue Of \$9,749 In The Rural Community Grant Fund For The Evansville Community For 2016**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.
- 139.5 R. Cochran explained that this ordinance anticipated revenue of \$9,749 for the Evansville Community.
- 139.6 It was noted that the anticipated revenue in Article 1 should read "\$9,749" instead of "\$9,740"; and "Other Professional Services" under Article 2 should be "\$3,749" instead of "\$3,740".
- 139.7 **R. Cochran made a motion to adopt the ordinance as corrected. J. Maxwell seconded.**
- 139.8 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 139.9 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 139.10 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted as corrected.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-28, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 445**

- 139.11 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE OF \$2,500 IN THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER GRANT FOR 2016: R.

Cochran introduced **An Ordinance Anticipating and Appropriating Revenue Of \$2,500 In The Juvenile Detention Center Grant For 2016**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.

140.1 R. Cochran explained that this ordinance was anticipated revenue of \$2,500 for the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC).

140.2 **R. Cochran made a motion to adopt the ordinance. G. McHenry seconded.**

140.3 Grant Administrator Renee Biby stated JDC Director Jeane Mack wanted to make clear that this was not going to the Juvenile Detention Center but into their fund and is going to Judge Zimmerman in the Juvenile Court.

140.4 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

140.5 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

140.6 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-29, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 446**

140.7 AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING MONIES OF \$23,076 WITHIN THE DRUG COURT ACCOUNTABILITY BUDGET IN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND FOR 2016: B. Pond introduced **An Ordinance Transferring Monies Of \$23,076 Within The Drug Court Accountability Budget In The Drug Court Grant Fund For 2016**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.

140.8 B. Pond explained that this ordinance was reviewed and approved by the Job Evaluation and Salary (JESAP) Committee and sent to Personnel Committee, who reviewed and voted to forward the ordinance to the Full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation.

140.9 **B. Pond made a motion to adopt the ordinance. R. Cochran seconded.**

140.10 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

141.1 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

141.2 **VOTING FOR:** S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-30, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 447**

141.3 **REPORT ON RECENT MEETING OF THE ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF QUORUM COURTS:** E. Madison reported that she attended the Arkansas Association of Quorum Courts' annual meeting on Friday, April 15, the full Association meeting on Saturday morning and Board meeting that afternoon.

141.4 E. Madison noted that the Association introduced Lindsey Bailey, who is the new attorney replacing Jonathan Greer after his untimely death. Ms. Bailey worked as the Association's Law Clerk through law school and has worked quite a bit on county issues. She reported that the Association sells a compliance guide for \$65 that contains all county-related laws that the Court could possibly need.

141.5 E. Madison reported the primary discussion topic at the meeting was Medicaid Expansion, which was being considered in the Legislature at that time. There was great concern that Obamacare and Arkansas Works or private option would reduce county turn back money. The Association tried to remain neutral on the overall issue, but did express concern about how it would affect county finances and is probably breathing a sigh of relief because of its passage.

141.6 E. Madison reported that the Association is working to amend its bylaws, which have not been overhauled in quite some time. She stated that it heard from Mike Rainwater who serves as the Association lawyers. She further noted that it heard a presentation from Randy Zook on Senate Joint Resolution 16 (JR16), which came out of the Legislature last time and will be one of the items on the ballot in November. She explained that this relates specifically to economic development; and she encouraged the court to look at JR16 specifically what it could mean for Washington County.

141.7 E. Madison stated that she has mentioned and Human Resources Director Lindsy Huffaker has been working on the recent change from the U.S.

Department of Labor that raises the level for exemptions for salaried employees from \$23,660 to just over \$47,000 which will have a tremendous impact on counties around the State.

142.1 E. Madison reported that the Association of Counties Annual Meeting is set for August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Hot Springs which she will be attending in the event that there was interest in attending.

142.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS: D. Balls reported that the County Services Committee met and were introduced to the new Environmental Affairs Director Michelle Viney, who has many years of experience to bring to the county. M. Viney reported that her department recycled 26.4 tons of electronics in the first quarter of 2016. She reported that Environmental Enforcement had closed 52 cases this year and is currently working on 24 open cases. It was noted that the Washington County Spring Clean-up was currently underway through Saturday.

142.3 H. Bowman reported that the Public Works Committee met and heard a report from Building & Grounds Superintendent Ron Woods on water problems and flooding at the Old Courthouse. The cost to repair these issues came in less than expected. He is further dealing with some water issues at the new Courthouse.

142.4 H. Bowman also reported that the committee had a lengthy discussion about the possibility of using GPS devices on County vehicles after he had reported his positive findings from people who are currently using these devices in city or county vehicles. He stated that the Guard for Life Company, which is a good potential provider for that service, agreed to provide nine different units to put on the Road Department's vehicles. Later, the Road Department will evaluate the devices and will give the Court some feedback on the use of them.

142.5 B. Pond reported that the Personnel Committee met on May 9 and had a report from Salary Consultant Blair Johansen and Human Resources Director Lindsie Huffaker. B. Johansen reported that the last time the county adjusted the county's pay ranges was in 2008; the recommendation was for a 3% adjustment of the ranges, with the court approving a 2% adjustment. B. Johansen is recommending recommended that the Court consider adjusting the ranges by 2.75% for the 2017 budget cycle and there is a possibility that this would be increased to 3% because it has been four years since the last range adjustment. He noted that there had been several comments by JPs on this issue and will be further addressed by the Court later in the budget process.

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- 143.1 B. Pond reported that the Committee heard a request from County Assessor Russell Hill to change a GPS Tech position, Grade 14 to Deputy II, Grade 11 which was addressed and passed by the Court earlier as the committee recommended. He further reported a request from Circuit Judge Christi Beaumont, for a part-time Counselor in Training position in the Drug Court Accountability Budget which was also addressed and passed earlier.
- 143.2 J. Patterson reported that the Jail/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee met on May 9 and heard a report from the Juvenile Detention Center Director Jeane Mack, who reported that its numbers had decreased. Later the committee heard that adult detention was about the same, though the intakes were down and more inmates were being transferred to the State Penitentiary. He stated that the committee reviewed the Dangerous Animal Ordinance and requested amendments to include livestock and poultry.
- 143.3 J. Patterson noted that Sheriff Helder gave a report on the status of injured officer Ti Augustine, who was shot earlier this year, and announced a fund raiser that is being held on his behalf as he goes through therapy.
- 143.4 J. Patterson reported that the county collected 2,100 pounds of prescriptions during the Prescription Take Back Event.
- 143.5 B. Ussery, Chairman of the Ordinance Review Committee, reported that this committee met on May 16 and reviewed Sections 2-1 through 16-11. The committee talked about the County Seal and will be moving forward with that project. The Committee also passed a motion to recommend approval of changes to Sections 2-1 through 2-22 that will come before the Court next month.
- 143.6 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO DO BUSINESS WITH ALLEN REED AND PAUL REED: A. Harbison introduced **An Ordinance Authorizing The County To Do Business With Allen Reed and Paul Reed**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance that is on second reading.
- 143.7 A. Harbison stated that she will be making a motion to pass it tonight as it is a win/win situation and provides the opportunity to improve roads in the southern portion of the county.

- 144.1 **A. Harbison made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third and final reading by title only. B. Pond seconded.**
- 144.2 In response to a question from R. Dennis, S. Zega explained that the Court is now voting to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading by title only, after which it would be ripe to be adopted in a separate motion. He stated he expects that A. Harbison would then make a motion to adopt the ordinance. He noted that there are parliamentary options for keeping the ordinance from passing and this vote would not guarantee getting to vote on the merits.
- 144.3 Judge Edwards further stated that before this ordinance goes to final reading, she will ask for any public input.
- 144.4 S. Madison stated she will vote against the motion to place the ordinance on third reading because she had requested a copy of the contract mentioned and has not yet had the opportunity to review the original contract before voting on the entire issue.
- 144.5 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a roll call vote on the motion.**
- 144.6 **VOTING FOR: J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, L. Ecke, and A. Harbison. VOTING AGAINST: S. Madison, R. Dennis, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. ABSTENTION: J. Patterson. **The motion failed with nine members voting for and five members voting against the motion, and one abstention. The ordinance remained on second reading.****
- 144.7 R. Cochran asked Road Superintendent Charles Ward regarding the financial breakdown comparison between the Highway 16 Pit, Reed Pit, and Les Roger's quote, noting that wear and tear on the vehicles is not shown. The lifetime use of these dump trucks, if properly maintained, was approximately 500,000 to 600,000 miles and the replacement cost of these trucks is approximately \$160,000 to \$170,000. R. Cochran stated that this would compute to around a \$20,000 savings over 1,000 loads in a year and would be in addition to the savings presented.
- 144.8 E. Madison stated at the last meeting, the Court discussed efforts that the Road Superintendents took to find the dirt initially and the potential for advertising, asking if they undertook any advertising since that time; to which C. Ward responded that they had not because they do not see a need to search for dirt when they have a source of dirt with Paul Reed and

if they cannot do business with him, they will advertise further to see if they can find another location. Further, they have already had finances built into this dirt pit having built the road into the pit.

- 145.1 E. Madison stated that it would make her feel better about doing business with a family member of a county employee to know that they were the only option available and if by advertising, they turn up other options for dirt, it does not make it look like the unusual circumstances that they are required to declare before they deviate from State law.
- 145.2 B. Phillips responded to E. Madison stating that they feel it is well known that they are after dirt in this area because they have even had people from Florida call them having heard about their dirt pit, are having similar issues, and are interested in knowing how to go about acquiring a dirt pit.
- 145.3 E. Madison stated that it seems like the cost estimates that they have refined since the last meeting are more about cost savings and she is really more concerned about the cost. She recalled T. Lundstrum's comments that they had been focusing a lot on \$3.50 rather than the market offers or the current Lindsey pit pays, but when you start adding in the costs already spent on the road, plus the additional cost of rerouting the road, it came to about 6,000 loads and effectively takes the five years that they hope to use this pit and essentially doubles the cost. She further inquired whether they had put a dollar cost on the expense involved in remediation after excavation.
- 145.4 B. Phillips responded to E. Madison that the remediation will go on as they go along by spreading grass seed that will grow as they move to other areas; and E. Madison stated she is interested in the cost of that because based on what T. Lundstrum has talked about with the cost of the road, they are already at \$7 a load; at some point they will go over \$3.50 a load which is what they are actually paying out-of-pocket. B. Phillips explained when they first start out, they will have a little higher cost which will go away eventually on that road and it will take 365 loads, not 6,000.
- 145.5 T. Lundstrum explained that at their last meeting, they talked about \$7,000 to move that road, plus the original cost of the road, which added up to \$21,000 which at \$3.50 a load would pay for 6,000 loads of dirt. He stated they were talking about using approximately 1,000 loads per annum which is six years' worth of dirt that they have already essentially paid for which is the \$6,000 that E. Madison is talking about.
- 145.6 B. Phillips referred to #18.2 in the material which shows a break-even point of \$14,000 for 365 loads.

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- 146.1 E. Madison further stated she is trying to get to the fact that the cost of the road is not the only cost they will incur; to which B. Phillips responded the savings they will get out of the dirt pit will make up for the 6,000 that they would be hauling from the Highway 16 pit. E. Madison reiterated that the remediation costs will make the cost per load higher than \$3.50 or \$7.00 and the Lindsey pit is therefore not so bad.
- 146.2 C. Ward stated they have the same remediation process in every pit that they have and that cost is always the same and the cost they will have of doing business when they are hauling their own dirt no matter what pit they use. He added in this particular instance they are not asking for anything substantial, just to slope it back and put grass on it which is an ADEQ requirement.
- 146.3 S. Madison referred to the tracking apron mentioned on page 48 noting that State approval will be sought to extend an existing apron to the 40 x 250 paved area for required tracking and asked about the cost for doing this; to which B. Phillips responded to S. Madison stating that there is already the existing old Highway 71 running down through there and once they get Quorum Court approval, but they have already been in contact with them and they have no problem with the county using the existing old highway and considering it part of the apron.
- 146.4 S. Madison stated that it says that the tracking apron will need to be extended to which Charles Ward responded that is only a short section between the old State Highway and the new State Highway, roughly 12' x 20'.
- 146.5 S. Madison stated that in listening to this discussion, it has occurred to her that they may be spending a great deal of time analyzing the expense of this and the balance and she wonders if it simply would have been easier on everybody to put it out for bids. She referred to the first "Whereas" that stated A.C.A. 14-14-1202 requires that the Quorum Court find that it is in the best interest of the County and that unusual circumstances exist before a family member of a County employee can do business with the County, but on page 44 under "Contract signed before any work was done. No work began on the haul road until the contract between Paul Reed, Allen Reed, and Washington County was signed." S. Madison stated that she has not seen a copy of that contract and asked when it was signed to which B. Phillips responded it was signed in February and they commenced work based on that contract.
- 146.6 C. Ward stated that he and B. Phillips at that time did not realize that they had to come before the Quorum Court and once this was realized

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- approximately 3½ weeks after the contract was signed, they have been before the Quorum Court and trying to do right.
- 147.1 County Attorney Steve Zega stated that he wrote the contract in question and it was signed by Paul and Allen Reed and Judge Edwards.
- 147.2 S. Madison stated that Washington County property records indicate that this property has co-owners; Paul and May, and Allen and Teresa yet they did not sign the contract. She went on and expressed concern that this process has been flawed from the beginning and has deep concerns about how it was handled and whether it can be fixed.
- 147.3 B. Pond addressed the reclamation issue and C. Ward verified that they use the same equipment to do their grading and all that is involved in the reclamation that they are using for digging and loading the trucks, so this is already figured in the expense of loading the trucks as they will be reclaiming as they dig.
- 147.4 B. Pond asked what kind grass they would use; to which C. Ward stated that they will use a general contractor's mix of grass seed for the reclamation and this expense is their reclamation expense and time to spread the seed.
- 147.5 B. Pond stated that he has different concerns than have been voiced and those are that they currently have real good working weather. They have a road put in, and people that need dirt on their roads. He stated that it bothers him that there are JPs on this Court that are stopping this from happening. If they lived in a rural area, they could understand some of this. He noted that it has nothing to do with common sense that this has been pushed back. People living in this part of the County do not need this kind of a show and he is terribly sorry and embarrassed.
- 147.6 J. Maxwell stated that he ran the numbers from R. Cochran on what is missing from the cost savings and for \$170,000 truck with a 500,000 mile lifespan, figures out to 34 cents a mile just for the equipment which brings the total cost to \$99.23 for the 75 mile round trip and about \$40.00 for the 14 mile round trip. Therefore, he stated it looks like they recoup their costs on the \$14,000 road as is at about 237 loads compared to 359 loads for the \$21,000 portion, and that about three months into the year, they should be breaking even on the \$14,000 and in about 4½ months on the \$21,000.

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- 148.1 In response to a question from J. Maxwell, C. Ward stated that he does not anticipate any additional remediation cost above and beyond what they have at any other dirt pits.
- 148.2 J. Maxwell stated that he appreciates that when the error was caught, they did not try to cover it up, but came forward and are trying to do this appropriately and however this issue goes, this is the kind of transparency that it very positive.
- 148.3 B. Ussery stated he is trying to figure out what is going on here because they are badgering people over \$10,000 to \$15,000. The Road Department comes to them to report that this dirt pit will save the County over \$200,000 and they are just getting a lot of questions and negative comments. He is somewhat confused and embarrassed about how this issue has been handled because obviously their heart is in the right place and is in the best interest of the county.
- 148.4 In response to questions from L. Ecke, C. Ward stated that dirt as a resource is very valuable to the county concerned with building roads and these dirt pits are very few and far between especially in the south portion of the county. He further noted that this will further be extremely beneficial to his road employees waiting for the dirt to do the roads because instead of having to use all the trucks to do 2-3 rounds of material, he can use half that many trucks and still be doing a job over here and get the same amount of material. Multiplied by the roads that will be completed in a shorter time span benefit's the citizens and taxpayers of the county.
- 148.5 L. Ecke asked how responsive were people when the Road Department knocked on their doors; to which C. Ward stated that they were never heard from those where contact information was left. The ones that they were able to speak to were friendly, but not interested in having county equipment on their property.
- 148.6 L. Ecke further verified that the ADEQ did not require compaction testing and further reviewed the benefits of having this dirt pit. She noted in inclement weather, there are poultry trucks driving on these county roads and noted Cargill lost a 52-year-old truck driver on one of these roads that deteriorated from bad weather. She further noted that these county roads are the arteries to the cities and poultry is a huge industry for this county, cities and people working there. L. Ecke stated that these two Road Superintendents are new to their positions and, while they did not follow procedure in the beginning, she admires their integrity and the effort they have made to get approval on this dirt pit and save the county money and make their roads safe.

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- 149.1 A. Harbison stated the people in south Washington County deserve good roads and she is disappointed in the reasoning being used for not approving this dirt pit.
- 149.2 H. Bowman stated there were some basic mistakes made starting this project and those have been acknowledged and accepted. He stated if the county employee was the County Judge or Road Superintendent, this would be a major issue, but as it is he doubts this employee working on the road crews had anything to do at all with this decision. Secondly, he stated the road was started before they knew about the requirement of getting Quorum Court approval and this money has already been spent. He reported speaking with a man who had been building roads for 45 years about the pros and cons of this and his comment was it was a “no-brainer” as it makes sense to work out of a dirt pit closest to the jobs. H. Bowman stated that they have dragged this out a long time, asked tons of questions, and gone through a number of analyses, etc., and there is no question that the mileage savings is substantial and though long term they may not be as well off as they expect to be, but he believes this is something they need to move ahead with and get some roads built.
- 149.3 S. Lloyd stated that she wants to vote for this dirt pit and has two questions that have been asked of her including why the Road Department did not advertise and how many doors were knocked on; to which B. Phillips replied that they are not required to advertise for something like this. Further, C. Ward stated that they knocked on 10-15 doors, noting that there are a lot of potential properties, but they were looking at how easy it would be to retrieve the material and what kind of road they would be coming out to and this was the reason for them picking strategic properties to contact.
- 149.4 R. Dennis stated his constituent asked why they did not put out a bid even though it was a small amount because since they were dealing with family members, it would keep them on the up and up and be clean as far as looking to the county. He explained the savings and reasons given for approving this dirt pit and this gentleman was satisfied with that; however, if not this time, at least in the future, he believes they should advertise or put out a bid that they are doing something like this. He further addressed the issue of placing the ordinance on third reading at this meeting, stating that he voted against this where it did not look like to the county that they were trying to push something through; however, he has been in support of approving this dirt pit and that has not changed.
- 149.5 In response to a question from E. Madison, C. Ward stated when they knocked on the Reeds’ door in February, he was aware that it was Travis

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Reed's brother, but he did not know that there was an issue with them dealing with his brother. He did know that there was an issue dealing with Travis Reed, but not an immediate family member. E. Madison stated that she does not know why the folks in the County Judge's Office did not know that this was Reed family members and how they signed a contract before they figured out that they needed to follow State law.

- 150.1 County Attorney Steve Zega stated the way the process happened as best he recalls is that Brad Phillips called him one day and said they had a dirt pit in Southwest Washington County and needed him to draw a contract; he supplied him with the parties' names of Paul and Allen Reed and it did not even occur to him to ask the question whether these people were akin to a county employee. He stated that he drew the contract and three plus weeks later they were meeting on an entirely different subject at the Road Department when it came up that Travis Reed is brother to Paul and son of Allen Reed, at which time he advised that they could not do that without Quorum Court approval.
- 150.2 Judge Edwards stated that people who live in Washington County, particularly rural Washington County, know that there are a lot of Reeds that live the area.
- 150.3 E. Madison questioned whether the spouses should be named as co-property owners; to which S. Zega responded that this contract is not conveying an interest in land like a title, and they could include the spouses, but he does not believe it is necessary to have a valid and binding contract.
- 150.4 T. Lundstrum stated that he wants his fellow JPs and the Road Superintendents to understand his position on this matter which he has stated many times. First of all, he is not questioning the Superintendents' honesty or integrity and admires them as young men trying to do a good job operating their Road Department. He stated he appreciates the fact that they have an opportunity to save money on dirt and he knows it would be nice to have this dirt pit. He stated his only problem with this dirt pit is the fact that it belongs to a relative of a county employee because every businessman from his district who has voiced their opinion sees buying from a county relative as a conflict of interest and was opposed to this. Further, all constituents he has spoken to in his district are opposed to it. He stated he has been trying to explain that it is a matter of perception and he does not like to create these perceptions because the citizens in the county are not getting all of the information and they see something in the newspaper and come to conclusions. T. Lundstrum stated that he

concur that they should have done some advertising and really flushed it out because the whole concept is that it has to be a strong, extenuating circumstance that allows this and he is not sure that this has been done and he cannot support this dirt pit.

151.1 **R. Cochran made a motion to suspend the rules and take public comments on this topic at this time. The motion was seconded.**

151.2 **Judge Edwards called for a roll call vote on the motion.**

151.3 **VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. The motion passed unanimously.**

151.4 **Citizen Comments: David Ruff, employee of the Road Department as a grader operator in southern Washington County, addressed the Quorum Court stating he is one of the people who would benefit from this dirt pit as well as the grader that he operates that is getting beat to death on bedrock showing up through the ground and needs to be covered with dirt. He reported pulling up rocks today and had to get up with a shovel and dig dirt out from behind the ditch, carry it over and fill the hole up that he pulled the rock up out of. He has spoken to many taxpaying property owners in southern Washington County who would benefit from this dirt pit and named Bob Center who lives on CR126, a 90-year-old man who is almost housebound because the road is nothing but bedrock; Bobby Joe Miller who has to drive up a hill that is nothing but bedrock and a ditch that he cannot contain water into where the road needs to be built up; Royce Luper who lives on CR110 on the south end and is driving on bedrock that he cannot cover up with gravel because rocks do not stay on rocks; Dale Smith, resident at the end of CR274 off of Bunyard Road who has nothing to keep the water in the ditch and whenever it rains water comes down the ditch and washes out his road; James Woods who lives on CR47 Bunyard Road and drives on top of bedrock every day. These are his customers and they do not care nor does he where the dirt comes from.**

151.5 Donnie Coleman, employee of the Road Department who is now the Grader Supervisor on the east side and southeast portion of the County, and reported he has several people calling him daily complaining that they cannot get down their roads. He stated that there are four roads in Brentwood, CR156, CR154, CR158, and CR100 that all come together, noting that the mail carrier will not travel up CR158 because it is too rough and it is hard to get up this road with a four-wheeler. He stated that they

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need dirt out in this area to make those roads capable for those people to all drive on those dirt roads just like everybody does on town with paved roads. He stated with dirt they can make these roads comparable to a paved road. D. Coleman stated that he was the Road Superintendent at one time and they had several dirt pits going back as far as County Judge Jerry Hunton and he does not ever remember having to come to the Quorum Court about putting in a dirt pit. However, he understands the way it may look to some people, but these people in the southeast portion of the county need dirt on their roads.

- 152.1 A. Harbison inquired about calling a special meeting for the following week to hear the third and final reading and vote on this ordinance, reiterating B. Pond's statements that current weather is permitting them to do a lot of road work and the majority of people on this Court want to provide dirt for south Washington County. She stated that they know that a County employee's parent and brother own the dirt pit, everyone else in Winslow and Northwest Arkansas know it, and she believes they have done their due diligence and will be requesting this meeting so they can move this forward.
- 152.2 B. Pond stated there is a difference between rural landowners think about and do things as opposed to some of the suggestions he has heard from others. He stated that he has had people approach him on three occasions wanting to buy material from his farm and he did not sell any material, but he was not looking to sell and would not have been looking for an advertisement in the newspaper or where the county was requesting bids for some of his materials, whether it be dirt or rocks. He pointed out if he wanted to see these materials off his land, he would be doing the advertising and this is how it is done.
- 152.3 R. Cochran concurred with A. Harbison as he realizes weather is always important in road construction; they currently have good weather, but continue to delay and will have less time to rebuild these roads. He noted that the next regularly scheduled committee meeting on May 31 has been cancelled and he really does not want to have the extra expense of calling another special meeting on a night that they do not have committee meeting. He stated his request that they bring the third reading of this ordinance back at the earliest possible time.
- 152.4 **E. Madison made a motion to reconsider suspending the rules and placing the ordinance on third reading by title only. R. Dennis seconded.**

- 153.1 County Attorney Steve Zega stated that E. Madison's motion to reconsider would take only a simple majority to pass; and then it would take a second motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading by title only which would take ten votes to pass.
- 153.2 **As E. Madison's motion to reconsider was not debatable, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion.**
- 153.3 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion to reconsider passed unanimously.**
- 153.4 **A. Harbison made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third and final reading by title only. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- 153.5 County Attorney Steve Zega read **An Ordinance Authorizing The County To Do Business With Allen Reed and Paul Reed** by title only.
- 153.6 **A. Harbison made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded.**
- 153.7 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 153.8 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, and S. Lloyd. VOTING AGAINST: T. Lundstrum. ABSTENTIONS: J. Patterson and E. Madison. **The motion passed with twelve members voting in favor, one member voting against, and two abstentions. The ordinance was adopted.**
- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-31, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 448**
- 153.9 **A short recess was taken at this time.**
- 153.10 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-22 IN REGARD TO DANGEROUS, POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS, AND HAZARDOUS ANIMALS: B. Ussery introduced **An Emergency Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2016-22 In Regard To Dangerous, Potentially Dangerous, And Hazardous Animals**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance. It is being recommended

by the Jail/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee and contains an emergency clause making it in effect immediately upon passage.

- 154.1 B. Ussery explained that this ordinance adds livestock and poultry to the definition section of the ordinance adopted by the Quorum Court last month, since the majority of calls received by the Sheriff's Department are for dogs that get onto their neighbors' property and attack livestock and chickens. He stated that the Court needs to add this to the ordinance so that the Sheriff's Department can do its job.
- 154.2 **B. Ussery made a motion to adopt the ordinance. B. Pond seconded.**
- 154.3 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 154.4 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**
- 154.5 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. ABSENT: H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The ordinance was adopted.**
- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-32, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 449**
- 154.6 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS: E. Madison introduced **A Resolution Authorizing The Adoption And The Implementation Of New Voting Equipment In Washington County, Arkansas**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the resolution.
- 154.7 E. Madison stated that this had to be added to the agenda because the Election Commission learned only yesterday that the Secretary of State's Office is going to be funding its new voting system. She stated that the Court needs to pass this resolution at this meeting so the Election Commission can move forward with implementing the new system. With the Secretary of State's Office paying for the new system, the old equipment will convert to the Secretary of State's Office. She stated that the whole Election Commission and staff have been present at this meeting and are available to answer any questions.
- 154.8 **E. Madison made a motion to adopt the resolution. R. Cochran seconded.**

- 155.1 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 155.2 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the resolution.**
- 155.3 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. ABSENT: H. Bowman. **The motion passed unanimously by those present. The resolution was adopted.**

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- 155.4 Judge Edwards thanked the Election Commission for being patient and asked its members to relate to the Secretary of State's Office how much Washington County appreciates it for taking the County under its wing because not everyone received this treatment.
- 155.5 Bill Ackerman from the Election Commission addressed the Quorum Court and stated that the money was received from the Secretary of State's Office this week, but would not have received this money had the Quorum Court not provided the \$420,000 upfront. He reported Washington County was one of the few counties in the State who had a Quorum Court that would support its commission with purchase of the new equipment. He further noted that the Secretary of State only funded \$1.2 million, which is the same amount of money that it provided ten years ago. The new equipment needs are now much greater which was the reason for the County's \$420,000 appropriation. He thanked the Quorum Court for this contribution noting that this was a \$30 million project statewide which will not be funded this year; however, when the \$420,000 was provided, it put Washington County at the top of the list with the Secretary of State's Office. He reported that the State funded four counties early on arbitrarily and Washington County was not in that mix. He further noted that besides the Quorum Court, the Legislature, including Senator Uvalde Lindsey and Representative Robin Lundstrum, was in the lead and helped the County tremendously. In closing, Mr. Ackerman stated with its antiquated equipment, the county was looking at a difficult election in November; and the Secretary of State could have probably funded 8-10 small counties in the State with this same money.
- 155.6 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENYUE OF \$15,769 IN THE LAW ENFORCEMEBNT GRANT FUND FOR 2016; AND APPROPRIATING \$15,769 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

**FUND TO THE 2016 JAG GRANT BUDGET:** R. Cochran introduced **An Ordinance Anticipating Additional Revenue Of \$15,769 In The Law Enforcement Grant Fund For 2016; And Appropriating \$15,769 From The Law Enforcement Grant Fund To The 2016 JAG Grant Budget,** and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.

156.1 R. Cochran explained that this was additional grant money and the County is anticipating \$15,769 for the Law Enforcement Grant Fund.

156.2 **R. Cochran made a motion to adopt the ordinance. G. McHenry seconded.**

156.3 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

156.4 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

156.5 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-33, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 451**

156.6 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUES OF \$2,567 IN THE JDC GRANT FUND AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$2,567 FROM THE JDC GRANT FUND TO THE JDC HOFNOD BUDGET FOR 2016:** R. Cochran introduced **An Ordinance Recognizing Revenues Of \$2,567 In the JDC Grant Fund And Appropriating The Amount Of \$2,567 From The JDC HOFNOD Budget For 2016,** and County Attorney Steve Zega read the ordinance.

156.7 R. Cochran explained that this was revenue of \$2,567 from the JDC Grant Fund.

156.8 **R. Cochran made a motion to adopt the ordinance. A. Harbison seconded.**

156.9 Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.

156.10 **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance.**

157.1 VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-34, BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. 452**

157.2 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: R. Cochran introduced **A Resolution Authorizing The Submittal Of A Notice Of Intent To The Arkansas Department Of Emergency Management**, and County Attorney Steve Zega read the resolution.

157.3 R. Cochran explained that this was a resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for a 50/50 match grant in the amount of \$15,000.

157.4 **R. Cochran made a motion to adopt the resolution. L. Ecke seconded.**

157.5 In response to a question regarding the 50/50 match, Grant Administrator Renee Biby noted a few months ago the County and all the cities approved its Hazard Mitigation Plans which made them eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grants; some of these are 50/50 matches and some are full shares. She stated with this particular grant, this is a "Notice Of Intent," which does not mean the County is applying; however, if the Court does not approve this, then she would not have the opportunity to apply whenever it does come out. She further stated if Washington County does get to apply and is awarded, it does require a \$15,000 match; however, that is a rough number at this time.

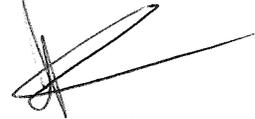
157.6 R. Biby further explained that this storm shelter would be constructed in western Washington County, which in recent years has been a tornado hot spot with the Cincinnati and Evansville tornadoes. She reported that the Morrow Crusher site is specifically being looked at, which is right around the corner from the Teen Challenge Ranch. Property already owned by the County is being considered as a location for the small storm shelter.

157.7 J. Maxwell stated his appreciation for the Grant Department and Renee Biby because this is the kind of thing at the core of what the Court does by providing this type of service and is something that the members can all agree on.

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- 158.1      Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments made.
- 158.2      **With no further discussion, Judge Edwards called for a vote on the motion to adopt the resolution.**
- 158.3      VOTING FOR: S. Madison, J. Maxwell, G. McHenry, J. Patterson, B. Pond, B. Ussery, D. Balls, H. Bowman, R. Cochran, R. Dennis, L. Ecke, A. Harbison, S. Lloyd, T. Lundstrum, and E. Madison. **The motion passed unanimously and the resolution was adopted.**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11, BOOK NO. 3, PAGE NO. 145**
- 158.4      OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Edwards announced that next month, Washington Regional Medical Center plans to give its annual report.
- 158.5      Judge Edwards stated that the County Spring Cleanup is currently underway through Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged anyone with questions about this event to contact the Environmental Affairs Office.
- 158.6      CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments made.
- 158.7      ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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