



SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

DATE-----May 17, 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 (3rd Reading)

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "B": Ordinance providing for expansion of electronic funds transfer system

Exhibit "C": Ordinance establishing special revenue fund for American Rescue Plan funds

Exhibit "D": Good Neighbor Award Resolution

Action Item 1: Involuntary demotion of Transport Officer to Detention Officer, with pay set at \$14.19, retroactive to March 29, 2021

ADD ON:

Informational Item

COMMENTS

approved 5/17/2021
Jm

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2021**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom #3 in the Saline County Courthouse. Proceedings were held in person and by ZOOM, 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, Barbara Howell, Everett Hatcher, and Mark Grimmatt.

Saline County Attorney Will Gruber, Human Resources Administrator Christy Peterson, Saline County Sheriff Rodney Wright, Saline County Collector Holly Sanders, OEM Director Brandon Gulliot, OEM Assistant Director Kevin Jones, Comptroller Angie Drummond, Saline County Clerk Doug Curtis, Saline County Assessor Bob Ramsey, County Judge Administrative Assistant Vicki Hopkins, and County Clerk Chief Deputy Lisa Montgomery were present.

Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Keith Keck to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS: Justice of the Peace Jim Whitley presented a Proclamation and plaque for Good Neighbor Award to David Southerland for his good citizenship and willingness to help so many fellow citizens during the recent snowstorm. Justice Jim Whitley also stated that this award would become an annual event honoring those in the community that exhibit exemplary citizenship in their communities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to read titles only on all ordinances. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Third reading of Exhibit A: Ordinance Adding Roads to the County Road System, Marian Cove, et al. Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2021-10.

Second reading of Exhibit B: Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Keith Keck to approve second reading. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit C: Ordinance Authorizing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to be entered into for Exclusive Franchise for Emergency Medical Services: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement included

as "Exhibit 1". Motion made by J.R. Walters to approve ordinance and seconded by Carlton Billingsley. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2021-11.

COMMENTS: J.P. Tammy Schmidt announced that Amanda Wallace, daughter of Ann Sanders who is the Director of the Saline County Humane Society, was currently in labor with her first child.

J.P. Jim Whitley announced that New Beginnings Church/Go Fresh Food Drive had again fed over 2000 people last month.

Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to adjourned. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 12

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: May 17, 2021

APPROVED



JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST


DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

EXHBIT "B"

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AN ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR OTHER APROVED WARRANTS DEEMED NECESSARY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated 14-24-121(a) allows for the Quorum Court of each county to establish an electronic funds transfer system in payment of any account allowed against the county; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated 14-24-121(cc) further stated that a single electronic funds transfer may contain payments to multiple payees, appropriations, characters, and funds; and

WHEREAS, to reduce costs and increase efficiency, the Financial Management Office, with the support of the County Treasurer's Office, needs to make electronic funds transfers for not only payroll direct deposits but also, for payroll taxes, APERS, employee benefits, voluntary payroll products, Department of Finance and Administration Sales and Use Tax, and any approved electronic funds transfers deemed necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Saline County, Arkansas that:

Article 1. That the electronic funds transfer system is hereby amended for Saline County.

Article 2. That the county established an electronic payment system with Emergency Ordinance 2019-05 which provides for internal accounting controls and documentation for audit and accounting purposes.

Article 3. That the county's electronic payment method and warrant transfer system was reviewed by Legislative Audit on December 3, 2015.

Article 4. That the county's electronic funds transfer system complies with the information systems best practices and was approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee on March 4, 2016, as per Arkansas Code Annotated 14-24-121.

Article 5. As time is of the essence in getting the electronic funds transfer system established 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: May 17, 2021

APPROVED: 

JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 14

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE CALLED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Article 1. Affirmation. It comes before this Court that there is a need to establish a special revenue fund on the books of the county to track the revenues, expenditures and/or appropriated transfers of federal assistance through the American Rescue Plan Act. This Court recognizes and affirms the need for such a fund to properly account for and control all such revenues received and expenditures made in compliance with all applicable laws and guidance from the U.S. Treasury.

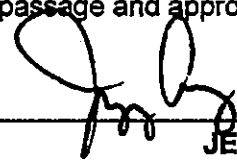
Article 2. Establishment of Fund. There is hereby created on the books of the Saline County Treasurer and the books of the Saline County Clerk or Comptroller a special revenue fund to be known as the American Rescue Plan Fund with a fund number of 3046 as assigned by Arkansas Legislative Audit. The revenue code for the federal assistance through the ARP Act, as assigned by Legislative Audit, is 7115 – Federal Coronavirus Relief.

Article 3. Operation of Fund. The American Rescue Plan Fund is subject to all the normal county budgeting, appropriation and expenditure regulations of Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 14 and the County Financial Management System implemented in accordance with § 14-21-101. Funds must be used only in accordance with guidelines issued by the U.S. Treasury concerning the legal expenditures of revenues received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 11-2), which established the Federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Proper records and documentation must be maintained for federal audit purposes.

Article 4. Emergency Clause. It is found by this Court that the deposit of federal assistance funds from the American Rescue Plan Act are imminent making it necessary to establish the American Rescue Plan Fund in order to be able to properly track the revenue, appropriated expenditures and/or appropriated transfers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and approval.

Dated: MAY 17, 2021

APPROVED



**JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE**

Attest:



**DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 4

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR AN ANNUAL QUORUM COURT "GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD."

WHEREAS, the Saline County Quorum Court awarded a Good Neighbor Award on April 19, 2021 to David Southerland, who is a positive influence in his community, assisting those in need, whether it is by pulling stranded motorists during a snow storm or in countless other ways; and,

WHEREAS, the Saline County Quorum Court has determined that it is in the best interest of Saline County to implement an annual Good Neighbor Award.

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

SECTION 1. Each Quorum Member may nominate one (1) constituent from their District for the annual Good Neighbor Award at the March Committee(s) Meeting.

SECTION 2. A petition must be submitted with at least ten signatures from District residents in support of the nomination for the Good Neighbor Award.

SECTION 3. The Quorum Court will review and vote on the annual Good Neighbor Award at the March Quorum Court Meeting.

SECTION 4. The Quorum Court will present the winner of the annual Good Neighbor Award at the April Quorum Court Meeting.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATED: May 17, 2021

APPROVED



JEFF AREY

SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST



DOUG CURTIS

SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSORS: SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT