



**AGENDA COMMITTEE
PULASKI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
PULASKI COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 410
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Justice Keith, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Justice Jefferson.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Justice Green.

Justices present: **Blackwood, Coney, Elliott, Green, Jefferson, Keith, Lewison, Massey, McCoy, McMullen, Medlock, Reed, Robinson, Stowers**

Justice Stowers made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Justice Reed. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Items for Consideration

ORDINANCES

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Title</u>
19-I-45	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-OR-01 (2019-2020 QUORUM COURT ORGANIZATIONAL ORDINANCE) TO CREATE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE EFFICIENCIES COMMITTEE. Sponsors: Justices Jefferson, Blackwood, Coney, Elliott, Green, Keith, Massey, McCoy, McMullen, Medlock, Robinson, Stowers

Justice Jefferson made a motion to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation, which was seconded by Justice Stowers. Justice Jefferson explained the item. Mr. Justin Blagg, Director of Quorum Court Services, answered questions from Justice Keith. Justice Jefferson and Mr. Blagg answered questions from Justice McMullen. In response to questions by Justice McMullen, Justice Jefferson said he would accept an amendment to increase the membership from five members to eight members. Justice McMullen made the motion to increase the committee membership to eight, which was seconded by Justice Massey. Justice McCoy said his only suggestion is that maybe they

would want to think about having an odd number of committee members to break any ties. Justice McMullen said she would like to stick with eight. Justice Massey spoke in favor of having an odd number. Justice Stowers said if a vote in this committee is 4-4, that item would fail, so he does not see much difference between an odd and even number. He said he would abstain on the amendment because he does not have a preference on whether it is seven or eight. The motion to amend the item passed by a roll call vote.

Vote to amend the item: 9-1-4

Ayes: Blackwood, Coney, Jefferson, Keith, Lewison, Massey, McCoy, McMullen, Medlock

Nays: Green

Abstentions: Elliott, Reed, Robinson, Stowers

Non-voting: Denton

Justice Jefferson made a motion to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation as amended, which was seconded by Justice Lewison. Mr. Blagg and Mr. Mike Hutchens, Comptroller, answered questions from Justice Massey. Justice Stowers spoke in favor of the item. Justice Medlock spoke in favor of the item and said she would be interested in serving on the committee. Justice Jefferson closed on the item. Ms. Kathleen Oleson, citizen of Pulaski County, was recognized to ask questions regarding the item, which Justice Keith answered. The motion to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation as amended passed by a roll call vote.

Vote to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation as amended: 14-0

Ayes: Blackwood, Coney, Elliott, Green, Jefferson, Keith, Lewison, Massey, McCoy, McMullen, Medlock, Reed, Robinson, Stowers

Non-voting: Denton

19-I-46 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 18-OR-39 (2019 ANNUAL BUDGET, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS) TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS AND CREATE A NEW POSITION FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Sponsors: *Justices Coney, Blackwood, Elliott, Green, Massey, Reed, Robinson, Stowers*

Justice Coney made a motion to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation, which was seconded by Justice Lewison. Justice Coney made a motion to amend the item to change some of the figures, which was seconded by Justice Massey. Mr. Fredrick Love, Community Services Director, explained the amendment.

Vote to amend the item: 13-0

Ayes: Blackwood, Coney, Elliott, Green, Jefferson, Keith, Massey, McCoy, McMullen, Medlock, Reed, Robinson, Stowers

Non-voting: Denton, Lewison

Justice Coney made a motion to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation as amended, which was seconded by Justice Massey. Mr. Love answered questions from Justice Stowers and further explained the item. The motion to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation as amended passed by a roll call vote.

Vote to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation as amended: 13-0

Ayes: Blackwood, Coney, Elliott, Green, Jefferson, Keith, Massey, McCoy, McMullen,
Medlock, Reed, Robinson, Stowers

Non-voting: Denton, Lewison

Mr. Blagg said that Justice Elliott was elected Vice Chair of the NACo Committee on Law Enforcement.

Ms. Benita Bosier-Ingram, citizen of Pulaski County, expressed her support of Item 19-I-45 and asked that one of the things the committee look into be altercations that occur in the schools.

The meeting was adjourned.