

Madison County Officials—2011

Frank Weaver, County Judge
Faron Ledbetter, County Clerk
Phyllis Villines, Circuit Clerk
Phillip Morgan, Sheriff
Will Jones, Assessor
Toni Moffett, Treasurer
Susan Marshall, Collector
James Graber, Surveyor
Jarred Rogers, Coroner



Members of the Quorum Court

Jack E. Hudgins, Rodney Reynolds, Rick McLoud, Pattie Shinn,
Kenny Thomas, T. J. McCollough, Bobby L. Lewis,
Curtis Glenn, Jr., Chance Bryant

The Meaning of the Symbols on the Flag

The basic colors of the flag are red, white, and blue, representing the colors of the United States.

The four red bars represent the four flags that have flown over Arkansas and Madison County: France, Spain, The United States, and the Confederate States of America..

The Shield Symbols

The Eagle represents allegiance to our country.

The plow in the open field honors those pioneers who created our county as well as our historical and future reliance on agriculture.

The beehive is an ancient symbol of industry and commemorates our industries in Madison County.

The hourglass is a symbol of time and represents our proud past as we look forward to an optimistic future.

The effulgent sun rising over the mountains and stream represents the natural beauty of Madison County.

The 175th Anniversary of the founding of Madison County, Arkansas September 30, 1836



The Madison County Courthouse
Huntsville, Arkansas
Saturday, October 1, 2011
11:00 a.m.

Program

Welcome Frank Weaver, Madison County Judge

Invocation Rev. Jim Spurlock

Pledge of Allegiance Guy Roden

Proclamation from the City of Huntsville . . . Mayor Kevin Hatfield

Presentation of Key to the City to Judge Weaver

Introduction of County Officials, Past and Present

By current county officials

Congratulatory Letters and Citations

From Governor Mike Beebe

From State Senator Randy Laverty

From State Representative Davis Brascum

From U.S. Senators John Boozman and Mark Pryor

From Congressman Steve Womack represented by Jeff Thacker,
Field Representative

A short history of Madison County Joy Russell, President,
The Madison County Genealogical and Historical Society

The history and unveiling of the Madison County Flag

Original design by Kim Gabbard

Graphic design by Spencer Marsh

Following the ceremonies, you are invited to visit the historical photographic exhibits on display in the main hallways of the courthouse courtesy of the Madison County Genealogical and Historical Society.

Across the street in the Masonic Hall, the Otto Grubbs historical models are on display. These models are representations of historic Madison County and other NW Arkansas buildings. (courtesy of Charles K. Grubbs and Huntsville Lodge No. 364, F.& A.M).

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony by Madison County 4-H

Madison County

Madison County, located in Northwest Arkansas, is located in the 2nd tier of Arkansas counties and is bordered on the north, by Carroll County, on the east by Carroll and Newton counties, on the south by Franklin and Johnson counties, and on the west by Washington and Benton counties. The county has an area of 836 square miles with an average elevation of 1,200 ft.

Madison County was created from part of Washington County on September 30, 1836 by the state legislature and was named in honor of President James Madison. Huntsville, the county seat was formally laid out the following year and is the home of the Madison County Courthouse, The Madison County Genealogical and Historical Society, The Wes Fowler Public Library, the county Road and Bridge shops, the 911 messaging and mapping center, The Madison County Recycling Center, and the EMS station. Two former Governors have come from Madison County, Isaac Murphy (1864-1868) and Orval E. Faubus (1955—1967) and was the home of James Johnson, who was elected to two terms in Congress, served as Lt. Governor of Arkansas and Secretary of State after the Civil War.

The County is sparsely populated with a 2010 census of 15,717 and is known for its abundance of natural beauty. Poultry and beef cattle are raised throughout the county and the county is part of the Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Statistical Area. Four major Arkansas Rivers have their head-waters in Madison County: the White, Kings, War Eagle, and Mulberry with the Kings River being the first stream in Arkansas to receive legislative recognition and protection. Kings River Falls is protected by a state-owned 17 acre natural area as is Sweden Creek Falls which has an 80 ft. waterfall. Two wildlife management areas are located in the county, Madison County Wildlife Management Area and the White Rock Wildlife Management Area. War Eagle Creek flows through Withrow Springs State Park which offers family recreation, including camping, fishing, and canoeing.

