



SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

DATE-----March 15, 2021

PLACE-----Saline County Courthouse, Courtroom #3

6:30 P.M.-----Call Meeting to Order

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLERK: Call the Roll

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Ordinance Adding Roads to the County Road System (2nd Reading)

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "B": Ordinance Adding Road to the County Road System (1st Reading)

Exhibit "C": Appointment to the Northeast Saline County Fire Protection District Board

Exhibit "D": Ordinance Appropriating County General Funds— Saline County Emergency Communications Center

Exhibit "E": Ordinance Transferring 911 Emergency Services Funds to Salary and Benefits

Exhibit "F": Ordinance Appropriating County General Funds—Sheriff's Office

ADD ON:

Exhibit "G": Ordinance Appropriating Funds for District Court Related Technology

Exhibit "H": Resolution Authorizing 2021-2022 STOP Grant Application

Exhibit "I": Resolution Authorizing 2021-2022 VOCA Grant Application

COMMENTS

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Tuesday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom #3 in the Saline County Courthouse. Proceedings were held in person and all Quorum Court members were present. County Judge Jeff Arey called the meeting to order. Justice of the Peace Jim Whitley gave the invocation and Judge Arey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all members present. Those attending via Zoom were Pat Bisbee, Everette Hatcher, Barbara Howell, Mark Grimmert, Tammy Schmidt, and Keith Keck.

Saline County Civil Attorney Will Gruber, Comptroller Angie Drummond, County Judge Administrative Manager Vicki Hopkins, and County Clerk Doug Curtis, were present.

Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to approve Exhibit "A" – Ordinance Adding Roads to the County Road System (1st reading). Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to read the title only of an ordinance Amending the Personnel Policy to obtain Federal grant funds. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to approve the ordinance amending the Personnel Policy to obtain Federal grant funds; DOJ Background Check Standards referenced in Ordinance Attached as Exhibit "B1". Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Ordinance 2021-2.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to read the title only of an ordinance creating policy regarding vehicle allowance for certain county elected officials. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to approve the ordinance creating policy regarding vehicle allowance for certain county elected officials. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Ordinance 2021-3.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to read the title only of an ordinance transferring and appropriating funds as a result of the policy change regarding the vehicle allowance. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve the ordinance transferring and appropriating funds as a result of the policy change regarding the vehicle allowance. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Ordinance 2021-4

Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to read the title only of an ordinance transferring and appropriating funds between various budgets. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Barbara Howell and seconded by J. R. Walters to approve the ordinance transferring and appropriating funds between various budgets. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Ordinance 2021-5.

COMMENTS:

Judge Arey took a moment to thank the Road Department and the OEM office and 911 Operators for their hard work during the ice/snow storm last week. He also took a minute to discuss the issues with the water systems and thanked all the offices involved for their hard work and cooperation in solving the problems. He also thanked the citizens for making the effort to conserve water.

Motion made to adjourn by J.R. Walters and seconded by David Gibson. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 92-36 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING ROADS TO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM".

Article 1. The following roads in Saline County have been inspected and found to be in compliance with Ordinances 88-32 and 99-47 and therefore eligible to be included in the county road system. Therefore, these roads are hereby accepted and added to the County Road System.

Marian Cove	167 Feet
Hampton Drive	1,032 Feet of Extension
Avilla Cove Dr.	334 Feet
Wingate Dr.	565 Feet of Extension
Frederick Cove	168 Feet
Navajo Way	1,403 Feet

Article 2. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATED: March 15, 2021

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT #12

2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 92-36 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADDING ROADS TO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM".

Article 1. The following roads in Saline County have been inspected and found to be in compliance with Ordinances 88-32 and 99-47 and therefore eligible to be included in the county road system. Therefore, these roads are hereby accepted and added to the County Road System.

Banded Lane

790 Feet

Article 2. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATED: March 15, 2021

APPROVED _____

JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST _____

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT #12

1st Reading

APPOINTMENT

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT TO
THE NORTHEAST SALINE COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD**

WHEREAS, Board member Darren Corbin resigned as a member of the Northeast Saline County Fire Protection District Number One ("Northeast Fire Department") Board, thus creating a vacancy. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Northeast Fire Department Board and the citizens of said District that **David Pepper** be appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Corbin's term as a Board member.

Therefore, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-284-208, **David Pepper** is hereby appointed for the remainder of the term on said Board to expire on November 1, 2021.

**JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE**

DATE: March 15, 2021

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SALINE COUNTY
911 EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021".

Article 1. Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

Fund 3020 – 911 Emergency Fund
Dept 0501 – 911 Emergency Services
Line Item 4004 – Capital Outlay – Machinery & Equipment \$145,309.46

Article 2. These funds are to replace and install a new generator for the Saline County Emergency Communications Center. The City of Benton will reimburse the County for their percentage of the costs in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement. Anticipated revenues for Fund 3020 will be increased for the amount of \$145,309.46.

Article 3. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: MARCH 15, 2021

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

"AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING SALINE COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDS TO SALARY AND BENEFITS."

WHEREAS, the County has consolidated 911 emergency operations with the City of Benton; and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for managing the operations of the consolidated 911 department; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that some of the current City positions and all new hires will become County positions as of March 20, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Article 1. Funds are hereby transferred as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0121	Lead Comm. Operator	\$34,056.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0122	Lead Comm. Operator	\$34,056.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0123	Comm. Operator	\$28,718.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0124	Comm. Operator	\$27,672.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0125	Comm. Operator	\$27,672.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0126	Comm. Operator	\$27,672.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0127	Comm. Operator	\$27,728.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0128	Comm. Operator	\$26,620.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0129	Comm. Operator	\$26,620.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.0130	Comm. Operator	\$26,620.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.1006	Social Security Match	\$73,505.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.1008	Retirement Match	\$44,035.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.1009	Health Ins. Match	\$42,477.00
3020.0501.3132	Reimb.- City of Benton	3020.0501.1030	Holiday Pay	\$30,796.00

Total Funds Transferred \$478,247.00

Article 2. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: MARCH 15, 2021

APPROVED: _____

JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT NO.12

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SALINE COUNTY
GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2021".

Article 1. Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

Fund 1000 – County General Fund
Dept 0400 – Sheriff
Line Item 2023 – Parts & Repairs

\$98.83

Article 2. These funds were received from a vendor to reimburse the County for an expense. The anticipated revenues for the County General Fund shall be increased by \$98.83.

Article 3. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: MARCH 15, 2021

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT #12

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTRICT COURT RELATED TECHNOLOGY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the City of Benton and the County of Saline in cooperation and in conjunction with each other provide local access for the public to the judicial system through the District Court of Saline, Benton Division; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 allows the District Court to collect an installment fee each month on each account that the Judge allows a defendant to make time payments on and said installment fees are collected and deposited each month in an account held by the City of Benton entitled the "District Court Automation Fund" solely for the purpose of district court-related technology, and;

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 requires that expenditures from the District Court Automation Fund be approved by the District Judge and authorized by the City Council of the City of Benton and the Quorum Court of the County of Saline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Article 1. That the amount of \$12,520.00, currently held in the District Court Automation Fund, is hereby authorized and appropriated to be spent on district court-related technology.

Article 2. That the City of Benton Chief Financial Officer, upon joint approval by the Quorum Court of Saline County, is authorized to transfer said amount from the District Court Automation Fund and pay for district court-related technology.

Article 3. It is hereby found and determined that the immediate passage of this Ordinance is necessary for the continued efficient maintenance of the District Court of Saline County and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATE: MARCH 15, 2021

APPROVED: _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT NO.12

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT

A RESOLUTION authorizing the grant application process for the 2021-2022 STOP Grant program, and providing other assurances.

WHEREAS, enhancing Saline County law enforcement is an ongoing need which can be met by the continued employment of victim justice and assistance and certified law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, the continuation funding requested through the 2021-2022 STOP Grant Program will provide ongoing investigation of domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, the position of Saline County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit Detective funded by the STOP Program has been grant funded since 2003 with federal funds received as a sub-grant from the State of Arkansas, Office of Intergovernmental Services, Victim Justice and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement for the STOP Grant Program is 28%, and the major part of this match requirements is met with volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Saline County Quorum Court have had an opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the grant application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saline County Quorum Court hereby authorizes and directs the Saline County Grants Administrator to submit the STOP grant application.

DATE: MARCH 15, 2021

APPROVED: _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE
CEO OF SALINE COUNTY

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT #12

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 2

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT

A RESOLUTION authorizing the preliminary grant application process for the 2021 - 2022 VOCA Grant program.

WHEREAS, enhancing Saline County law enforcement and service to victims of domestic violence is an ongoing need which can be met by the continued employment of victim justice and assistance personnel; and

WHEREAS, the continuation funding to be requested through the 2021 - 2022 VOCA Grant Program will provide ongoing assistance for victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate position funded by the VOCA Grant Program has been grant funded since 2007 with federal funds received as sub-grants from the State of Arkansas, Office of Intergovernmental Services, Victim Justice and Assistance Program (DFA/IGS/VJA); and

WHEREAS, the match requirement for the VOCA Grant Program is 20%; and is met by the employment of a County-paid Victim Advocate who performs the same duties, and

WHEREAS, members of the Saline County Quorum Court have had an opportunity to review and comment on this notification; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saline County Quorum Court hereby authorizes and directs the Saline County Grants Administrator to submit the VOCA Grant Application.

DATE: MARCH 15, 2021

APPROVED: _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE
(CEO OF SALINE COUNTY)

Attest: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT #12