



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----July 19, 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:

NEW BUSINESS:

Informational Item: Elizabeth Bowles from Aristotle—Broadband Presentation

Exhibit "A": Proclamation in Support of Benton Lady Panthers Softball Team

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

Exhibit "C": Appointment to Saline County Library Board

Exhibit "D": Appointment to Saline County Library Board

Exhibit "E": Resolution Expressing Willingness to Utilize STBG Program Funds for the Southwest Trail

Exhibit "F": Resolution in Support of Fiscal Year 2021 JAG Program

Exhibit "G": Ordinance Amending 2021 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2020-46

Exhibit "H": Ordinance Appropriating Airport Funds and Establishing Compensation—Saline County Airport

Action Item 1: Saline County Sheriff's Office—Movement of Chief Deputy Pay to Midpoint

Action Item 2: Saline County Sheriff's Office—Movement of Detention Lieutenant Pay to Budgeted Amount

ADD ON:

COMMENTS:

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
JULY 19, 2021

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom #3 in the Saline County Courthouse. 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 eleven members present. Carlton Billingsley and David Gibson were absent.

County Clerk Chief Deputy Lisa Montgomery announced that this would be her final Quorum Court meeting to attend and introduced Lydia Brown, who will be taking her place at the Quorum Court meetings taking minutes and calling the roll upon Ms. Montgomery's retirement effective July 24, 2021.

Saline County Circuit Clerk Myka Sample, Circuit Clerk Chief Deputy Ragan Kyzer, County Judge Administrative Assistant Vicki Hopkins, County Attorney Will Gruber, Comptroller Angie Drummond, County Sheriff Chief Deputy Dustin Robertson, Election Commissioner Jamie Clemmer, County Clerk Doug Curtis, County Clerk Voter Registrar Lydia Brown, and County Clerk Chief Deputy Lisa Montgomery were present.

Motion was made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021 quorum court meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Informational Item: Elizabeth Bowles from Aristotle was unable to attend.

Exhibit A: Judge Arey presented a Proclamation in Support to the Benton Lady Panthers Softball Team and Heidi Cox-Coach in honor of their exemplary winning season and State Championship. The team received a standing ovation.

Exhibit B: Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Pat Bisbee to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Adding Roads to the Saline County Road system. Motion passed by voice vote.

Exhibit C: Motion made by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve the appointment of Allison Nolly to the Saline County Library Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026. Motion passed by voice vote.

Exhibit D: Motion made by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve the appointment of Laine Holleran to the Saline County Library Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Motion passed by voice vote.

Exhibit E: Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Mark Grimmatt to approve a Resolution Expressing Willingness to Utilize STBG Program Funds for the Southwest Trail. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2021-6.

Exhibit F: Motion made by Barbara Howell and seconded by J.R. Walters to approve a Resolution in Support of Fiscal Year 2021 JAG Program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2021-7.

Exhibit G: Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Jim Whitley to approve an Ordinance Amending 2021 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2020-46. John Camp (?) presented explanation of the necessity for support of this ordinance. Josh Curtis also spoke on his support of it as well. Roll call vote was taken with eleven members voting yes, two members were absent. Motion passed. Ordinance 2021-16.

Exhibit H: Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Mark Grimmatt to approve an Ordinance Appropriating Airport Funds and Establishing Compensation for Saline County Airport. Roll call vote was taken with eleven members voting yes, two members were absent. Motion passed. Ordinance 2021-17.

Motion was made by Jim Whitley and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to address Action Item 1 and Action Item 2 at the same time with one vote. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Jim Whitley and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to approve Action Item 1- Movement of Chief Deputy Pay to Midpoint; and Action Item 2- Movement of Detention Lieutenant Pay to Budgeted Amount. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMENTS: Mark Grimmatt mentioned that Fidelity Communications had received an infusion of funds to make improvements to service in the County.

Motion made to adjourn by J.R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

2021 LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL TEAM

WHEREAS: the Benton Lady Panthers Softball Team (Lady Panthers) impressively completed the 2021 season by going undefeated, 30-0, and winning all 14 5A Central Conference games played; and,

WHEREAS: the Lady Panthers shut out 18 opponents and won all of their 5A Central Conference games by at least nine (9) runs; and,

WHEREAS: the Lady Panthers assertively defeated Class 6A powers Bentonville (twice), Cabot (twice), Bryant, and Rogers, outscoring Bryant, Bentonville and Cabot 38-5; and,

WHEREAS: Lady Panthers Coach Heidi Cox noted in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that because of the impact of COVID-19 during the 2020 season, it taught the team not to take anything for granted, and the team did not take anything for granted; and,

WHEREAS: the Lady Panthers decisively defeated the Greenwood Lady Bulldogs, 8-1, in the 5A Central Conference Championship Game on May 20, winning the 2021 State Championship; and,

WHEREAS: the Lady Panthers have now won four (4) State Championships; and,

WHEREAS: Coach Heidi Cox was named the Outstanding Girls Coach of the Year and Softball Coach of the Year; and,

WHEREAS: the Saline County Quorum Court, all of the Saline County elected officials and employees, and the citizens of Saline County are very proud of the accomplishments of the Lady Panthers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Arey, Saline County Judge, along with the Saline County Quorum Court, do hereby recognize and heartily congratulate the 2021 Benton Lady Panthers Softball Team for their tremendous achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the County of Saline, Benton, Arkansas, on the 19th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 2021.

Jeff Arey, Saline County Judge

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.

Avilla Hills Cove	828 Feet
Ferndale Cove	1,025 Feet
Saddle Ridge Road	782 Feet of Extension
Reuben Drive	1,058 Feet of Extension
Indigo Valley Road	1,317 Feet

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

DATED: July 19, 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 SALINE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

WHEREAS, Board member Susan Benzick resigned as a member of the Saline County Public Library Board, thus creating a vacancy. **Allison Nolly** was appointed on December 21, 2020 to fill the remainder of Ms. Benzick's term, which was set to expire on June 30, 2021.

WHEREAS, it is considered to be in the best interest of the Library Board and the citizens of Saline County that **Allison Nolly** be appointed to the Library Board for a full term.

Therefore, in accordance with Ordinance No. 78-1, **Allison Nolly** is hereby appointed for a five (5) year term to a term on said Board to expire on June 30, 2026.



JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

DATE: July 19, 2021

APPOINTMENT

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT TO
THE SALINE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

WHEREAS, Board member Dustin Sanders has resigned as a member of the Saline County Public Library Board, thus creating a vacancy. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Library Board and the citizens of Saline County that Laine Holleran be appointed to fill this vacancy.

Therefore, in accordance with Ordinance No. 78-1, Laine Holleran is hereby appointed to a term on said Board to expire on June 30, 2022.



JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

DATE: July 19, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 6

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF SALINE COUNTY TO UTILIZE
FEDERAL-AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, Saline County understands the Federal-aid Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match to develop or improve the Southwest Trail; and

WHEREAS, Saline County understands the Federal-aid Funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual money reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

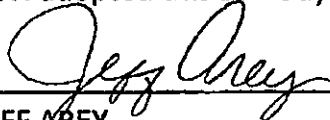
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


SECTION I: Saline County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

SECTION II: Saline County Judge Jeff Arey is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

SECTION III: Saline County pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation to initiate action to implement this project

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 19th day of July, 2021

APPROVED: 
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 7

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT

A RESOLUTION authorizing the grant application process for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – FY 2021 Local Solicitation, and providing other assurances.

WHEREAS, the need for additional radios for Saline County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies is an ongoing need; and

WHEREAS, the need for radios and other small equipment to assist Saline County Sheriff's Office is compliant with the National Preparedness Goal, and

WHEREAS, the funding requested through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – FY 2021 Local Solicitation will provide \$15,054 to address these needs, and matching funds are not required; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Saline County Quorum Court have had an opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Quorum Court Assures the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance that the application or any future amendments have been or will be made public and an opportunity to comment has been or will be provided to citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saline County Quorum Court hereby authorizes and directs the Saline County Grants Administrator to submit the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - FY 2021 Local Solicitation grant application.

DATE: JULY 19, 2021

APPROVED: _____


JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

Attest: _____


DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

EXHIBIT "G"

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 16

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

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2020-46; TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's office had a part-time employee who met the hourly and 90-day threshold that required wages to be subject to both retirement benefits and withholding through Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) due to the number of hours worked in a consecutive 90-day time period by such employee. The Public Defender requests to transfer \$1,025.64 from the Public Defender Fund, Small Equipment line item to the Retirement line item (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requests funds of \$536.46 be appropriated to the salary line item for additional pay for the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant for bilingual language skills and duties (Article 2); and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee previously met and approved this request.

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

Article 1. That the sum of \$1,025.64 is hereby transferred in the Public Defender Fund budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3024.0417.2002	Small Equipment	3024.0417.1008	Retirement	\$1,025.64

Article 2. That the sum of \$536.46 is hereby appropriated in the County General Fund, Sheriff Department budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0400.0142	Sheriff Admin. Assistant	\$536.46

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

DATE: JULY 19, 2021

APPROVED


JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 17

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

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REVENUE, ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A NEW AIRPORT MAINTENANCE/ATTENDANT POSITION IN THE AIRPORT FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021".

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has approved a new full-time position, Airport Maintenance/Attendant, for the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the County Financial Management Department is responsible for the payroll of Airport employees; and

WHEREAS, the appropriated expenses will be reimbursed by the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District and the County Judge requests to amend the 2021 budget and appropriate anticipated revenues in the Airport Fund for the amount of \$19,657.64; and

WHEREAS, the position shall only exist as long as the reimbursement is received; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee previously met and approved this request.

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

Article 1. Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3037.8725	Revenues - Reimbursement - Miscellaneous	<u>\$19,657.64</u>
3037.0900.0102	Airport Maintenance/Attendant	\$14,260.00
3037.0900.1006	Social Security Match	\$ 1,100.00
3037.0900.1008	Retirement Match	\$ 2,200.00
3037.0900.1009	Health Ins. Match	<u>\$ 2,097.64</u>
Total Funds Appropriated		<u>\$19,657.64</u>

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

DATE: JULY 19, 2021

APPROVED:


JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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