

**COLUMBIA COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 7, 2019**

**5:00 P.M.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COURTROOM  
COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**JUDGE'S AGENDA**

**We will open with the Organizational Meeting and have Regular meeting directly following.**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**Meeting will come to order**

**Clerk will please call the roll**

**Invocation**

**Organizational Ordinance**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting will come to order**

**Clerk will please call the roll**

**Invocation**

**Clerk will please read the minutes**

**Committee Reports**

Jail – Chair – Steve Lee

Building – Chair - Marjie Balir

Finance – Chair - Annette Pate  
Co Chair – Margie Blair

Personnel – Chair – Penny Cook

Solid Waste – Chair – Oliver Thomas  
Co Chair - Penny Cook

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- A. Consider Resolution of Appreciation for Cindy Walker

- B. Consider Resolution of Appreciation for Carolyn Terry
- C. Consider Resolution of Appreciation for Billy Wayne Taylor
- D. Consider Resolution of Appreciation for Robert Nash
- E. Consider Resolution of Appreciation for Diane Ferguson
- F. Consider Resolution of Appreciation for James Drake
- G. Consider Resolution of Appreciation for John Holly
- H. Consider appointment of David Sisson to serve unexpired term of John Holly
- I. Consider Ordinance setting Justice of the Peace per diem compensation

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2019.1**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR TRANSACTING BUSINESS AT ALL REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE QUORUM COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, ARKANSAS."**

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court of Columbia County has found and determined that rules of procedure for transacting business at all regular and special sessions of the quorum court should be established to promote efficiency and uniformity in the transaction of county business.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

### **Article 1. Procedural Rule.**

In the absence of a specific rule of procedure, as set out in this procedural ordinance, the rules of procedure for transacting business at all regular and special sessions of the Court shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except where they are in conflict with the general laws of the state. The quorum court may, at any regular meeting, revise or modify these rules or adopt new rules by a majority vote of the full membership.

A.C.A. 14-14-904

### **Article 2. Secretariat designated.**

The county clerk shall serve as secretariat to the quorum court and shall perform all administrative and record keeping duties of secretariat of the quorum court. The quorum court may, by ordinance, provide for the employment of a secretariat of the clerk provided such employee so designated shall be an employee of the court clerk or the county judge as may be specified by the ordinance.

The secretariat of the quorum court shall keep written minutes that include the final vote on each ordinance or resolution indicating the vote of each individual member.

A.C.A. 14-14-902 and 14-14-903.

### **Article 3. Recordation of Ordinances and Resolutions.**

- (a) Register. There shall be maintained in the office of the secretariat of the quorum court a "County Ordinance and Resolution" register for all the ordinances, resolutions and amendments to each adopted and approved by the Court. Entries in such register shall be sequentially numbered in the order adopted and approved, provided however, that a separate sequential numbering system shall be maintained for both ordinances and resolutions. The Register shall be maintained by the secretariat as a permanent record of the Court, and shall contain that minimum information needed for indexing as required in Arkansas Code Annotated 14-14-903.



- (b) Permanent Record. There shall be maintained in the courthouse a permanent record of all ordinances and resolutions, in the form of a uniform, bound county code, in which each enactment is entered in full after passage and approval, except when a code or budget is adopted by reference. Such permanent record shall be so indexed to provide for efficient identification, location, and retrieval of all ordinances and resolutions by subject, register number and date enacted. Such permanent record may be by book and page. Use of a form of codification such as that used by the State of Arkansas will constitute substantial compliance with this section and state law.

#### **Article 4. Agenda**

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the county judge to prepare and distribute the agenda of the quorum court to its members and other interested citizens. An ordinance may only be introduced by a member of the quorum court.
- (b) Three members of the quorum court and the county judge may jointly submit items after the agenda closes, if it is considered to be in the best interest of the county. The agenda shall close at 4:30 p.m. three business days preceding any regular or special called meeting of the quorum court.

#### **Article 5. Regular meetings.**

The regular monthly meeting of the quorum court shall be held on the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the county courthouse. When a regular meeting of the quorum court falls on a recognized county holiday, the meeting shall be held at the time and place set by the quorum court at the regular monthly meeting preceding the holiday. All regular meetings of the quorum court shall conform to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

A.C.A. 14-14-904(a).

#### **Article 6. Special meeting.**

- (a) The county judge or a majority of the elected justices of the peace may call a special meeting upon at least 24 hours' notice. Notice of a special meeting shall specify the subjects, date, time, and designated location of the special meeting. Only such business as was included in the notice may be considered.
- (b) Notice of a special meeting given at any regular or special meeting of the quorum court shall constitute due notice to the members present. The county judge shall be responsible for giving timely notice to absent members, as well as giving public notice, containing the information specified in subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) Notice of a special meeting of the quorum court called by the county judge at other than a meeting of the quorum court shall be accomplished by the county judge notifying each justice of the peace individually, in writing if time permits, and giving due public notice, containing information specified in subsection (a) of this section.

- (d) Notice of a special meeting of the quorum court, called by a majority of the justices of the peace, shall be accomplished by one member of the majority notifying the county judge, in writing if time permits, who shall be responsible for notifying each justice of the peace individually, in writing if time permits, and giving due public notice, containing information specified in subsection (a) of this section.
- (e) All special meetings of the quorum court or any of its committees shall be in conformance with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.  
A.C.A. 14-14-904(c).

#### **Article 7. Executive Sessions.**

- (a) The Court may call an executive session upon a majority vote of the whole number of justices comprising the court. Executive sessions will be called only for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of any public officer or employee. The specific purpose of the executive session shall be announced in public before going into executive session.
- (b) Only the person holding the top administrative position in the department or office involved, the immediate supervisor of the employee involved, and the employee may be present at the executive session when so requested by the Court.
- (c) Any person being interviewed to fill a vacancy in a county office may be present at the executive session when so requested by the Court commission.
- (d) Executive sessions will never be called for the purpose of defeating the reason or the spirit of this chapter.
- (e) No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion considered or arrived at in executive session will be legal unless, following the executive session, the Court reconvenes in public session and presents and votes on the resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion.  
A.C.A. 25-19-106.

#### **Article 8. Cancellation of meeting.**

Any meetings of the quorum court may be canceled as follows:

- (1) Whenever there are no items placed on the meeting agenda by the time the agenda is closed, the county clerk shall poll the members of the quorum court by phone to ascertain if the meeting should be canceled. The clerk shall record the names of each of the justices of the peace voting for and against the cancellation of the meeting and this poll shall be read into the minutes of the next meeting of the quorum court. If a majority of the members of the quorum court vote to cancel a meeting, the county clerk shall notify all members of the court and the public of the cancellation.



- (2) On any other occasion any three justices may request the clerk of the court to poll the members concerning the cancellation of a meeting. Upon receipt of such request, the clerk shall make a record of the three members requesting the cancellation and will then poll the remaining members of the quorum court by phone and record their votes and notify the members of the quorum court of the results of that vote. If the meeting is canceled, the clerk shall notify all members of the court and the public of the cancellation.

#### **Article 9. Public notification of meetings; notification of meetings of committees.**

The county judge shall be responsible for giving the public notification required by the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (A.C.A. 25-19-101 et seq.) of regular and special meetings of the quorum court and committees thereof. Committee chairpersons shall give the county judge notice of meetings of their committees in sufficient time for compliance with public notification of such meetings as required by state law.

State law reference – Freedom of Information Act, A.C.A. 25-19-101 et seq.

#### **Article 10. Attendance at meetings by county treasurer.**

- (a) In addition to all other duties required by law, the county treasurer shall attend, as requested, regular meetings of the quorum court for the purpose of responding to any questions which may arise concerning the financial statement required to be submitted monthly to the quorum court by the county treasurer.
- (b) In addition to all other duties required by law, the county treasurer shall attend any special meeting of the quorum court where such attendance is deemed necessary by members of the quorum court or the county judge. Timely notice of such need for attendance shall be furnished the county treasurer giving the purpose for which attendance is required.

#### **Article 11. Committees.**

- (a) *Definitions.*
  - (1) Wherever the term “standing committee” is used in this section, it shall mean a committee of the quorum court, constituted to perform in a continuing function, intended to remain in existence.
  - (2) Wherever the term “special committee” is used, it shall mean a committee of the quorum court constituted to complete a specified assignment to be dismissed upon completion of this task.
  - (3) Wherever the term “committee” or “Committees” is used, it shall mean both standing and special committees of the quorum court.

- (b) *Standing committees enumerated.* There are hereby established the following Standing committees of the quorum court:
- Finance committee;
- Personnel and grievance committee;
- County building committee;
- Jail Committee;
- Solid Waste;
- (c) *Composition.* Each committee shall consist of not less than three or more than five members, with the exception of the personnel and grievance committee, which shall consist of all members of the quorum court.
- (d) *Appointments.* In accordance with A.C.A. 14-14-904, the county judge shall Appoint all standing and special committees of the quorum court. The county judge may consider seniority as a means of selecting committee members.
- (e) *Terms of members.* The length of membership for each committee member shall Coincide with justice's term of office. The county judge or his designated agent shall be an ex officio member of each standing and special committee. The treasurer or his/her designated agent shall be an ex officio member of the finance committee.
- (f) *Calling of meetings.* Committees shall meet at the call of the chairperson, or any two committee members.
- (g) *Scheduling of meetings.* Committees shall coordinate scheduling of meetings in order to allow attendance by any interested individual or justice, at any single committee meeting. Committee meetings shall be coordinated through the administrative staff of the county judge's office. All justices shall be notified by the county judge of the time and place of each committee meeting. The county judge shall also notify representatives of the media of committee meetings.
- (h) *Nature of meetings; notice.* All committee meetings shall be open and public. Committees are authorized and encouraged to hold public hearings, where appropriate. Representatives of the media shall be given at least two hours' notice of all committee meetings.
- (i) *Reports.* Each committee shall periodically report its progress, findings, and recommendations to the quorum court during regular or special meetings. The formal committee report in the regular or special session of the quorum court shall provide opportunity for both a majority and minority report, if and when such a situation exists.

- (j) *Overlapping issues.* If an issue, problem, or program is referred to a committee, which is deemed to be overlapping with another committee's responsibility, both committees shall be entitled to report findings and recommendations.
- (k) *Appointment of additional committees.* The county judge, in accordance with A.C.A. 14-14-904 or other state law, may appoint other standing and special committees, which shall function in accordance with the procedures as set forth in this section.

DATE OF PASSAGE: January 7, 2019.

APPROVED:

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LARRY D. ATKINSON  
COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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TAMMY J. WILTZ  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK



**COLUMBIA COUNTY**  
**QUORUM COURT COMMITTEES**  
**2019 - 2022**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

JP Annette Pate, Chairman  
JP Marjie Blair, Co-chairman  
JP Lynn Story  
JP Jason Ray  
JP Burnie Sharp

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

JP Penny Cook, Chairman  
JP Jason Ray, Co-chairman  
JP Russell Thomas  
And all J.P's

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

JP Marjie Blair, Chairman  
JP Terry Williams, Co-chairman  
JP Annette Pate  
JP Burnie Sharp  
JP Russell Thomas

**JAIL COMMITTEE**

JP Steve Lee, Chairman  
JP Rick Waller, Co-chairman  
JP Oliver Thomas  
JP Lynn Story

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

JP Oliver Thomas, Chairman  
JP Penny Cook, Co-chairman  
JP Terry Williams  
JP Rick Waller  
JP Steve Lee

**RESOLUTION 2019.**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MRS. CINDY WALKER  
FOR HER SERVICE TO COLUMBIA COUNTY AS COLUMBIA COUNTY TAX  
COLLECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cindy Walker has served as the Columbia County Tax Collector since January 1, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mrs. Cindy Walker for her years of hard work and dedication to Columbia County as County Tax Collector and the betterment of Columbia County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby commends and expresses its appreciation to **MRS. CINDY WALKER** for her service to the citizens of this County as Columbia County Tax Collector.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

Introduced and Adopted: January 7, 2019.

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Larry Atkinson, County Judge

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Date of Approval

ATTEST:

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Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019.**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
MRS. CAROLYN TERRY FOR HER SERVICE AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
FOR DISTRICT 11 OF COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the term of Mrs. Carolyn Terry, District 11 Justice of the Peace expired December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Carolyn Terry has served continuously as Justice of the Peace for Columbia County since January 1, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mrs. Carolyn Terry for her hard work and dedication to the betterment of Columbia County in the performance of her executive duties as Justice of the Peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby commends and expresses its appreciation of **MRS. CAROLYN TERRY** for her service as Justice of the Peace for District 11 and to the citizens of this county.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED;**

Introduced and Adopted: January 7, 2019.

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Larry Atkinson, County Judge

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Date of Approval

ATTEST:

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Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk



**RESOLUTION NO. 2019.**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
MR. BILLY WAYNE TAYLOR FOR HIS SERVICE AS JUSTICE OF THE  
PEACE FOR DISTRICT 5 OF COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the term of Mr. Billy Wayne Taylor, District 5 Justice of the Peace expired December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Billy Wayne Taylor has served continuously as Justice of the Peace for Columbia County since January 1, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mr. Billy Wayne Taylor for his hard work and dedication to the betterment of Columbia County in the performance of his executive duties as Justice of the Peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby commends and expresses its appreciation of **MR. BILLY WAYNE TAYLOR** for his service as Justice of the Peace for District 5 and to the citizens of this county.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED;**

Introduced and Adopted: January 7, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Atkinson, County Judge

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Date of Approval

ATTEST:

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Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019.**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
MR. ROBERT NASH FOR HIS SERVICE AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR  
DISTRICT 3 OF COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the term of Mr. Robert Nash, District 3 Justice of the Peace expired December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert Nash has served continuously as Justice of the Peace for Columbia County since January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mr. Robert Nash for his hard work and dedication to the betterment of Columbia County in the performance of his executive duties as Justice of the Peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby commends and expresses its appreciation of **MR. ROBERT NASH** for his service as Justice of the Peace for District 3 and to the citizens of this county.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED;**

Introduced and Adopted: January 7, 2019.

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Larry Atkinson, County Judge

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Date of Approval

ATTEST:

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Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk

## **RESOLUTION 2019.**

### **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MRS. DIANE FERGUSON FOR HER SERVICE TO COLUMBIA COUNTY AS COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Diane Ferguson has served as the Columbia County Clerk since June 5, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mrs. Diane Ferguson for her hard work and dedication to Columbia County as County Clerk and the betterment of Columbia County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby commends and expresses its appreciation to **MRS. DIANE FERGUSON** for her service to the citizens of this County as Columbia County Clerk.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

Introduced and Adopted: January 7, 2019.

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Larry Atkinson, County Judge

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Date of Approval

ATTEST:

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Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk



**RESOLUTION NO. 2019.**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
MR. JAMES DRAKE FOR HIS SERVICE AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR  
DISTRICT 9 OF COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the term of Mr. James Drake, District 9 Justice of the Peace expired December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. James Drake has served as Justice of the Peace for Columbia County from January 1, 1989 through December 31, 1994 and again starting January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2018 for a total of 28 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mr. James Drake for his hard work and dedication to the betterment of Columbia County in the performance of his executive duties as Justice of the Peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby commends and expresses its appreciation of **MR. JAMES DRAKE** for his service as Justice of the Peace for District 9 and to the citizens of this county.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED;**

Introduced and Adopted: January 7, 2019.

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Larry Atkinson, County Judge

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Date of Approval

ATTEST:

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Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk

## **RESOLUTION 2019.**

### **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. JOHN HOLLY FOR HIS SERVICE TO COLUMBIA COUNTY AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE COLUMBIA COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

#### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. John Holly, a Commissioner of the Columbia County Rural Development Authority Board, tendered his resignation on Monday, December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Holly had served continuously since July 11, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mr. John Holly for his many years of hard work and dedication to the Columbia County Rural Development Authority Board of Commissioners and the betterment of Columbia County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby commends and expresses its appreciation to **MR. JOHN HOLLY** for his service to the citizens of this County as a Commissioner of the Columbia County Rural Development Authority.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED: JANUARY 7, 2019.

APPROVED:

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LARRY ATKINSON  
COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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TAMMY J. WILTZ  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

December 18, 2018

Judge Larry Atkinson  
# 1 Court Square  
Magnolia, AR. 71753

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

Effective December 31, 2018 I resign from the Rural Development Authority Board of Commissioners.

Thank you,

John Holly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Holly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "John Holly".



**RESOLUTION 2019.**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. DAVID SISSON  
AS COMMISSIONER OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of the Columbia County Rural Development Authority due to the resignation of Mr. John Holly; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Court on this date has appointed Mr. David Sisson to serve the unexpired term of Mr. John Holly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia County Quorum Court desires to approve the appointment of Mr. David Sisson to serve as a Commissioner of the Columbia County Rural Development Authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That: the Quorum Court hereby approves the appointment of Mr. David Sisson to serve as Commissioner of the Columbia County Rural Development Authority for the unexpired term of office; said term to expire October, 2019.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

Introduced and Adopted: January 7, 2019.

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County Judge

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Date of Approval

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM QUORT OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96-3, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES TO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Justices of the Peace are to be compensated pursuant to the terms and provisions of A.C.A. §14-14-1205 and reimbursed for certain expenses pursuant to the terms of A.C.A. §14-14-1207; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court of Columbia County has found and determined that Ordinance No. 96-3 as amended by Ordinance No. 2018-11 which sets the per diem compensation to be paid to Justices of the Peace and sets the rate of reimbursement to Justices of the Peace for certain expenses should be amended to set the rate and manner of compensation and provide for the reimbursement of certain expenses for Justices of the Peace.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF ARKANSAS:**

**ARTICLE 1.** That Ordinance No. 96-3 as amended by No. Ordinance No. 2018-11 and Ordinance No. 2018-11, amending Ordinance No. 96-3 are hereby amended by deleting the provisions thereof in their entirety and substituting therefor the following:

**“ARTICLE 1.** The per diem compensation to be paid Justices of the Peace for attending any regular monthly meeting of the Quorum Court during the twelve month calendar year shall be the sum of \$286.16.

**ARTICLE 2.** A member of the Quorum Court may receive per diem compensation for one (1) regular meeting per year for which the member is absent due to an emergency or for personal reasons.

**ARTICLE 3.** Members of the Quorum court shall not be compensated for attending any other official, special, or committee meeting of the Quorum Court.

**ARTICLE 4.** Expenses incurred by Justices of the Peace shall be reimbursable as provided by A.C.A. §14-14-1207. Reimbursement rates for use of a privately owned motor vehicle in the conduct of county affairs shall be and fluctuate at the same per-mile rate established by federal law.

**ARTICLE 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance being necessary to provide for and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Columbia County, Arkansas, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.”

**ARTICLE 2.** Any Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict

**IT IS SO ORDAINED.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED: January 7, 2019.

APPROVED:

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LARRY ATKINSON  
COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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TAMMY WILTZ  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK



**QUORUM COURT REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 4, 2018**  
**COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**  
**5:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Larry Atkinson called the regular meeting of the Columbia County Quorum Court to order. Mr. Nash gave the invocation. County Clerk Diane Ferguson called roll; 9 members were present with Ms. Terry and Mr. Williams absent.

Motion was made by Ms. Cook and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lee to accept the November 2018 minutes as mailed. All were in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING** – Ms. Blair reported that there is a roof leak at the Annex. The parking lot at Westside has been paved and the project is on schedule to be completed by December 15, 2018 or shortly thereafter.

**FINANCE** – Ms. Pate stated that Treasurer Blair provided financial reports to the Quorum Court members for their review.

**JAIL** – Mr. Lee reported that there are no new issues at the jail.

**ROAD** - By handout.

**PERSONNEL** – No report.

**SOILD WASTE** – Mr. Drake reported that he had one complaint about garbage pickup and that he contacted WCA.

**OLD BUSINESS**-None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2017 AUDIT**

Ms. Pate made a motion to approve the findings of the 2017 audit and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Thomas. All were in favor.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2018.18**

An appropriation ordinance amending the annual operating budget for the General and Jail Funds of Columbia County for the year 2018. Motion was made by Ms. Blair and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Nash. All were in favor.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Ms. Blair and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Nash. All were in favor. Time 5:25 p.m.

**DIANE H. FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK**  
Tammy Wiltz, D.C.