

**Arkansas District Judges Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, September 27, 2007  
Arlington Hotel - Arlington Hotel**

The fall meeting of the Arkansas District Judges Council was called to order by Judge John Finley of Ashdown, President.

On a motion by Judge Jack Roberts of Conway, seconded by Judge George Van Hook of El Dorado, the minutes of the April 2007 business meeting were unanimously approved. On a motion by Judge Mike Robinson of Benton, seconded by Judge Wayne Gruber of Pulaski County, the treasurer's report was approved.

Judge Finley called for reports from the following:

Pilot courts – Keith Caviness of the Administrative Office of the Courts reported that the Supreme Court had just handed down the new Administrative Order #18 which sets the jurisdiction for pilot courts.

Judicial Council liaisons – Circuit Judge Kim Smith of Fayetteville, President of the Arkansas Judicial Council, thanked the Council for inviting him and Circuit Judge Ham Singleton of Camden to attend the District Judges Council meeting. Two representatives of the District Judges Council will attend the October 2007 Judicial Council meeting in Fort Smith.

Web site – Judge Rusty Porter of Helena reported that the website committee would have its first meeting on Friday, September 28.

Keith Caviness distributed the 2008 elections guide prepared by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

On a motion by Judge George Van Hook of El Dorado, seconded by Judge Steve Roton of Forrest City, the Council voted to raise dues from \$ 200 to \$250 effective January 1, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay S. Palmer  
District Court Coordinator

Approved by:

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Mike Irwin  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Arkansas District Judges Council

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