

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JANUARY 27, 2009**

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Blytheville Courthouse. County Judge Steve McGuire called the meeting to order, and the following members answered roll call:

JUSTICE ABBOTT	JUSTICE LEWIS
JUSTICE BALL	JUSTICE LOFTON
JUSTICE BELCHER	JUSTICE McDANIEL
JUSTICE DILLDINE	JUSTICE BILL NELSON
JUSTICE FLEEMAN	JUSTICE JOHN ALAN NELSON
JUSTICE GAMMILL	JUSTICE WHITE
JUSTICE KENNEMORE	

Absent – None. Also present were County Attorney Dan Ritchey, Administrative Assistant Laura Hansen, Peggy Meatte, Donna Hilton from the media, and 10 people from the Blytheville Leadership Institute.

Justice John Alan Nelson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members, and the voice vote was unanimous.

Peggy Meatte reported that the CD purchased was for 3.95%.

The following committee reports were given:

1. Justice Belcher reported the Property and Energy Committee met January 5 to discuss and look at purchasing the building formerly occupied by Blytheville Office Supply and found numerous problems. No action taken and being referred to the Finance Committee.
2. Justice Lofton reported the Personnel and Committee on committees met January 7 and assigned members of the Court to various committees.
3. Justice Bill Nelson reported the Planning and Development Committee met January 12. He gave an update regarding Aviation Repair Technology (ART). Justice Loftin raised a question about the hourly wage people were to be paid.
4. Justice McDaniel reported the Fire, Police and Safety Committee met January 21. He stated the Mississippi County Emergency Squad requested the county consider passing an ordinance requiring residents to post house numbers where they would be visible. The consensus was that it was not feasible to enforce such an ordinance in the county and it would be more appropriate to do a public awareness campaign.

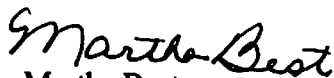
Justice John Alan Nelson presented an ordinance titled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Following the reading by

the acting secretary, Justice Nelson moved for adoption with second made by Justice Belcher, and the vote was: Aye – Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Gammill, Kennemore, Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay – none; Absent – none. Ordinance O-2009-01 was adopted by the court.

Justice Bill Nelson introduced a resolution titled: RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706 (d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003). Following the reading by the acting secretary, Justice Bill Nelson moved for adoption with second made by Justice Kennemore, and the vote was: Aye – Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Gammill, Kennemore, Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay – none; Absent – none. Resolution R-2009-02 was adopted by the court.

Judge McGuire introduced a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT. Following the reading by the acting secretary, Justice White moved for adoption with second made by Justice Belcher, and the vote was: Aye – Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Gammill, Kennemore, Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson, and White; Nay – none; Absent – none. Resolution R-2009-03 was adopted by the court.

With no further business to come before the court, Justice McDaniel moved for adjournment with second made by Justice Bill Nelson, and the court adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Martha Best
Acting Secretary

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
February 24, 2009**

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Blytheville Courthouse. County Judge Steve McGuire called the meeting to order, and the following members answered roll call:

**JUSTICE ABBOTT
JUSTICE BALL
JUSTICE BELCHER
JUSTICE DILLDINE
JUSTICE FLEEMAN
JUSTICE GAMMILL
JUSTICE KENNEMORE**

**JUSTICE LEWIS
JUSTICE LOFTON
JUSTICE McDANIEL
JUSTICE BILL NELSON
JUSTICE JOHN ALAN NELSON
JUSTICE WHITE**

Absent – none. Also present were County Attorney Dan Ritchey and Administrative Assistant Laura Hansen.

Justice John Alan Nelson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members. The voice vote was unanimous.

County Treasurer Glenda Hollingsead reported the interest rate remains 3.5%.

The following committee reports were given:

1. Justice White reported the Efficiency Committee met February 5, to discuss record storage. A representative of Lifetime Document Storage met with the committee. They are the only private facility offering climate controlled secured storage of records. Justice White reported to the committee on the process required to build a new courthouse to serve the entire county.
2. Justice Gammill reported the Roads and Bridges Committee met February 18, for an update. They are stockpiling as much material as possible, having spent \$300,000 to date. They are looking at options for replacing road graders and are also in need of two pickups.
3. Justice Bill Nelson reported the Planning and Development Committee met February 23 at the request of Clif Chitwood. They discussed the problem facing the steel industry due to China dumping steel in the United States. They voted to present a resolution in support of the steel industry to the full court.

Following the committee reports, Justice Bill Nelson moved to suspend the rules and add the resolution to the agenda. The vote was unanimous. Justice Nelson then introduced the resolution titled: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TUBULAR PRODUCTION IN ARKANSAS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE U.S. TRADE REMEDIES LAWS. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Nelson moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Gammill, Kennemore, Lewis, Lofton,

McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay—none; Absent—none.
Resolution R-2009-04 was adopted by the court.

Justice Lofton announced a meeting of the Personnel Committee on February 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the judge's office. The Sanitation Committee will meet February 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Road Department.

Judge McGuire recognized members of the Blytheville Leadership Institute Class in attendance.

Justice Kennemore asked if the funds appropriated for the hospital could be used to purchase supplies for SMC Regional Medical Center. He reported the hospital administrator had said they were out of supplies with no funds to purchase more. Dan Ritchey reported that was contrary to what he had been told, and he will look into the matter. Mr. Ritchey further stated that negotiations are going well regarding the transfer of management from Ameris to a new company.

With no further business to come before the court, Justice Lofton moved for adjournment, and the court adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Lib Shippen,
County Clerk

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
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March 24, 2009**

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Blytheville Courthouse with County Judge Steve McGuire presiding. The meeting was called to order, and the following members answered roll call:

**JUSTICE ABBOTT
JUSTICE BALL
JUSTICE BELCHER
JUSTICE DILDINE
JUSTICE KENNEMORE
JUSTICE JOE LEWIS**

**JUSTICE LOFTON
JUSTICE McDANIEL
JUSTICE BILL NELSON
JUSTICE JOHN ALAN NELSON
JUSTICE WHITE**

Absent – Fleeman, Gammill. Also present were County Attorney Dan Ritchey and Administrative Assistant Laura Hansen.

Justice John Alan Nelson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members, and the voice vote was unanimous.

Treasurer Glenda Hollingsead reported interest rates dropped to 3%.

The following committee reports were given:

1. Personnel and Committee on Committees – Chairman Lofton reported the committee met to consider an employee who has used all sick leave, vacation leave, and has used catastrophic leave. A letter was sent notifying the employee that she will only be eligible for the catastrophic leave for six months, according to Personnel Policy. The committee also heard from the Juvenile Intake Office, Road Department, and Landfill concerning needs for changes to slots or additional slots. The committee recommended an additional slot for Road Department and for Landfill, with changes to a slot in the Juvenile Intake Office.
2. Sanitation and Solid Waste Committee – Chairman White reported the committee met to determine equipment needs and the need of an additional employee.
3. Fire, Police, and Safety Committee – Chairman McDaniel reported the committee met and recommends the installation of audio/video equipment to connect the two courthouses with the detention center. They also recommend an additional employee for emergency management. The committee reviewed HB 1382 and recommends the fee increase from \$5 to \$20 as authorized by Act 209 of 2009. Capt. James Sanders of the Sheriff's office presented information on AWIN, Arkansas Wireless Information Network, which would eliminate dead zones within the county.
4. Roads and Bridges Committee-Justice Dildine reported the committee met with a group of citizens concerning upkeep of county roads. The committee recommends supporting the City of Dyess in efforts to name a portion of Highway 297 in honor of Johnny Cash.

Justice McDaniel introduced an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT ORDINANCE NO. O-2003-8, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY DOLLAR (\$20.00) FINE TO HELP DEFRAY THE EXPENSE OF INCARCERATION OF PRISONERS, PURSUANT TO ACT 209 OF 2009 (AMENDING ACT 1188 OF 2003), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice McDaniel moved to suspend the rules and advance to the second reading by title only.

The voice vote was unanimous in favor. The clerk read the title and Justice McDaniel moved to advance to the third reading by title only. The voice vote was unanimous. The clerk read the title for the third reading, and Justice McDaniel moved for adoption. The roll call was as follows: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Kenemore, Joe Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay—none; Absent—Fleeman, Gammill. Ordinance O-2009-2 was adopted by the court.

Justice John Alan Nelson introduced an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHROIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Lofon moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Kenemore, Joe Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay—none; Absent—Fleeman, Gammill. Ordinance O-2009-3 was adopted by the court.

Justice Lofton introduced an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHROIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Lofon moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Kenemore, Joe Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay—none; Absent—Fleeman, Gammill. Ordinance O-2009-4 was adopted by the court.

Justice Dildine introduced a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL EFFORTS TO NAME A PORTION OF ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY 297 IN HONOR OF JOHNNY CASH. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Dildine moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Kenemore, Joe Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay—none; Absent—Fleeman, Gammill. Resolution R-2009-5 was adopted by the court.

Justice John Alan Nelson made a motion to suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda. He asked the court to consider a letter or a resolution to our U.S. Congressmen in opposition to the card check-off, an issue before Congress at this time. The vote to suspend the rules was : Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Kenemore, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay—Lewis; Abstain---Lofton; Absent—Fleeman, Gammill. The vote in favor of sending the letter was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Kenemore, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, John Alan Nelson and White; Nay—Lewis; Abstain---Lofton; Absent—Fleeman, Gammill.

Justice White announced a meeting of the Efficiency Committee at 1:30 p.m. on March 26, 2009.

With no further business to come before the court, Justice McDaniel moved for adjournment, and the court adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Lib Shippen
County Clerk

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
April 28, 2009**

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Blytheville Courthouse with County Judge Steve McGuire presiding. The meeting was called to order, and the following members answered roll call:

**JUSTICE ABBOTT
JUSTICE BALL
JUSTICE BELCHER
JUSTICE DILDINE
JUSTICE FLEEMAN**

**JUSTICE LEWIS
JUSTICE LOFTON
JUSTICE McDANIEL
JUSTICE BILL NELSON
JUSTICE WHITE**

Absent – Gammill, Kennemore, John Alan Nelson. Also present were County Attorney Dan Ritchey and Administrative Assistant Laura Hansen.

Justice White moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members, and the voice vote was unanimous.

Treasurer Glenda Hollingsead reported interest rates dropped to 2.55%.

The following committee reports were given:

1. Efficiency Committee – Justice White reported the committee met to discuss the completion of the digitizing project. The cost of redacting the records is \$114,000, much less than the projected cost of \$250,000.
2. Fire, Police, and Safety Committee – Justice McDaniel reported the committee met with Sheriff Sanders who thanked the committee and the judge for their confidence in him. Sheriff Sanders reported a smooth transition and also discussed the need for light bars for 6 patrol cars. The Jail Standards Board has given the county high marks. Justice McDaniel also reported that the City of Blytheville has paid \$51,000 toward jail fees.
3. Energy and Property and Sanitation Committees – Justice Belcher reported the committees met to discuss an additional building at the landfill. Bids have been received, but the specifications have been updated and clarified. Thus, new bids are being requested. Justice Belcher also reported meeting with Mayor Kennemore concerning the utility bill that Ameris owes the City of Osceola. The matter was referred to the Hospital Board of Governors.

Judge McGuire told the Court of the death of Justice John Alan Nelson's son on April 25.

Justice White introduced an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM FINANCING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AMENDMENT 78 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice White moved for adoption, and the roll call was as follows: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, and White; Nay—none; Absent—Gammill, Kenemore, John Alan Nelson. Ordinance O-2009-5 was adopted by the court.

Justice White next introduced an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHROIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice White moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, and White; Nay—none; Absent—Gammill, Kenemore, John Alan Nelson. Ordinance O-2009-6 was adopted by the court.

Justice White then introduced an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING INCREASES AND/OR CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2008, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice White moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, and White; Nay—none; Absent—Gammill, Kenemore, John Alan Nelson. Ordinance O-2009-7 was adopted by the court.

Justice McDaniel introduced a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR TO FILL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SHERIFF. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice McDaniel moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Fleeman, Lewis, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, and White; Nay—none; Absent—Gammill, Kenemore, John Alan Nelson. Resolution R-2009-9 was adopted by the court.

Judge McGuire announced the opening of East Arkansas Family Health Center in June at Westminster Village.

Justice Fleeman requested that Justice Lofton offer a prayer on behalf of Justice John Alan Nelson and his family.

Following the prayer, Justice White moved for adjournment, and the court adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Lib Shippen
County Clerk

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
May 26, 2009

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Blytheville Courthouse with County Judge Steve McGuire presiding. The meeting was called to order, and the following members answered roll call:

JUSTICE ABBOTT
JUSTICE BALL
JUSTICE BELCHER
JUSTICE DILDINE
JUSTICE GAMMILL

JUSTICE KENNEMORE
JUSTICE LOFTON
JUSTICE McDANIEL
JUSTICE BILL NELSON
JUSTICE JOHN ALAN NELSON

Absent – Fleeman, Lewis, White. Also present were County Attorney Dan Ritchey and Administrative Assistant Laura Hansen.

Justice John Alan Nelson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members, and the voice vote was unanimous.

Treasurer Glenda Hollingsead reported interest rates dropped to 2.50%. Judge McGuire announced that sales tax collections for April were down from 2008 and 2007.

The following committee reports were given:

1. Energy and Property Committee – Justice Belcher reported the committee met May 14 to clarify specifications for bids for construction of lean-to at the landfill. Bids will be opened June 1.
2. Personnel Committee and Committee on Committees – Justice Lofton reported the committee met May 15 with David Lendennie to discuss separating the positions of 911 and OEM. The committee created a slot for OEM Coordinator and sent the matter to the Finance Committee. Justice Lofton explained the duties of the OEM Coordinator.

Justice John Alan Nelson introduced an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading by the clerk, Justice Nelson moved for adoption, and the vote was: Aye—Abbott, Ball, Belcher, Dilldine, Gammill, Kennemore, Lofton, McDaniel, Bill Nelson, and John Alan Nelson; Nay—none; Absent—Fleeman, Lewis, White. Ordinance O-2009-8 was adopted by the court.

Justice McDaniel announced a meeting of the Fire, Police, and Safety Committee on May 27 at the Sheriff's Office. Judge McGuire told the justices there are issues that need to be addressed as a result of recent legislation – naming the 2nd in command in the County Judge's office and the Sheriff's office and allowing voters to extend the Economic Development Tax.

Judge McGuire read a proclamation honoring Mark Alan Nelson and making May 26, 2009, Mark Alan Nelson Day. Laura Hansen presented a memorial to Great River Charitable Clinic from the Quorum Court, elected officials, and county employees in honor of Mark Alan Nelson.

Justice McDaniel moved for adjournment, and the court adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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