



## **SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA**

**DATE**-----August 16, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**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**

**Informational Item: Presentation from Kris Elliott Boulton, County Extension Agent-Staff Chair**

**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 Grimmett 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 Grimmett 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 Grimmett 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.

## 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: September 20, 2021

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
JEFF AREY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

2nd Reading

EXHIBIT B

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 18

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 ANTICIPATE REVENUES, APPROPRIATE, AND TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND , FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the County Judge has received a total of \$15,147.52 from the Saline County Fairgrounds, the Saline County Airport Commission, and I CAN! of Arkansas as reimbursement for insurance premiums paid for each entity on their behalf and would like to appropriate these funds in the County General Fund, Financial Management Department budget (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, The County Judge requests to amend the 2021 budget and appropriate anticipated revenues in the County General Fund for the amount of \$15,147.52 (Article 1); and,

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

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

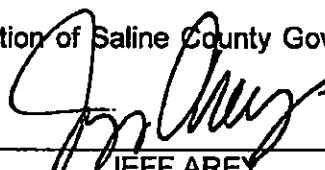
Article 1. That the sum of \$15,147.52 is hereby appropriated as anticipated revenues in the County General Fund budget and the sum of \$15,147.52 is hereby appropriated in the County General Fund, Financial Management Department budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.8301	Insurance Premiums	\$15,147.52
1000.0113.3058	General Insurance	\$15,147.52

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

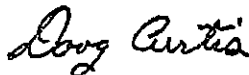
DATE: AUGUST 16, 2021

APPROVED



JEFF AREY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 19**

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

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-10 TO ADDRESS LEAVE POLICIES IN TIMES OF A PUBLIC-HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Asa Hutchinson has declared a public-health emergency due to the COVID-19 virus entering Arkansas;

**WHEREAS**, quarantine is one of the recommended management tools by the CDC to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the quarantine period recommended by the CDC is up to fourteen days ("applicable period") from the date of exposure;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the County, it's employees, and the public, that persons who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 be able to remain in quarantine for the applicable period;

**WHEREAS**, the County is attempting to ensure employees are able to remain in quarantine for the applicable period, or are able to remain in quarantine after having a confirmed case of COVID-19, without suffering undue hardship which may be created by limited availability of leave;

**NOW THEREFORE;**

- 1) During a state of public health emergency declared by the Governor due to COVID-19, the following rules will be in place:
- 2) Employees must quarantine or self-isolate, due to a close contact with someone who has COVID-19 (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative period total of 15 minute or more over a 24-hour period) or a positive COVID-19 test, for the applicable period set forth in CDC guidance.
  - a. The Employee, their supervisor, or their elected official shall provide notice within two (2) business days to the Human Resources Department of the employee subject to quarantine or self-isolation.
  - b. The Employee's supervisor or their elected official must keep up with the applicable time and provide that information to the Human Resources Department before the end of the current pay period.
  - c. To come back to work after a required quarantine or self-isolation, the Employee must provide a doctor's note, letter from the Arkansas Department of Health ("ADH"), or be cleared to return by the Human Resources Department.
- 3) Employees required to quarantine or self-isolate, as set forth in Section two (2), or who have school-age children living in the Employee's home, who have experienced a school/daycare closing or classroom closing due to COVID-19, or who are required to quarantine or isolate,

shall provide documentation from their medical provider, the ADH, or the school/daycare. Subject Employees who meet those requirements will not be subject to discipline for attendance. The following provides the order of options available to an eligible Employee:

- a. First, those Employees with positions that enable them to work from home, may do so, for the applicable period, at the discretion of their elected official or supervisor;
  - b. Second, those Employees that are unable to work from home, must utilize their paid leave (personal, vacation, comp, or sick), during the applicable period;
  - c. Third, those Employees that are unable to work from home, are eligible to be paid up to 112 hours total by the County ("County leave"), after exhausting their paid leave, to be utilized while this ordinance is in effect;
  - d. Fourth, those Employees, including those Employees within their probationary period, unable to work from home, after exhausting their paid leave and County leave, may have up to 112 hours total donated to them, to be utilized while this ordinance is in effect; or,
  - e. Fifth, those Employees unable to work from home, after exhausting their paid leave, County leave, and donated leave, may accrue a deficit balance of up to 40 hours total, to be utilized while this ordinance is in effect.
- 4) Employees who choose to take time off during this declared public-health emergency for any reason other than those listed above, are still subject to the regular leave provisions as outlined in the County Personnel Policy.
  - 5) Essential personnel, as deemed by the elected official, are expected at work and can only be released from their duties by prior approval from the elected official. Such essential personnel, if critical infrastructure workers, as contemplated by the CDC, may be required to continue to work, if they were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, as long as they are asymptomatic. The Human Resources Department will advise elected officials on the relevant CDC guidance and how to apply the CDC guidance to workers governed by this Section.
  - 6) REVIEW: This Ordinance will be reviewed at the December 20, 2021 Quorum Court meeting, for a determination on whether to continue the Ordinance, amend it, or repeal it.
  - 7) RETROACTIVITY: This Ordinance is deemed to be retroactive to July 29, 2021. To the greatest extent possible, the Human Resources Department is to work with any impacted Employees to ensure they have the benefits set forth herein.
  - 8) SEVERABILITY: If any part of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.
  - 9) All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
  - 10) EMERGENCY CLAUSE. There is significant risk to public health and safety posed by the spread of COVID-19. The Saline County Quorum Court has determined that this Ordinance

is necessary to help prevent the spread of the illness within the County and to members of the general public who may visit county offices. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare, shall be effective from and after its date of passage.

DATE: August 16, 2021

APPROVED: 

JEFF AREY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 

DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

CO-SPONSORS:

PAT BISBEE, JP DISTRICT #1  
EVERETTE HATCHER, JP DISTRICT #2  
CARLTON BILLINGSLEY, JP DISTRICT #3  
BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4  
MARK GRIMMETT, JP DISTRICT #5  
TAMMY SCHMIDT, JP DISTRICT #6  
JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7  
ED ALBARES, JP DISTRICT #8  
DAVID GIBSON, JP DISTRICT #9  
JIM WHITLEY, JP DISTRICT #10  
CLINT CHISM, JP DISTRICT #11  
J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT #12  
KEITH KECK, JP DISTRICT #13



# Your Saline County

Cooperative Extension Service

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**DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE  
RESEARCH & EXTENSION**

University of Arkansas System

## Annual Update

### 2021 Saline County Extension Education Outreach

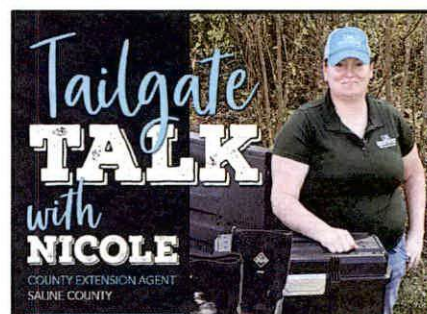
**80,907 Total Educational Contact**

**11,980 Total County Volunteer Hours**

**\$341,909 Value of Volunteer Time**

#### Agriculture & Natural Resources 20,031 Contacts

- 92 Master Gardeners
  - 3,680 Volunteer Hours at a Value of \$105,027
- Samples
  - 1,703 Soil
  - 125 Diagnostic Digital Imaging
  - 21 Hay Samples
- 166 Site Visits
- 97 Heifer Bangs Vaccinations
- Cattle parasite treatment program
- Demonstrations:
  - Tomato, Sweet Corn, Deer Abatement, Pollinator Bed, Cattle Parasites



#### Community Development 2,649 Contacts

- 7 Community Organization Coalitions - Advisors
- Census 2020 & Ballot Issues
  - 14 Social Media Posts, 9,386 Contacts with 252 Engagements
  - 8 presentations, 7 Social Media posts with 7,959 Contacts
- 24 Arkansas PTAC Contracts for \$4,202,391 resulting in 89 jobs

#### Family & Consumer Sciences 29,412 Contacts

- Best Care – Child Care Training for 185 Providers
- “Connecting with Kris” Weekly Videos & Blog Posts
  - 56 Videos
  - 52,135 Contacts, 5,721 Engagements
- 71 Extension Homemakers
  - 6,650 Volunteer Hours
  - Value of \$189,791
- 3,112 Face Masks Donated
- 3,458 SNAP-Ed Contacts
- 39 ServSafe Trained



## Saline County 4-H Program

### Overview of Program:

- **164** County 4-H Members
- **9** County 4-H Clubs
- **25** County 4-H Volunteers
- **28,815** Educational Contacts
- 4-H Volunteer Hours: **1,650**
- Value of Volunteer Time: **\$47,091**



### Key Programs & Activities Conducted:

- Congressional Awards – 1 Bronze Recipient
- 11 Record Books – 6 District winners, 1 Advanced State winner
- Poultry BBQ Contest – 4 County winners, 2 District winners, 1 State winner
- Ross Photography Contest – 41 photo submissions, 14 youth participants
- Dairy Recipe Contest – 2 youth participants
- Money Matters Virtual Workshop – 146 viewers
- Yoga for Kids Virtual Workshop (Youth Led) – 147 viewers, 13 youth volunteers
- First Aid Workshop (Youth Led) – 17 youth attendees, 6 youth volunteers
- Nature Journaling Workshop – 15 youth attendees
- Beginner & Intermediate Drone Workshops – 15 youth attendees
- Beginner Sewing Workshop – 7 youth attendees
- Painting Workshop – 11 youth attendees
- Cloverbud “Take-Home” Workshop – 4 youth participants
- Salsa Canning Workshop: 8 youth attendees, 55 homemade jars of salsa
- Teen Leadership Camp – 9 youth attendees
- Pullet Chain – 11 participants
- 3 New County Clubs: Dog Club, Junior Master Gardeners, Horse Club
- County, District and State O-Rama
  - County O-Rama: 11 participants, 6 youth volunteers
  - District O-Rama: 5 winners
  - State O-Rama: 2 winners
- Community Service Projects
  - Clothing Drive – Bryant Science Masters
  - The CALL – Teen Leaders Club
  - Humane Society Sign – Salem Superstars
  - Arkansas Children’s Hospital
  - Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center

