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Press Release

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Saline County Quorum Court passes Resolution Approving RFP Process

September 22, 2021 Saline County, AR – The Saline County Quorum Court unanimously passed a Resolution in support for the process developed to consider proposals for the roughly \$24 Million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funds received by Saline County.

Saline County will be guided by five (5) core principles: ARP funds should be utilized in such a way to pursue large, transformative projects (\$1M+); Projects should positively impact ALL of, or as much of as possible of, Saline County; ARP funds should NOT be used for projects hard to quantify or have the potential to sit vacant, awaiting outcomes outside the control of the Quorum Court; Projects should NOT create continuous financial obligations for future Quorum Courts, to the greatest extent possible; and, Proposals that include partnerships with other local governments, state governments or political subdivisions, or public-private partnerships that maximize the potential for a project are preferred.

After the ARP was passed in March 2021, significant effort was undertaken to craft a transparent, objective process, to ensure public confidence that the taxpayer funds provided to Saline County are spent in an accountable manner. Ultimately, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was prepared, consistent with the United States Treasury Guiding Principles, to provide members of the public, and potential respondents, with the criteria for what Saline County will consider for projects and the process for having projects considered.

Organizations and individuals interested in obtaining a copy of the RFP can find it on the County's website at:

https://www.salinecounty.org/special_alerts_view.php?alert_type_id=3&alert_id=2022

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