**Izard County Quorum Court**

**Melbourne, Arkansas**

**September 5, 2017**

**The meeting will come to order. The Clerk will call roll.**

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Reading of last month’s minutes.**

**AGENDA**

**Comments from the audience (three minutes per person).**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Rich Fischer- Prison Chapel**
* **Road Department Update**
* **Senior Citizen Update**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Budget Meeting following this quorum Court session.**

**ADJOURN**

**IZARD COUNTY JUDGE**

**ERIC SMITH**

IZARD COUNTY QUORUM COURT

August 2017

Izard County Quorum Court met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m. Justices Sanders, Rushing, Moser, Miller, Engelhardt, Savell, Boren, and Emmens were present.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion by Justice Miller and second by Justice Engelhardt with all in favor.

The EMS Board recommendation to admit a Second Addendum to the April 2016 agreement with the county’s ambulance provider Vital Link was approved on a motion by Justice Miller and second by Justice Moser with Justices Sanders, Moser, Miller, Engelhardt, Savell, Boren, and Emmens voting in favor. Justice Rushing voted against the measure.

Sheriff Jack Yancey addressed the court with the issue that the sheriff’s department was facing an imminent need to replace their outdated Tasers. Sheriff Yancey stated that the department had been researching the issue and had narrowed the search down to two companies. The court granted verbal assurance that they supported the replacement of the essential equipment and asked Sheriff Yancey to report back with his decision.

Annette Dixon with the 16th judicial district drug court gave a presentation on the drug court program. Drug court is an alliance between the court system and the Arkansas Community Correction to fight against drug abuse and crime and integrates alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.

In the County Road Department update, County Judge Eric Smith read a report that stated that approximately 210 miles of gravel road had been graded for the month of July which was short a week due to the weather. The report also stated that 205 loads of clay gravel were hauled to various roads in the county and that equipment had been moved to the Calico Rock/Pineville area to begin work in that area. The meetings with FEMA are ongoing as the county acquires funding for the Newburg Bridge as well as the Antioch Bridge.

Veterans Service Officer, Bill Stevens reported that he had met with 59 veterans and had helped one Veteran’s spouse with Death Benefits during the month of July. In addition, Stevens announced additional hours in which he will be available to meet with veterans in the Horseshoe Bend City Hall Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon and at the Calico Rock City Hall Every 3rd Wednesday from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. In addition, the Veterans Office has acquired an official U.S. Flag disposal box that is located in the Izard County Courthouse outside the Veteran Service Office.

With no other business, the court adjourned at 6:56 pm.

DATED:

COUNTY JUDGE:

COUNTY CLERK: