

## MINUTES

### SEVIER COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING

2:00 P.M., Monday, September, 11 2023

The Sevier County Quorum Court met at 2:00 P.M., Monday, September 11, 2023 in the Sevier County Courthouse Conference Room with County Judge Sandra Dunn presiding. The roll was called with the following Justices present: Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, Greg Wright. Absent – None. Upon a motion by Roxy Stephens and second by Callie Efird, the Quorum Court voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to approve the minutes as emailed.

#### Committee and Other Reports –

1. Dr. Joyce Ajayi presented the County with the ACRE Sunshine award. This award was presented to recognize the great work towards transparency made by the county since 2020.
2. CEO Lori House was unable to attend this month's meeting, but informed the Quorum Court via memo of happenings in the month of August. Lori stated the hospital was notified by a CMS representative that all Critical Access Hospital applications must go through two (2) reviews. The hospital application passed the first (1<sup>st</sup>) review and is in the final steps of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) review. The hospital hopes to have the results this week. SCMC has partnered with CHI St. Vincent to offer prenatal care for patients up to 32 weeks at our facility through an HRSA grant. This grant will also allow patients to receive gas cards, food vouchers, hotel vouchers, and other services as needed to support their pregnancy and delivery at the hospital of their choice. SCMC has partnered with Restorix Health to provide wound care services in approximately 45 – 60 days. Swing bed and pain management services are coming soon.
3. Angie Walker gave an update on the Sevier County Airport Board. Mrs. Walker informed the Quorum Court the total sales for the month of August were 12,083 Avgas, and 17,642 Jet A for a total of 57 individual sales.
4. Gayle Gathright informed the Quorum Court that Southwest Ems had a total of 165 calls for the month of August with 60 taken to SCMC, 44 were transferred out from SCMC, 38 were taken from the scene to other facilities, 27 calls were refusals, and 1 call with no patient found.
5. County Judge Sandra Dunn informed the Quorum Court of items being removed from inventory under Arkansas Statute Section §14-14-106.

#### New Business -

1. The first agenda item was an ordinance to adopt the Sevier County Technology Resources Policy in accordance with Arkansas Code §25-1-126. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Greg Wright. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed.
2. The second agenda item was an appropriation ordinance to amend the annual operating budget for 2023. The appropriation is to add an employee at the Sevier County Airport that was approved in July. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Michael Barnes. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed.

3. The third agenda item was an appropriation ordinance to amend the annual operating budget for 2023. Appropriation is to add an employee at the Sevier County Clerk's Office. A motion was made by Roger Whitmore and seconded by Angie Walker. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed.
4. The fourth agenda item a proposed resolution authorizing the County Judge to sign an Agreement of Donation of real estate for highway purposes (.08 acre located at the Sevier County Airport). A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Roger Whitmore. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed.
5. The fifth agenda item was to discuss the purchasing of a boat that could be used on area rivers and lakes. The boat would be used for rescue and recovery. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens to appropriate the funds for the purchase of a boat by depleting the Boat Safety fund and the remaining amount to come from County General and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed.

Old Business –An appropriation of funds from the Hospital Construction fund to exhaust remaining funds in that account. A motion was made by Walter Smith and seconded by Michael Barnes. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed.

Announcements – County Clerk Renea Bailey asked the Quorum Court if they would hear a non-agenda item. A motion was made to suspend the rules to hear a non-agenda item by Angie Walker and seconded by Greg Wright. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed. The non-agenda item was a motion to transfer RSAT funds to County General Reserve Fund presented by Clerk Renea Bailey for Treasurer Heather Barnes. The RSAT grant had funds left over that needed to be moved so the RSAT account could be zeroed out. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent -None. The motion passed.

Adjournment –With no further business to discuss, Walter Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Greg Wright. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*RENEA BAILEY*

Renea Bailey  
County Clerk