

**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ADDITION, 511 UNION, QUORUM COURT**

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**INVOCATION** Led by: Pastor Nate Morse – Friendship Assembly of God

**ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING’S MINUTES** – June 8, 2026

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** – Transportation, Public Service, and Finance

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Road Projects Presentation
- B. A Resolution Recommending the Reappointment of Chris Pfeifer to the Philadelphia Fire Protection District Board of Directors
- C. A Resolution Expressing the Willingness of the County and the City of Monette to Partner for Completion of ARDOT Job 101189

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Special Called Road Committee Meeting**

June 22, 2026, at 5:15 PM – Quorum Court Room

- A. A Resolution Expressing the Willingness of the County and the City of Monette to Partner for Completion of ARDOT Job 101189

## **QUORUM COURT MINUTES June 08, 2026**

Justice Cline called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Invocation was led by Minister Dick Blackford of Stoneridge Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Cline.

Roll was called and all were present aside from Justice Noel and Judge Day.

Next order of business was the approval of the minutes of May 26, 2026, meeting. Justice Forrest made the motion to approve, and Justice Pasmore seconded. Justice Cline took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sheriff Elect Jason Allen provided a presentation of data collected by sheriff's office from the start of the year. He states that to date, calls received totaled 5016, transports performed totaled 484, and opened cases totaled 376, with 196 of which being now closed and 180 still pending. Further, he states there have been 136 arrests made, 475 civil process papers received, with 346 having been served. He states that the sheriff's department has used 33.1% of their non-salary budget to date, adding that a new roof is currently being put on the sheriff's office, and the contractors are ahead of schedule. He further states that the department is currently fully staffed at the sheriff's office. Allen then referred to a set of graphs which were provided to attendees of the meeting that display a breakdown of the intakes and the different entities that have brought them in, calling attention to the total number of intakes this year to date - which is 2147 - with last week's current inmate count being 355, which is very close to maximum capacity. He also states that there is still currently a unit down for remodel which would add 52 beds to the total number available. Justice Barnes asked whether the ratios between cases and civil process charts were standard, and Allen advised that they were. He says he believes that there is around an average of 60-something civil processes per month currently, but typically by end of year when an average is taken, there are a little over 100 civil processes per month. Justice Allison then asked Mr. Allen if the sheriff's department was still trying to release some non-violent and less serious offenders early due to a shortage of beds, as they were known to have done in the past, which Mr. Allen responded in the affirmative. He states that the county is still actively holding all felonies and violent offenses, but that inmates accused of misdemeanor/non-violent crimes have their status evaluated almost daily to determine the continuity of their stay. She then asked if typically, they would be held if we

weren't short on bed space, to which Mr. Allen answered that they would. Justice Pasmore advised that the jail's website currently displayed an inmate count of 354, just one inmate under capacity. Justice Myers asked what the female capacity was, and whether that capacity still fluctuated based on needs of the facility, as it has in the past. Justice Pasmore states that he was aware of the jail changing cells from female to male assignment to accommodate housing needs in the past. Sheriff Marty Boyd joined Jason Allen at the podium, stating that he was unsure on the exact number of female beds, but that it was either 56 or 64, he also stated that he was more familiar with this issue happening on the juvenile side of the facility quite common to convert beds on the female side to house males though not as frequent on the adult side since there was a dedicated area for the females, and it is more difficult to convert these dedicated areas.

An **OEM Presentation Recognizing Volunteers at OEM** for their service. Travis Williams, a Jonesboro City Employee, Tom Johnson, Battalion Chief with Jonesboro Fire Department, Sean Davis, Scott Spurlock, Arla Metcalf, Mark Wade, and Ken Robertson were recognized for their outstanding support and service to the department. Additionally, County Employees who conduct maintenance and ensure the safe and smooth operation of the County's Saferoom, sometimes long after threat of severe weather has passed, were mentioned for their service – Mickey Marshall, Maintenance Director, Austin Vance, IT Director, and Marcus Gragg, Chief Bailiff.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Kathy Proctor of 388 CR 780** Jonesboro approached to vocalize her opposition to the gravel mine pit going in. She cites safety of runners/bikers, wildlife and roadway maintenance issues as her primary concerns, but also mentions that she feels proper notice wasn't given by Mr. Key of Key Construction since he chose to publish only in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, rather than the more local option, the Jonesboro Sun. She stated she expressed disappointment that the Judge did not appear for today's Quorum Court meeting nor the meeting held last week.

**Dr. Jacob Moll of 711 Cr 774** approached to vocalize his opposition to the gravel mine pit – noting that his home is around .75 miles from the proposed site of the pit. He states that he and his family appeared among over 100 others to deliver oral and written arguments opposing the open-cut mining permit being issued at 1775 CR 775, which would allow for an entrance to the pit to be installed on 775. He states that he feels these roads cannot withstand the wear and tear that this type of operation would entail, nor were they constructed with the intention to do so. He suggested enforcing Heavy Load limits and assigning an officer to enforce these limits, citing other counties in Arkansas which have adopted similar policies to protect their roadways. He states there are more than 500

parcels of land within a 2-mile radius of the mine, and many residents and their daily-driven roadways will be damaged by this – repairs for these issues which will be costly and extensive. He states that there is undeveloped land less than .5 miles away that is closer to Hwy 141, which appears to be owned by a sibling of the mining site landowner, and which would not place this strain and wear on the residents, roadways or current infrastructure by way of road usage. He urged the court to consider implementing an Emergency Ordinance to procure right of way easement for a mining-only road at the expense of the mine owner and/or enforce weight restrictions on these roads. He also mentions an unnamed ditch which is on the mine property, which flows to Mud Creek and eventually to the Cache River. Justice Cline stopped him for time, at which point a discussion ensued wherein Justice Barnes moved to allow residents an additional 30 seconds to vocalize their opinions should their three-minute time limit run out. Justice Longmire seconded, and all agreed to this motion with no opposition. Dr. Moll re-approached the podium to add that he feels that it would be pertinent to re-visit amendments to Ordinance 24-15 Flood Prevention Program to require permitting from the county for Flood Plain development where it carries potential to affect a flood zone within a reasonable distance downstream.

**Clifford Lenderman of 2016 CR 780** approached to vocalize his opposition of the gravel mine pit also, citing noise, dust, and safety concerns for runners, bikers, children and families who frequently walk on CR 780 as well as the adjoining gravel roads. Mr. Lenderman also cited concerns about the two school bus routes that run on this road and the conflict a bus and gravel truck meeting on the roadway could cause. He states that he and many other residents of the area pooled money together (<\$60,000) in 1989 to have the road paved by the county. He also states that he has noticed that the sibling of the owner has mine avoided the exit of his mine being not the road adjoining his sibling's golf course. Justice Barnes asked for clarification on which road Mr. Lenderman was referring to. Mr. Lenderman clarified he was referencing the immediate mine exit being on CR 775, which requires traversing CR 780.

**Mark Wendell of 1804 CR 780** approached to vocalize his opposition to the gravel mine pit also. He cites safety concerns as well as concerns for the health and well-being of the roads themselves. He cited the current weight limit being 22 tons while the average gravel truck weighs 26 tons. Justice Cline asked if Mr. Wendell knew whether both CR 775 and CR 776 were gravel all the way out to Highway 141. Mr. Wendell said yes, and that he believes CR 776 would be a better option given it being a straight road that also leads directly to AR Highway 141. Justice Cline agreed that it's important to protect county roadways. Discussion ensued between Justice Barnes, Cline and Longmire regarding the existing structures on CR 776 – culminating in agreement that the only thing on this road to their

knowledge was the North Hills Golf Course clubhouse's parking lot. Justice Cline assured the court that the route would be evaluated by Judge Day if it were approved.

**Mr. Steve Boyd of 1495 CR 780** approached to vocalize his opposition to the gravel mine pit. He states that he worked for the county for many years grading roads and that he firmly believes that the roads will break in and wash out as CR 775 has been known to do in the recent past. He also vocalized concerns for the property values of the properties in the area adjacent to the gravel mine pit.

**Diane Parnell 3829 CR 780** approached to vocalize opposition to the gravel mine pit. She states that she has lived on the road for many years and that the curves and turns as well as the lack of shoulders on the roads make it a very dangerous area for large vehicles such as gravel trucks to traverse. She also vocalized concern for the school bus routes, mail carriers and other members of the community which utilize this road for travel as well as recreational activities such as walking, running and biking.

**Nick Ditto of 1039 CR 775** approached to vocalize opposition to the gravel mine pit. He cites safety concerns due to existing issues with being run off the road by larger trucks from a local trucking company, Hammett Trucking. He also cites concerns about the pollution which will be washed downstream and into the creeks which run directly adjacent to the mine pit property, which will have detrimental effects on both the wildlife and the water quality in these waterways. He also says he is concerned it could affect the creation of the Scenic Byway on Highway 141.

Justice Cline adds that there is an option to add weight restrictions to prevent certain types of vehicles from utilizing the roadways, thereby damaging them. He states there are also restrictions based around natural resources and what those engaging in certain activities are permitted to do to avoid adhering to weight limits.

**Patty Lack of 4108 Forrest Hill Rd** approached to vocalize opposition to the gravel mine pit. She cites safety concerns for children in the area, stating she feels the pit could attract the attention of children and create safety concerns due to their potential entry as well as potential health disadvantages from living nearby the operation. She also recommends the board watch the meeting from June 04 to see how passionately opposed those in attendance were to the creation of the gravel mine pit.

**Kathy Proctor** approached again to claim her additional 30 seconds of time, vocalizing her concern for monitoring the weight limits and speed of vehicles passing by the area, stating that she feels this is currently not being done.

**Frank Mode 176 CR 7802** approached to vocalize opposition to the gravel mine pit. He brought, for the court's consideration, some photo examples of the appearance of the

wooded area prior to his homes' construction, versus the appearance of it halfway through his home's construction – highlighting how quickly the change in density occurred.

A citizen who declined to identify himself states his residence is 1316 Green 737 Rd., but that his family property is at CR 775. He vocalized his opposition and requested if possible that the court consider becoming involved with the state agency responsible for approval of this project as well as considering the option of making a Resolution to oppose it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Williams. All Justices present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 6/8/2026

### **Call to Order:**

Justice Cline called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

### **Attendance:**

Justice Steve Cline, Justice Terry Couch, Justice David Tennison, Justice Garrett Barnes, and Road Department Superintendent John James were present.

### **Road Report:**

John James provided an update on road work and current projects.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, a motion was made by Justice Terry Couch to adjourn, seconded by Justice David Tennison. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

## **Public Services Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 6-8-2026

**Call to Order:** Justice Richard Rogers called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

**Attendance:** Justice Richard Rogers, Justice Linda Allison, and Justice Kevin Williams

### **A Resolution Recommending the Reappointment of Chris Pfeifer to the Philadelphia Fire Protection District Board of Directors**

A motion to send to the full Quorum Court was made by Justice Kevin Williams and seconded by Justice Linda Allison. All in favor. Motion passed. Resolution will go before the full Quorum Court.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Kevin Williams and seconded by Justice Linda Allison. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

## **Finance Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 6-8-2026

**Call to Order:** Josh Longmire called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:** Justice Dan Pasmore, Justice Darrel Cook, Justice Barry Forrest, Justice Rick Myers, County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall and Treasurer Terry McNatt.

### **Tax Collection Report:**

Tax Collection report was included in the packet for review by the committee.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Terry McNatt presented the June 2026 financial report. McNatt noted 71.4% of the 2026 budget left and expenditures being down 2.79 million compared to last year at this time.

### **Public Comment:**

Robin Martin presented information pertaining to election reimbursements. Justice Darrell Cook requested the committee take the time to review the information he compiled and passed out to committee members regarding the election coordinator position.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, Justice Barry Forrest made a motion to adjourn, and Justice Rick Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS PFEIFER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS** ACT 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas states that the County Judge of each county is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the Philadelphia Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS** Chris Pfeifer has served one five term expiring June 27, 2026, and wishes to serve a second term.

**WHEREAS** the said County Judge does hereby make the following re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Fire Protection:

Mr. Chris Pfeifer shall be reappointed to the Philadelphia Fire Protection Board to serve a second five year term set to expire June 27, 2031.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS;** that the above-described appointments will become effective upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk's Office.

DATED: JUNE \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

MARVIN DAY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

MARY DAWN MARSHALL, COUNTY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE  
COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD AND THE CITY OF MONETTE,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, TO PARTNER FOR COMPLETION  
OF ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOB  
101189, AND FOR OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING  
THERE TO**

**WHEREAS**, Craighead County (hereinafter called the County) has offered to partner with the City of Monette and the Arkansas Department of Transportation to fund future improvements in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, a separate Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is being executed herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monette offers to accept ownership and responsibility for the improvements of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County offers to adopt the obligations set forth in the attached MOU; and

**WHEREAS**, the improvements associated with this funding must be federal-aid eligible and any projects established will be handled as schedules and funding allows.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF  
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT:**

**SECTION I:** The County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities in these improvements as set forth in the attached MOU, incorporated by reference and attached as Exhibit "A".

**SECTION II:** The County Judge, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite implementation of these improvements with the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department and the City of Monette, State of Arkansas.

**SECTION III:** The County pledges its full support and hereby requests that the Arkansas Department of Transportation initiate action to implement these improvements.

**THIS RESOLUTION** adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2026.

**APPROVE:**

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County Judge Marvin Day

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Dawn Marshall - County Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR  
ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTERSECTION  
IMPROVEMENTS**

AGREEMENT between the parties, County of Craighead, State of Arkansas, and City of Monette, State of Arkansas, and by and through their respective, Chief Executive Officer, County Judge and Mayor

Background

- A. The parties to this Agreement endorse the mission and goals of improvements along Arkansas State Highway 18 and Arkansas State Highway 139.
- B. The parties recognize and enter into a partnership for expenses and reimbursement between both entities for the Arkansas Department of Transportation, Job 101189.
- C. The parties are acting pursuant to their existing legal authority and this MOU is being established to set forth expectations and guidelines to assist the above entities in the completion of the project and utilization of existing resources and personnel.

Agreement

- D. In creating this partnership and uniting around the goal of intersection improvements along the utilized highways, both parties concur in the mission.

Responsibilities and Obligations of the Parties

- E. The City of Monette will pay the County of Craighead \$75,000.00 by July 1, 2026, with the remainder of the sum of \$298,000.00 to be paid by December 31, 2030. Currently, the estimated costs of completion of the intersection improvements are \$798,000.00.
- F. Each entity bears their own risk of loss during the project and shall not inure any other liability due to the actions of the other entity, their agents, or assigns.
- G. The entities agree to work together and cooperate in good faith and to fully participate and develop the project to conclude this project.
- H. The City of Monette shall own and maintain the signage on the intersection in perpetuity.

Timeline

- I. The above outlined scope and objective shall be contingent on the parties obtaining the necessary resources and personnel. This memorandum of understanding shall be in full force and effect on day of execution.
  
- J. The initial term of this agreement shall be from June 1, 2026 to June 1, 2030.
  
- K. Each party represents to the others that the individual signing this Agreement below has been duly authorized to do so by its respective governing body and that this Agreement is binding and enforceable as to each party and that each will adhere to the terms. Each party represents that their respective legal counsel and fully reviewed this agreement in connection with A.C. A. Section 14-14-910.

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Honorable County Judge  
Craighead County- Marvin Day

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Date

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Mayor  
Monette, State of Arkansas

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Date