



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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Justice Keith, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Justice Stowers.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Justice Robinson.

Justices present: **Blackwood, Capps, Curry, Davis, Elliott, Green, Keith, Lewison, Massey, McCoy, McMullen, Medlock, Robinson, Stowers**

Justice Lewison made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Justice Capps. The motion to approve the minutes passed by unanimous voice vote of those present, with Justice Curry absent during voting on the minutes.

Items for Consideration

ORDINANCES

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Title</u>
23-I-52	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-OR-45 (2023 ANNUAL BUDGET, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS) TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS FOR THE JUVENILE DETENTION DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 (JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024). Sponsor: Justice Stowers

Justice Stowers made a motion to send the item to the full Quorum Court with a do-pass recommendation, which was seconded by Justice Elliott. Ms. Katie Hargis, Grants Administrator, explained the item. Ms. Hargis answered questions from Justice McCoy. (Justice Curry had arrived.) The motion 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, Capps, Curry, Davis, Elliott, Green, Keith, Lewison, Massey, McCoy, McMullen, Medlock, Robinson, Stowers

Mr. Justin Blagg, Director of Quorum Court Services/Parliamentarian, said he would ask that the Budget Committee meet next Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. He said also, on August 29, he has scheduled the Center for Public Safety Management review. He asked if Justice Massey, Chair of the Budget Committee, would be willing to call those meetings. Justice Massey said yes. Mr. Blagg answered questions from Justice McMullen.

Ms. Ceveisa Rowe and Ms. Kristina Gulley, citizens of Pulaski County, requested funds to install a slide at Gloria Ashley Park. After some questions from the committee members, Justice Keith asked Mr. Blagg if the appropriate procedure would be for a Quorum Court member to sponsor an item that could be presented and debated. Ms. Gulley said she has reached out to Justice McMullen for support, but wanted the Quorum Court to be aware of the request. Justice Stowers made a point of order that discussion at this point should remain among the committee members, as the citizens have exceeded their three-minute limits. Justice Keith said if Justice McMullen is willing to sponsor this request, then she should request an ordinance be drawn up and then the committee can discuss this in the most appropriate forum. Justice McMullen said she is in favor of the proposal. Justice Curry said she would like more information, but she is also in support of the proposal. After remaining questions from Justice Blackwood and Justice Medlock, Justice Keith stated again that he would like to wait until a proposal is on the table. He said the committee can then continue asking until they get every question answered.

The meeting was adjourned.