

COLUMBIA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

REGULAR MEETING

July 2, 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

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 an Appropriation Ordinance for Courtroom Security Grant
- B. Consider an Appropriation Ordinance for Fair Grant
- B. Consider Resolution of Appreciation to Mrs. Sherry L. Bell

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2018.

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

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CREATING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT SECURITY GRANTS FUND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2018. **AN APPROPRIATION INCREASING ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM GRANT AWARD.**

WHEREAS, Columbia County applied for and was awarded an Arkansas Administrative Office of the courts Security and Emergency Preparedness Grant, in the sum of \$14,668.87; and

WHEREAS, we are hereby creating the Arkansas Court Security Grants Fund and increasing anticipated revenue in the sum of \$14,668.87 and appropriating 100% of these funds. The funds are in the treasury.

WHEREAS, this grant is specifically awarded to Columbia County to be used for upgrading the parking lot lighting at the Justice and Detention Facility.

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

ARTICLE 1 The Quorum Court has found and determined the Columbia County Arkansas Court Security Grants Fund Budget, for Calendar Year 2018, be created.

ARTICLE 2 That the Quorum Court of Columbia County did on July 2, 2018 adopt a budget appropriating the grant funds to the County Building Department of the Arkansas Court Security Grants Fund.

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.

CREATING ARKANSAS COURT SECURITY GRANTS FUND/3504

COUNTY BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT/0111.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	NEW APPROPRIATION
3504.0111.2001	general supplies/parts/	0.00	\$14,668.87

DATE OF PASSAGE: July 2, 2018.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

LARRY ATKINSON
COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE

DIANE FERGUSON
COLUMBIA 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 ADJUSTING THE BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FOR THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2018. **AN APPROPRIATION FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR FROM GRANT AWARD AND LOCAL MATCH.**

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Act 302 during the 1991 session which established the Arkansas Rural Development Commission and the Office of Rural Advocacy which provides for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs and creates the Rural Grant Fund on the books of the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County Fair applied and was awarded a grant through the Arkansas Department of Rural Services County Fair Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the County Fair was awarded \$4,000.00 which has been received and a check for \$15,810.51 from the Columbia County Fair and Livestock Association as part of their local match has been received. These checks have been deposited with the Columbia County Treasurer.

WHEREAS, no budget was prepared for the Rural Community Grant Fund in the 2017 Budget, therefore we are hereby creating and appropriating \$19, 810.51 as documented below.

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

ARTICLE 1 The Quorum Court has found and determined the Columbia County Rural Community Grant Fund Budget, for the Calendar Year 2018, is hereby created as set forth.

ARTICLE 2 That the Quorum Court of Columbia County did on July 2, 2018, adopt the creation of the Rural Community Grant Fund Budget, as documented below, in the sum of \$19,810.51.

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.

CREATING RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND BUDGET/3500

COUNTY FAIR/3500.0603

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	NEW APPROPRIATION
3500.0603.2001/general supplies/ parts/labor		-0-	\$19,810.51

DATE OF PASSAGE: July 2, 2018.

APPROVED:

LARRY ATKINSON
COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

DIANE FERGUSON
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION 2018.

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MRS. SHERRY L. BELL
FOR HER SERVICE TO COLUMBIA COUNTY AS COLUMBIA COUNTY
CLERK**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sherry L. Bell has served as the Columbia County Clerk since January 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court wishes to thank Mrs. Sherry L. Bell for her years of 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. SHERRY L. BELL** for her service to the citizens of this County as Columbia County Clerk.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

Introduced and Adopted: July 2, 2018.

Larry Atkinson, County Judge

Date of Approval

ATTEST:

Diane Ferguson, County Clerk

**QUORUM COURT REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 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. Mr. Thomas gave the invocation. Deputy Clerk Tammy Wiltz called roll; all members were present.

Motion was made by Mr. Drake and 2nd by Mr. Lee to suspend the rules and accept the May 2018 minutes as mailed. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING – Ms. Blair reported that the sealed bids for the Westside School renovation were opened on May 24, 2018 and Coker Building Company of Texarkana won the project with a bid of \$908,116.00. A pre-construction meeting will be set in the near future.

FINANCE - Ms. Pate stated that Treasurer Blair provided financial reports to the Quorum Court members for their review. Ms. Pate also presented a proposed bid packet for health insurance. The proposal would raise the employees share to \$100.00 per month, with higher deductibles. The monthly premiums are a 9.9% increase from last year. Motion was made by Ms. Pate and 2nd by Mr. Lee to accept the proposed bid submitted by Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield for the period of August 2018 – July 2019. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

ROAD - By handout.

PERSONNEL – No report.

SOLID WASTE – Mr. Drake reported that the Solid Waste Committee met on May 31, 2018 to discuss purchasing a table, hopper and loading apparatus to assist Abilities Unlimited in sorting the recycling material. Motion was made by Mr. Drake and 2nd by Mr. Lee to accept bids for the purchase of the recycling sorting equipment. Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS-None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2018.4

An appropriation ordinance amending the annual operating budget for the Road and District Court Automation Fund Budgets. Motion was made by Mr. Lee and 2nd by Mr. Nash. All were in favor.

RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Letter from Bussey/Sharman Rural Fire Department requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to replace existing concrete apron in front of the fire station. Motion was made by Ms. Terry and 2nd by Mr. Drake to grant the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Bussey/Sharman Rural Fire Department. Passed by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2018.9

Motion was made by Ms. Pate and 2nd by Mr. Nash to go into Executive Session to discuss and interview the candidates for the position of Interim County Clerk. Motion passed by voice vote. After Executive Session ended, motion was made by Ms. Pate and 2nd by Mr. Williams to reconvene. Motion passed by voice vote. Diane Ferguson was presented to the Quorum Court for consideration and received seven votes. Barbara Smith was then presented for consideration and received four votes. June Maloch was presented for consideration and received no votes.

Becky Jones then presented a resolution declaring a vacancy and appointing Diane Ferguson to fill the position of County Clerk of Columbia County, Arkansas effective 12:01 a.m. June 5, 2018 until the expiration of the term on December 31, 2018.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Ms. Blair and 2nd by Mr. Williams. All were in favor. Time 6:20 p.m.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

Tammy Wiltz, D.C.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
May 21, 2018

The Columbia County Library Board of Trustees met Monday, May 21, 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, Melba Keith, Betty Epley, Selena Blair, County Treasurer, Susan Walker, Children's Librarian, Director Rhonda Rolen, Assistant Director Morgan Chance, and Bookkeeper Denise McNiel.

Minutes: A motion to accept the April 23, 2018, minutes as presented was made by Betty, was seconded by Melba, and passed by a vote of the board.

Correspondence and Communications: In the board packet was a letter from EMC Insurance and Rhonda reported that they did not find evidence of any mold problem in the air-conditioner mechanical room.

Director's Report

1. The "Reader's Anonymous" book club and the Teen Advisory Board did not meet this month due to a conflict with final exams.
2. Rhonda attended the Board of Directors meeting for South Arkansas Women's' Network on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.
3. Rhonda, Morgan, Becky, and Char visited the Taylor Branch Library on Thursday, May 3, 2018, to finish the weeding process there for fiction and non-fiction.
4. The library held a Star Wars movie marathon on Friday, May 4th, called "May the Fourth be With You," which was a play on words from the movie slogan, "May the Force be With You."
5. Kimberly Bridges, Children's Clerk, graduated from South Arkansas Christian School on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Kimberly will attend Southern Arkansas University in the fall.
6. There was no regular meeting of South Arkansas Women's Network on Wednesday, May 10, 2018. There is an annual awards banquet this month that will take place on May 22, 2018.
7. The monthly staff meeting was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Among the topics discussed were how to use Atrium reports, bibliographic record corrections for Fiction series, Young Adult corrections, the library web page, and the genealogy cataloging project.
8. The library held a book signing in the Board Room on Friday, May 18, 2018, for Wanda Maureen Miller, author of *Last Trip Home*. Her book is a fictionalized memoir about growing up on a farm near Magnolia in the 1940s and 1950s. She graduated from Village High School and Southern State College and still has land in Columbia County.

9. Columbia County Library is a polling place on Election Day, which is Tuesday, May 22, 2018.
10. The library plans to use a telephone line previously used for TLC's phone tree to setup a fax machine for the public. Once the staff is trained the library will begin advertising it.
11. Bill Shackelford came to the library on Friday, May 18, 2018, to investigate the cause loose floor tiles near the study rooms. He was able to remove the tiles and cement them again. Once they have had time to settle, he will return to fill in the gaps with grout.
12. Shatina Hunter, former shelver for the library, will return to the library to work at the circulation desk during the summer reading program.

Old Business: Rhonda briefly discussed the upcoming meeting of the Arkansas Book Consortium in June. Six independent libraries and five libraries from another eBook consortium are considering joining the group. If they merge with the Arkansas Book Consortium then there will be a lot more e-books available for the library. Collection development will be centralized. .

New Business: Rhonda submitted a packet for the Director Evaluation and gave each board member a copy. After going over the packet, John suggested all members take it home, study it, and at the next regular meeting a "special" meeting will be called to discuss the evaluation.

Financial Report: Denise reported that at the end of April the library had used 30% of its annual budget. Projected usage for four months is 33.32%. The library ended April under budget by 3.32%. The library's Special Account balance is currently at \$79,782.82. There was \$0 in sales of *Images of America Columbia County* in April.

Other: Susan shared information about the children's summer reading with the board. The title of the summer reading is "Libraries Rock." Morgan discussed the plans for teen's summer reading. She will have trivia and reading challenges for the teens. Char is planning a movie matinee for the senior adults.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Melba, seconded by Betty, and passed by a vote of the board. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

The next meeting will be on June 25, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Board Room of the library.

Secretary ~ Melba Keith

Minutes ~ Denise McNiel