

COLUMBIA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2020

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 - Rick Waller
Building	Chair – Blair Co Chair - Williams
Finance	Chair - Pate Co Chair – Blair
Personnel	Chair – Cook Co Chair - Ray
Solid Waste	Chair – Thomas Co Chair – Cook

Old Business

New Business

- A. Consider an Appropriation Ordinance for Amending the Public Defender Budget
- B. Approve the Sale of Property at 105 West Calhoun
- C. Consider Resolution Authorizing the Judge to Apply for a Grant on Behalf of the County
- D. Consider Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of County Judge
- E. Consider Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition of Public Service to Judge Larry Atkinson

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2020.

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

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE FUND OF COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2020. **AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING WITHIN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S BUDGET.**

ARTICLE 1 The Quorum Court has found and determined that the Indigent Criminal Defense Fund, for Calendar Year 2020, as appropriated by Appropriation 2019.21, is hereby amended as set forth; and

ARTICLE 2 That the Quorum Court did on March 2, 2020 adopt an amended budget transferring within the Public Defender's Budget as documented below:

TRANSFERRING:

INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE FUND/3026.0417

\$928.00 from 3026.0417.2001/general supplies/parts/labor to 3026.0417.2024/maintenance/service contract

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.

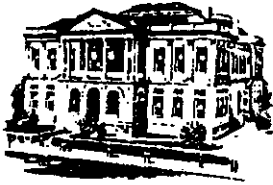
DATE OF PASSAGE: March 2, 2020.

APPROVED:

LARRY ATKINSON
COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

TAMMY J. WILTZ
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK



Larry D. Atkinson

County Judge
#1 Court Square
Columbia County
Magnolia, Arkansas 71753
(870) 234-2542
Fax: (870) 235-3723



February 24, 2019

BOARD OF APPROVAL

Sale of Columbia County Building and Parking Lot at 105 W Calhoun Street
Lots 195, 196, 201 and 202, Block V in the Original Survey of the City of Magnolia.

The property has an appraised value of \$68,000.00.

One (1) bid was received and was opened on Monday, February 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

The bid received was \$53,100.00 which is above the required three-fourths (3/4) of its appraised value therefore can be sold.

A meeting of the board consisting of the Sheriff, the Treasurer and the Circuit Clerk was held, in accordance with ACA 14-16-105, (2) (B) (3) (e)(1)(A)(ii) with the Judge as the ex officio chair of the board without a vote, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2019 and a motion was made by Sheriff Mike Loe and seconded by Treasurer Selena Blair with Circuit Clerk Angela Keith and Beverly Thomas present. The board voted to approve the sale of the property located at 105 W Calhoun Street, Magnolia, AR., accepting the bid by Gina Blann and Pam Goodman in the amount of \$53,100.00.

The board is making a recommendation to the Quorum Court to approve the sale.

Mike Loe
Columbia County Sheriff

Selena Blair
Columbia County Treasurer


Angela Keith
Columbia County Circuit Clerk

February 20, 2020

Gina Blann and Pam Goodman would like to present a bid of \$53,100 (fifty-three thousand one hundred dollars) for the following property:

Building and Parking Lot located at 105 W Calhoun Street: Lots 195, 196, 201, and 202, Block V in the Original Survey of the City of Magnolia.

Thank you.



Gina Blann

1920 Columbia Road 45

McNeil, AR 71752

870-510-3493



Pam Goodman

1930 Columbia Road 45

McNeil, AR 71752

501-951-2231

Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program

Resolution Passed by City Council/Quorum Court

Date: _____

Resolution # _____

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Columbia County, State of Arkansas a resolution entitled: **Authorizing Resolution.**

A Resolution authorizing the Judge of Columbia County to apply for a grant on behalf of Columbia County.

Whereas, the Columbia County Quorum Court has determined that the County meets eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs, and

Whereas, the Columbia County has presented plans to purchase life-saving "Jaws of Life" equipment; and whereas, the Quorum Court of Columbia County recognizes the need for the project, concurs its importance, and supports the County in its efforts to proceed with the same, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Quorum Court of Columbia County hereby appropriates a sum of \$24,159.06 to complete the local match money requirement for the project described herein;

Be it further resolved, that the County Judge of Columbia County is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for purpose of securing state grant funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 to aid and assist Columbia County in executing the proposed project described herein and that the County Judge or Recorder/Treasurer of Columbia County is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION _____ (date).

Approved: _____
Signature of County Judge

Attest: _____
Signature of County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2020.

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND FILLING A VACANCY IN THE
OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE 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, Larry Atkinson, who held the office of the County Judge of Columbia County, State of Arkansas, and served in that capacity since 2007, has taken early retirement due to health reasons effective February 29, 2020.

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, to declare that a vacancy occurred in the office of the County Judge 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 hereby declared to exist in the office of County Judge of Columbia County, Arkansas, due to the early retirement of the duly elected Columbia County Judge, Larry Atkinson on February 29, 2020.

SECTION 2. That _____ is appointed hereby to fill the position of County Judge of Columbia County, Arkansas, effective immediately following taking the oath of office, and that said person is authorized hereby to serve in said capacity until the expiration of the term on December 31, 2022.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 2 day of March 2020.

APPROVED:

Larry Atkinson, County Judge

ATTEST:

Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk

MEETING NOTICE
COLUMBIA COUNTY QUORUM COURT

The Columbia County Quorum Court will meet on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia County Courthouse, Second Floor Courtroom, to consider the resolution below to declare a vacancy in the office of County Judge, effective February 29, 2020, and to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, to-wit:

CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF COUNTY JUDGE

BEVERLY THOMAS

JAMES YOUNG

DAVID CLARK

DENNY FOSTER

SHEILA NASH

JOHN DYSON

BURL CAMPBELL

TOMMY PEACE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - ____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF
PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE
HONORABLE LARRY DALE ATKINSON**

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1984, Larry Atkinson, officially began his service to the citizens of Columbia County, Arkansas, by accepting the position of Manager for the Columbia County Rural Development Authority. In his service, Larry Atkinson made invaluable contributions to the development of Lake Columbia, a reservoir constructed in 1986, and thereafter fulfilled the managerial responsibilities crucial to the success of our young lake until he resigned that position in 2006 to take on a greater role as the newly elected Columbia County Judge; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2007, Larry Atkinson was sworn into the office of County Judge for Columbia County, Arkansas. Because of the faithful pursuit of his commitment to the duties attendant to the oath of office that he swore to uphold, his compassion, guidance, and outstanding leadership, Judge Atkinson is a proven and valuable asset to the citizens and betterment of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, after more than twelve years of public service in the office of County Judge, Judge Atkinson, regretfully announced that effective February 29, 2020, he retired early from the office of County Judge to attend to matters of a personal and urgent nature; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Columbia County, by the authority vested to it by Arkansas Code §14-14-913, wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Judge Atkinson for all of the hard work he has done, the person that he is, and the difference he has made to Columbia County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Quorum Court of the County of Columbia, State of Arkansas, That the Quorum Court, in recognition of more than thirty-four years of dedicated service to the citizens of Columbia County, Arkansas, hereby commends and expresses its appreciation to the *Honorable Larry Dale Atkinson*.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

Introduced and adopted this 2nd day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Tammy J. Wiltz, County Clerk

QUORUM COURT REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2020
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. Story gave the invocation. County Clerk Tammy Wiltz called roll; 10 members were present with Mr. Williams being absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee and 2nd by Mr. Story to suspend the rules and accept the January 2020 minutes as mailed. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING – No report

FINANCE – Financial overview was presented and explained by Treasurer Selena Blair.

JAIL – No report

ROAD - By handout.

PERSONNEL – No report

SOLID WASTE – Mr. Oliver reported no new issues. Ms. Cook had a call about recyclables and Ms. Pate asked about the frequency of recyclable pickups.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2020.04

An appropriation ordinance transferring within various county budgets for year end clean up. Motion was made by Mr. Lee and was 2nd by Ms. Pate. All were in favor.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020.05

An ordinance allowing Columbia County to add an additional vote center for 2020 countywide general elections and to declare an emergency. Motion was made by Ms. Cook and was 2nd by Mr. Russell Thomas. All were in favor.

RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Letter from Mt. Vernon fire department for Rural Aid Grant in the amount of \$5000.00 for 1 Scott Thermal Imager and 4 cylinders for breathing apparatus. Motions was made by Mr. Lee and 2nd by Mr. Russell Thomas. Passed by voice vote.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020.06

Motion was made by Ms. Pate and 2nd by Mr. Waller to add item D to the agenda. Passed by voice vote.

An ordinance authorizing the purchase of a new computer software system and data transfer for the Sheriff's office and Jail without taking bids. Motion was made by Mr. Waller and 2nd by Mr. Lee. All were in favor.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Ms. Blair and 2nd by Ms. Cook. All were in favor. Time 5:15 p.m.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

Tammy J. Wiltz