

COLUMBIA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 2018

5:00 P.M.

**2ND FLOOR COURTROOM
COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

JUDGE'S AGENDA

Meeting will come to order

Clerk will please call the roll

Invocation

Clerk will please read the minutes

Committee Reports

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| Jail | Chair – Lee Co Chair - Terry |
| Building | Chair – Blair Co Chair - Cook |
| Finance | Chair - Pate Co Chair – Blair |
| Personnel | Chair – Terry Co Chair - Drake |
| Solid Waste | Chair – Drake Co Chair – Cook |

Old Business

New Business

- A. Consider and Appropriation Ordinance Transferring Within the Various Budgets
- B. Consider and Approve Rural Community Aid Grant Application for Bussey/Sharman VFD
- B. Consider Resolution Declaring and Filling a Vacancy in the Office of County Clerk

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2018.

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

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ROAD AND DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUNDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2018. AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING WITHIN THE ROAD AND DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUND BUDGETS.

ARTICLE 1 The Quorum Court has found and determined that the Road and District Court Automation Fund Budgets for Calendar Year 2018, as appropriated by Appropriation 2017.28, is hereby amended as set forth; and

ARTICLE 2 That the Quorum Court did on June 4, 2018 adopt an amended budget transferring within the Road and District Court Automation Fund Budgets as documented below:

TRANSFERRING

ROAD FUND/2000.0200

\$130,000.00 from 2000.0200.1004/contract labor to 2000.0200.4008/Arkansas highway department

DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUND/3003.0409

\$2,800.00 from 3003.0409.2024/maintenance and service contracts to 3003.0409.3120/reimbursement/city

ARTICLE 3 Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated Section 14.14.907, this Appropriation Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Quorum Court and Approval by the County Judge.

DATE OF PASSAGE: June 4, 2018.

APPROVED:

LARRY ATKINSON
COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

SHERRY L. BELL
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK



Bussey-Sharman Rural Fire Department
5731 Columbia 15
Taylor, AR 71861
FDID: 14013

received
4-10-18
2:39 p.m.

April 4, 2018

The Honorable Larry Atkinson
Columbia County Judge
County Judge's Office
Magnolia, AR 71753

Subject: Bussey/Sharman Rural Fire Department request for capital improvement grant

Dear Judge Atkinson,

The Bussey/Sharman Rural Fire Department was established and ground broken for the fire station in May, 1996. Association by-laws and constitution was adopted October 7, 1996. Forestry Commission apparatus was received July 15, 1997. Insurance Service Organization class 9 rating was approved April 20, 1998.

The Bussey/Sharman Rural Fire Department now requests a Rural Community Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to replace existing concrete apron in front of the fire station. The current concrete is broken and creates the potential for damaging tires as the apparatus enter and exit the building. The \$5,000 county grant will go toward the dirt work and concrete to address this area of disrepair.

Bussey/Sharman Fire Department will provide receipts of expenditures as required. Contact me if you have any questions regarding this request. My telephone number is (870) 904-0359 and my email address is bussey@arccffa.org.

Respectfully,

Shaun Dodson
Chief – Bussey/Sharman Rural Fire Department

RESOLUTION NO. 2018.

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND FILLING A VACANCY IN THE
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF ARKANSAS**

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

WHEREAS, Sherry L. Bell, who presently holds the office of the County Clerk of Columbia County, State of Arkansas, and has served in that capacity since 1999 will be retiring effective May 31, 2018.

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, to declare that a vacancy has occurred in the office of the County Clerk in the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, as authorized by Amendment 55 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1309.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court is further authorized by Amendment 55 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1310 to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term by appointment;

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

SECTION 1. A vacancy is declared to exist in the office of County Clerk of Columbia County, Arkansas, from the retirement of the duly elected Columbia County Clerk effective midnight June 4, 2018;

SECTION 2. That (name of newly appointed official) is appointed hereby to fill the position of County Clerk of Columbia County, Arkansas, effective midnight June 4, 2018, and that said person is authorized hereby to serve in said capacity until the expiration of the term on December 31, 2018.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be effective midnight June 4, 2018.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 4 day of June 2018.

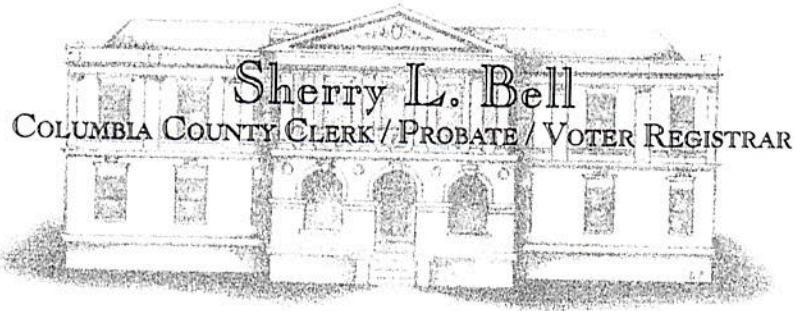
APPROVED:

Larry Atkinson, County Judge

ATTEST:

Sherry L. Bell, County Clerk

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May 23, 2018

I deeply regret, due to circumstances beyond my control, I must take an early retirement. I am unable to finish my term of office that would end December 31, 2018.

My last day will be Thursday, May 31, 2018.

I am humbled and very appreciative for the support I have received for the 35 years of public service for Columbia County beginning back on May 2, 1983.

It has been a great honor to have served as an elected official, County Clerk, that began on January 1, 1999.

Sherry L. Bell

**QUORUM COURT REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2018
COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2ND FLOOR
5:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Larry Atkinson called the regular meeting of the Columbia County Quorum Court to order. Ms. Pate gave the invocation. Deputy Clerk Tammy Wiltz called roll; all members were present.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee and 2nd by Ms. Blair to accept the April 2018 minutes as presented. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING – Ms. Blair reported that the sealed bids for the Westside School renovation will be opened on May 24, 2018 in the Columbia County Courthouse Law Library. Also, maintenance of the A/C units in the county buildings is underway.

FINANCE - Ms. Pate stated that Treasurer Blair provided financial reports to the Quorum Court members for their review. She also stated that the Tax Collector has collected extra money in April, but the Jail budget is still short. There will be a Finance Committee meeting following the regular Quorum Court meeting to discuss jail finances.

JAIL – Mr. Lee reported that there were still having problems with the roof and showers.

ROAD - By handout.

PERSONNEL – No report.

SOILD WASTE – Mr. Drake read a letter that WCA presented regarding the pricing for renewal of WCA contract for waste collection and disposal. Mr. Lee made a motion and 2nd by Ms. Terry to accept the price proposal for 5 years. Motion passed by voice vote with Mr. Williams voting no. Judge Atkinson advised the Quorum Court that the recycling program has been discontinued until further notice since Abilities Unlimited cannot keep up with the recycling that is being brought in. Motion was made by Mr. Nash and 2nd by Ms. Blair to have WCA take recyclables to the Smackover Landfill until the recycling matter is resolved. Motion passed by voice vote. Abilities will continue to accept recyclables from individuals as long as it is separated. Judge Atkinson proposed to purchase a table, hopper and loading apparatus to assist Abilities Unlimited in sorting the recycling material. It was decided to discuss this matter further once more information was obtained.

OLD BUSINESS-None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2018.3

An appropriation ordinance transferring within the Collector's Automation Fund Budget and supplementing the Treasurer's Automation and Collector's Automation Fund Budgets. Motion was made by Ms. Terry and 2nd by Ms. Blair. All were in favor.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Lee and 2nd by Ms. Blair. All were in favor.
Time 5:40 p.m.

SHERRY L BELL, COUNTY CLERK
Tammy Wiltz, D.C.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
April 23, 2018

Columbia County Library Board of Trustees met Monday, April 23, 2018, for their regular monthly meeting at 5:00 pm in the Board Room of the Library. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair John White. In attendance were John White, Jim Garrett, Melba Keith, Director Rhonda Rolen, Assistant Director Morgan Chance, and Bookkeeper Denise McNiel.

Minutes: A motion to accept the February 26, 2018, minutes as presented was made by Melba, was seconded by Jim, and passed by a vote of the board.

Correspondence and Communications: Rhonda shared two thank you notes with the board. She also shared a letter that she had written and sent to TLC for the services that the library has received from them in the past years. As of June 2018, the library will no longer need their service.

Director's report

1. Josh Eads installed inside lighting near the large print and media sections of the library on Monday, February 26, 2018.
2. Rhonda sent a letter to The Library Corporation on Monday, February 26, 2018, informing them that the library wouldn't be renewing its contract with them when it expires on June 30, 2018, and thanking them for helping the library enter the digital age in 2004.
3. Rhonda and Morgan attended a training meeting at the Arkansas State Library on February 28, 2018, for the Annual Public Library Survey.
4. Rhonda attended the Board of Directors meeting for South Arkansas Women's' Network on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.
5. First United Methodist Church brought a group to the library on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, and Morgan led them on a tour of the library.
6. Rhonda visited the Taylor Branch Library on Wednesday, March 6, 2018, to answer questions about the new library system.
7. Rhonda returned to Taylor on Thursday March 7 with Morgan, Char, and Becky to work on the weeding project for Taylor Branch Library.
8. Rhonda submitted the library's annual property inventory report to the County Judge on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

9. Rhonda attended the regular meeting of South Arkansas Women's Network on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at *El Compadre*. The speaker was Devona Powell, who works with Compassion's Foundation.
10. Columbia County Library hosted a coding workshop sponsored by the Arkansas State Library in the Magnolia Room on Monday, March 19, 2018, from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. For participating the library received a coding kit which consisted of interactive items to introduce young children to coding.
11. Dyson's replaced the large air-conditioning unit on the north side of the building on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.
12. Rhonda had an online meeting with Amber Gregory of the Arkansas State Library on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 9:00 am, to file the form 471 for e-rate. Approval of this form from E-rate will provide the library an 80% discount on its Internet services.
13. The monthly staff meeting was held on March 22, 2018. Among the topics discussed was the transition to Atrium software and the statistics for the first month's use.
14. The "Reader's Anonymous" book club met on Monday, March 26, 2018, to discuss the book *Cinder*, by Marissa Meyer. Morgan met with the Teen Advisory Board after the book club meeting.
15. Rhonda attended the Board of Directors meeting for South Arkansas Women's Network on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.
16. The library staff enjoyed pizza for lunch that was provided by the director on National Library Worker's Day, which was Tuesday, April 10, 2018.
17. Rhonda and Morgan submitted the online 2017 Annual Survey Report to the Arkansas State Library on Friday, April 13, 2018.
18. Susan attended the Judy Freeman Best Books of 2017 Workshop sponsored by the Garland County Library on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in Hot Springs.
19. Arkansas United Fire Suppression made a service call to the library on Monday, April 16, 2018, to investigate an error message on the fire alarm panel. The technician found that one of the smoke detectors needed replacing. He didn't have one with him so he made plans for a return visit on Friday, April 30, 2018, to finish the repair.
20. Stephen Casey, the sales representative for Ingram, visited with the library staff on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, to give updates regarding new features on iPage. Rhonda sent

the company information to allow a connection from the Atrium software with Ingram's iPage to make ordering easier for staff.

21. The regular monthly staff meeting for library staff was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Topics of discussion were books on hold in Atrium, Overdrive login issues, and the downloading and printing of receipts in Atrium. Rhonda thanked the staff for all the work they did on correcting and adding bibliographic records and holdings to Atrium.

Rhonda shared a few reports that the library can now retrieve from the new book system, Atrium.

Rhonda gave a list of dates for the remaining board meetings of 2018. The next regular scheduled meeting falls on a holiday. Melba made a motion to schedule the May board meeting to be held on May 21, 2018. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of the board.

Old Business: Rhonda reported that the new air conditioner unit has been installed and hopefully the library will see a decrease in the utility bills in the future.

New Business: Rhonda discussed an Archives Room Policy with the board. After discussion, Melba made motion to accept the policy as written. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of the board.

Morgan condensed the annual report down to one informational page. The board was very appreciative for the work she did.

Financial Report: Denise reported that at the end of March the library had used 20.36% of its annual budget. Projected usage for one month is 8.33%. The library ended March under budget by 4.63%. The library's Special Account balance is currently at \$79,261.45. There was \$20 in sales of *Images of America Columbia County* in March.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Melba, seconded by Jim, and passed by a vote of the board. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

The next meeting will be on May 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Board Room of the library.

Secretary ~ Melba Keith

Minutes ~ Denise McNiel