

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
May 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in a special session at 6:00 PM on May 1, 2025, in Courtroom "4" located in the Faulkner County Justice Building with Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Justice Strain.

Attendance: County Judge Allen Dodson, Administrator Tom Anderson, Administrator Randy Higgins, County Attorney Philip Murphy, County Clerk Margaret Darter, and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Coats, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Lyon, Meeks, Moss, Pearson, Shock, Strain, Tyler and Yorgey.

Approval of the Journal: Justice Kendrick made a motion that the Journal of Proceedings be approved, and such motion was seconded by Justice Pearson. The Journal was unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-12. This is an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 23-20, and to declare an emergency. Justice Allison made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-12, and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-11 by title only. Justice Yorgey made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 25-12, to the four (4) definitions from Act 173 of 2024 and to amend to include but not limited to digital asset Center. Such motion was seconded by Justice Pearson. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion passed with a vote of 9-4, with Justices Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky and Strain voting no. Justice Pearson made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 25-12, Article 2, to add a section "d" and change "below" to the same language as Article 5 §1. Such motion was seconded by Justice Allison. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion passed with a vote of 12-1, with Justice Kendrick voting no. Justice Coats made a motion to amend Article 3 under notice to remove everything from notice down to the last sentence and add to make public notice on the website. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion passed with a vote of 10-2, with Justices Allison and Strain voting no and Justice Lachowsky not voting. Justice Allison made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 25-12 to amend that the County Judge will place on the Quorum Court agenda within ninety (90) days for public comment. Such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion passed with a vote of 12-1, with Justice Knight voting present.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:33 PM

*******An audio tape of this meeting is kept on file*******