## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS October 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The Faulkner County Quorum Court met in its regular session at 6:00 PM on October 21, 2025, in Meeting Room A, located in the Faulkner County Courthouse with Judge Allen Dodson presiding.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Belle Rose Heath with 4H.

**Attendance**: County Judge Allen Dodson, County Administrator Tom Anderson, Administrator Randy Higgins, County Clerk Margaret Darter, Treasurer Scott Sanson, Counsel Philip Murphy and the following Court members were present: Justices Allison, Kendrick, Lachowsky, Lyon, Meeks, Moss, Shock, Strain, Tyler, Coats, Knight & 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:** Met twice last week and have three (3) Ordinances to present under "New Business."

Courts & Public Safety: No report.

**Personnel**: Met last week and forwarded several Committee Resolution to Budget & Finance for the 2026 Budget.

**Infrastructure & Roads**: Met last week. Update regarding the construction of the Road Shop with a estimate completion time early 2027.

Public Comments: No Report

**Special Reports:** Judge Dodson presented a Proclamation declaring October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Terri Baker with Stop DV. Judge Dodson was presented with the annual Louise Furst award given by Stop DV.

**Old Business: None** 

## **New Business:**

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-28. 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 25-28, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-28 by

title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-28. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-28 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-29. This is an Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 24-52 as a one-time pay increase of \$400.00 for all full-time employees and \$200.00 for part-time employees, to be paid with a payroll date of November 21, 2025, and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-29, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-29 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-29. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-29 passed with a vote of 12-0.

The Court discussed Proposed Ordinance 25-30. This is an Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner County Ordinance 24-52 as a one-time pay increase for the 27<sup>th</sup> payroll for all employees, to be paid with a payroll date of December 31, 2025, and to declare an emergency. Justice Lachowsky made a motion to accept Proposed Ordinance 25-30, and such motion was seconded by Justice Moss. Counsel Murphy read Proposed Ordinance 25-30 by title only. After discussion, Judge Dodson called for a vote by roll call for Proposed Ordinance 25-30. The roll was called and Proposed Ordinance 25-30 was passed with a vote of 12-0.

## **Appointment:**

Ashley Montgomery was presented for appointment to the Saltillo Fire District Board by Judge Dodson. Justice Kendrick made a motion to approve the appointment of Ashley Montgomery to the Saltillo Fire District Board, and such motion was seconded by Justice Shock and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:37 PM

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