

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES

ASSOCIATION MINUTES

August 17, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Arnold at the Peabody in Little Rock at 3:15 p.m. The financial report was distributed for review. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction: The date of the October 2006 meeting should have read October 26.

Jim Pinner with Jim Harris and Associates matches the scholarship funds awarded by the Treasurers' Association. Therefore, Jim Pinner along with the Association President, Jim Arnold, presented a \$500 scholarships to Dallas County Treasurer Lowanna Brumley's granddaughter Abby Kauffman Brumley and Clark County Deputy Treasurer Gloria Hart's daughter Camille Nicole Hart.

David Kraft with legislative audit addressed the group concerning the uniformity of the yearly financial report. He suggested that the treasurers and clerks form a committee to devise a format for the report. He also stated that the treasurers could introduce legislation that would allow for the report to be made available to the general public on a web site. If the legislation is worded correctly, the web site publication could take the place of the newspaper requirement. David also informed the group that the legislative audit office is an advisor to elected officials. Therefore, the committee to devise a uniform financial report must come from the elected officials. He did agree to send a field auditor as an advisor to the committee. It was decided that the committee be made up of two treasurers and two clerks. Jim Arnold asked for volunteers, after asking Eddie Jones to be one of the treasurers on the committee. Jo West Taylor volunteered to be on the committee. David Kraft stated the Jonathan Greer with AAC will coordinate the meetings.

Jim Arnold read the proposed amendments to the Association's by-laws and constitution that would allow the past president to be an ex-officio member of the board. There being no questions, Charlotte Davis made a motion to accept the changes as read, Roger Haney second, and the motion passed unanimously.

A request for volunteers, for the up coming year, for the Good Time Girls committee produced the following: Benton County Diana Ratcliff,

Perry County Jan Moore, Dallas County Owanna Brumley, Phillips County Becky Gattas, and Prairie County Judy Barnett.

Debbie Rogers with State Treasurer's office discussed the Local Sales & Use Tax refunds stating that there are corrections that will be made on September 10, 2005. This correction concerns the highway distribution funds and will be a one time deduction. (See attachment for of counties and the amount to be deducted)

Debbie also stated that some have had a problem faxing their Uniform Rate of Tax report. Her office will set up a site so that the report can be e-mailed to her office for those that wish to do so.

Eddie Jones was asked to answer questions concerning the new laws that went into effect this month. There were some questions about the Common School fund and County Board of Education and Eddie stated that the quorum court has the authority to distribute the fund based on the ADM. Money for Common Schools comes from Timber, Severance, delinquent, and personal tax. He also informed the group that the turn back boating fees comes from licensing of boats.

Eddie also made available to the group a form authorizing the destruction of election stubs prepared by Jonathan Greer with AAC.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Gattas
Secretary