

## MINUTES

### SEVIER COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING

2:00 P.M., Monday, July, 10 2023

The Sevier County Quorum Court met at 2:00 P.M., Monday, June 12, 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, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, Greg Wright. Absent – Walter Smith. 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. Lori House, gave an update on the Sevier County Medical Center. Mrs. House handed out information to the Quorum showing the number and percentages of Inpatients, Observations, and Outpatients from January to June 2023. Mrs. House went on inform the Quorum that the hospital has sent out over 2 million dollars' worth of claims to Medicare, and around \$261,000 to Arkansas Medicaid and stated they should start seeing payments from that very soon. Lori informed the Quorum that the hospital has used 2.5 million dollars of the loan received early this year, and has right at \$900,000 left of the ARPA money. Mrs. House also informed the Quorum that they did receive a notification from Medicare that they have accepted our Critical Access Hospital Application so that has been approved and sent to the state.
2. Angie Walker gave an update on the Sevier County Airport Board. Mrs. Walker informed the Quorum the total sales for the month of June were 3,900 Avgas, 1,000 Jet A for a total of \$,4,700 in sales and 28 independent sales. Judge Dunn informed the Quorum also of a grant that the Airport should receive around July 19<sup>th</sup> for an 80 x 80 hanger.
3. Gayle Gathright with Southwest EMS informed the Quorum that for the month of June Southwest EMS had 177 runs, 37 were no patients or cancelations, 60 were taken to the Sevier County Medical Center, 49 were transported out from Sevier County to higher level of care facilities, and 31 were taken directly to other facilities.

#### New Business -

1. The only agenda item was confirmation of the appointment of Veronica Ozura to the Sevier County Hospital Board of Governors to fill a vacancy on the board. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Angie Walker. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – Callie Efird, Absent – Walter Smith. The motion passed
2. Judge Dunn asked if someone would entertain a motion to hear a non-agenda item. A motion was made by Michael Barnes and seconded by Greg Wright. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent – Walter Smith. The motion passed. Judge Dunn informed the Quorum that the County sold 27 rolls of hay, and needed to transfer the funds from the County General fund to the Sevier County Airport Fund. A motion was made by Walter Smith and seconded by Angie Walker. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent – Walter Smith. The motion passed.

#### Old Business – There is no old business

Announcements – Judge Dunn addressed the upcoming 2024 County Budget process with Quorum members. Judge Dunn presented a memo of two (2) different ways to handle the budget process with either a whole Quorum Court, or just a Budget Committee. After some discussion it

was put to a count, and the Quorum chose for the whole Quorum to be in on the Budget process for 2024.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RENEA BAILEY". The letters are slightly slanted and connected in a cursive-like fashion.

Renea Bailey  
County Clerk