

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on June 17, 2025, in Courtroom “4” located in the Faulkner County Justice Building with Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Justice Lachowsky.

Attendance: County Judge Allen Dodson, County Administrator Tom Anderson, Administrator Randy Higgins, County Clerk Margaret Darter, Counsel Philip Murphy and the following Court members were present: Justices Coats, Kendrick, Knight, Lachowsky, Lyon, Meeks, Moss, 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 Yorgey. 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 two (2) Ordinances to present under “New Business.”

Courts & Public Safety: Met last week and have Proposed Ordinance 25-19 and Proposed Resolution 25-07 to present under “New Business.” An update regarding the animal shelter was given by Nic Davis.

Personnel: No report.

Infrastructure & Roads: Did not meet this month but they are still progressing with the Museum and road reclassification projects.

Public Comments: None

Special Reports: Extension Office – Mary Beth Groce gave an update

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-17. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 24-52 (November 20, 2024), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-17, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-17 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-17. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-17 passed with a vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-18. This is an appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 24-52 (November 20, 2024), and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-18, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-18 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-18. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-18 passed with a vote of 11-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-19. This is an Ordinance to approve the filing of an application by Palarm Station, Inc for a private club to be located at 941 Hwy 365, Mayflower, Faulkner County, Arkansas, and to declare an emergency. Justice Strain made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-19, and such motion was seconded by Justice Kendrick. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-19 by title only. After discussion, Justice Strain made a motion to strike the emergency clause and to take the language out of the title regarding the emergency clause and such motion was seconded by Justice Lyon. After further discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call the above motion. The roll was called and such motion passed with vote of 8-3, with Justices Knight, Shock and Tyler voting no.

The Court discussed Proposed Resolution 25-07. This is a Resolution to recognize the Arkansas 250 Commission as it begins its work to celebrate Arkansas Rich Two-Hundred-Fifty Year history from the signing of the declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, through July 4, 2026. Justice Coats made a motion to accept Proposed Resolution 25-07, and such motion was seconded by Justice Tyler. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Resolution 24-07 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a voice vote for Proposed Resolution 25-07. Proposed Resolution 25-07 was unanimously approved.

Appointment:

None

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:15 PM

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