

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on May 20, 2025, in Courtroom “4” located in the Faulkner County Justice Building with Justice Lachowsky presiding.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Justice Tyler.

Attendance: County Judge Administrator Tom Anderson, Administrator Randy Higgins, 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 Lyon. The Journal was unanimously approved.

County Officer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report was provided to the Court on the Financial Standing of the County and a copy is on file.

Standing Committees Reports

Budget & Finance: Did meet last week and have four (4) Ordinances and a Resolution to present under “New Business.”

Courts & Public Safety: No Report.

Personnel: Met last week and have to appointments to Equalization Board.

Infrastructure & Roads: Met tonight and had good presentation by Administrator Higgins; Justice Lyon discussed GIS mapping, and we heard from the museum board.

Public Comments: None

Special Reports: Extension Officer – Krista Quinn gave an update

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-13. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-13, and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Ashlie West read Proposed Ordinance 25-13 by title only. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-13. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-13 passed with a vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-14. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 24-52 (November 20, 2024), and to declare an emergency. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-14, and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Ashlie West read Proposed Ordinance 25-14 by title

only. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-14. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-14 passed with a vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-15. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-15, and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Ashlie West read Proposed Ordinance 25-13 by title only. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-15. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-15 passed with a vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-16. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 24-52 (November 20, 2024), and to declare an emergency. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-16, and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. Ashlie West read Proposed Ordinance 25-14 by title only. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-16. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-16 passed with a vote of 13-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 25-04. This is a Resolution certifying local government endorsement of Mercer Conway Inc. to participate in the tax back program (as authorized by A.C.A. § 5-4-2706(d) of the consolidation incentive act of 2003. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 25-04, and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. Ashlie West read Proposed Resolution 24-07 by title only. Justice Tyler made a motion to table the Resolution, and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock. Justice Lachowsky called for a voice vote but several voted no. Justice Lachowsky then called for a vote by roll call for such motion. The roll was called and such motion failed with a vote of 6-6, with Justices Allison, Coats, Kendrick, Meeks, Moss and Strain voting No and Justice Lachowsky not voting. After further discussion, Justice Lachowsky called for a voice vote for Proposed Resolution 25-04. Proposed Resolution 25-04 passed with a voice vote of 12-1, with Justice Pearson voting no.

Appointment:

The court discussed Proposed Resolution 25-05. This is a Resolution to confirm the appointment of Steven Means to the Faulkner County Equalization Board. Justice Moss made a motion to accept Resolution 25-05 and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky called for a voice vote and Proposed Resolution 25-05 was unanimously passed.

The court discussed Proposed Resolution 25-06. This is a resolution to re-appoint Glenda Mudgett to the Faulkner County Equalization Board. Justice Kendrick made a motion to accept Resolution 25-06, and such motion was seconded by Justice Knight. After discussion, Justice Lachowsky called for a voice vote and Proposed Resolution 25-06 was unanimously passed.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:00 PM

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