**DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**February 20, 2025**

**Desha County Quorum Court met February 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse.**

**OPENING PRAYER: JP3, Patricia Watkins.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All**

**\_\_\_\_\_JP\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_MEMBER\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PRESENT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ABSENT**

1. **Troy Jackson Jr X**

**2 G. Lynn Weather X**

**3 Patricia Watkins X**

**4 Ricky Helton X**

**5 Hollis Mankin X**

**6 Kenneth Holt Jr X**

**7 Rita Kolb X**

**8 Dollie Wilson**

1. **Norris Sims X**

I. **MINUTES**

The January minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by JP 4, Rick Helton and seconded by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford. All were in favor, Motion passed.

**II. TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford, and seconded by JP 1, Troy Jackson All were in favor, Motion passed.

Sheriff, Mitch Grant gave his report for the month of January.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2025-1. A Resolution to execute agreement to provide financial assurance /contract of obligation.** The resolution was read. A motion to approve the resolution was made by. JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 7, Rita Kolb. All approved. Resolution Passed.

**Ordinance 2025-1 An Appropriation Ordinance to amend the 2024 budget.**

A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was made by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford It was seconded by JP 6, Ken Holt. The roll was called, and all were in favor. The Ordinance was read by title only. The roll was called. All were in favor. The Ordinance was read by title only again. A motion to accept the Ordinance was made by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 1, Troy Jackson. The roll was called, and all were in favor.

Ordinance 2025-1 Passed. 8 For and 0 Against.

**Ordinance 2025-2. An Ordinance to purchase John Deere equipment**

The Ordinance was read in its entirety by County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson. A motion to accept was made by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 9, Norris Sims. The roll was called, and all were in favor. JP 2 G. Lynn Weatherford made mention to add to the minutes that the equipment would be paid out of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Ordinance 2025-2 Passed. 8 For and 0 Against.

The 2022 Audit report was discussed. Per the notes on the audit report on page 1. “During our evaluation, nothing came to our attention that would warrant disclosure in this report.” Quorum Court was pleased with the report.

**Ordinance 2025-3. An Ordinance to allow funds to be moved from County General to the Sheriff’s Contribution Fund. The Ordinance was read in its entirety by County Clerk Valerie Donaldson. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 5, Hollis Mankin. The roll was called, and all were in favor. The ordinance was read by title only for a second reading. A motion to read by title only for a final reading was made by JP 5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP 6, Ken Holt. The roll was called. All were in favor. A motion to accept the ordinance was made by JP 2. G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 5, Hollis Mankin. The roll was called, and all were in favor. Ordinance 2025-3, Passed 8 For and 0 against.**

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**- The Judge took several bids on Trailers. More info will be brought to the next meeting.

Several bids have been placed on the sound system for the upstairs courtroom.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT** – A motion to adjourn was made by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford, and it was seconded by

JP 6, Ken Holt.

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Approve: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk**