



EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
NO. 2019-0-061

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF POPE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING POPE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2018-O-42; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Repeal of Pope County Ordinance 2018-O-42. That Pope County Ordinance No. 2018-O-42 passed pursuant to an initiative action on or about November 6, 2018 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Emergency Clause. The Pope County Quorum Court hereby finds that currently there is pending litigation that is causing the County to expend significant money in attorneys' fees and costs as well as threatening the delay of benefits derived from an Economic Development Agreement (the "EDA") entered into between Pope County and Cherokee Nation Businesses/Legends Resort & Casino, LLC ("Legends") on or about August 13, 2019. Further, that the delay of the issuance of a license to operate a casino to Legends by the Arkansas Racing Commission would likely result in the loss of millions of dollars in tax revenue and expected payments from the EDA as well as continue to cause the county to incur substantial legal fees. It is imperative for the county to protect and safeguard the rights of its citizens, including contracts and agreements from which it has an expectation of benefits. Therefore this ordinance being necessary for the protection and preservation of public health, safety and/or the property of the people, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in force and shall take effect upon passage by the quorum court and approval by the County Judge.

DATE: 10-28-19

APPROVED:


BEN D. CROSS, COUNTY JUDGE

DATE SIGNED: 10/28/19
@ 6:26 P.M.

ATTEST:


PAM ENNIS, COUNTY CLERK

VOTES FOR: 9 VOTES AGAINST: 4
ABSTAIN: 0 PRESENT: 13 ABSENT: 0

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