



**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

DATE----- October 4, 2021

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Exhibit "A" Ordinance Authorizing Delegation of District Court Delinquent Fine Collection

Exhibit "B" Ordinance Appropriating Funds Regarding VOCA Grant for Prosecuting Attorney's Office

ADD-ON:

COMMENTS:

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
and
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 7, 2021 MINUTES

Committee Members:

Pat Bisbee, District 1	Josh Curtis, District 7
Everette Hatcher, District 2	Ed Albares, District 8
Carlton Billingsley, District 3	David Gibson, District 9
Barbara Howell, District 4 ZOOM	Jim Whitley, District 10
Mark Grimmett, District 5	Clint Chism, District 11
Tammy Schmidt, District 6	J. R. Walters, District 12
	Keith Keck, District 13 ZOOM

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Pat Bisbee called the meeting to Order. Motion made by J. R. Walters, second by Jim Whitley to approve the Minutes from the Public Works and Safety Committee Meeting held on August 2, 2021. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Exhibit "A" – Resolution Declaring Saline County a "Pro-Life" County – Motion to approve made by Josh Curtis, second by Clint Chism. Before the vote was taken Mr. Bisbee asked if there were any public comments. The following people spoke regarding the Resolution:

- Melinda Williams – Against
- Ken Yang – For
- Victoria Williams – Against
- Clint Lancaster – For
- Katie Cox – Abba Adoption – For
- Bailey (no last name given) – For
- Wayne Beech – For
- Darlene Lester – For
- Alene Murray – For
- David Gibson (Davie's dad) – For
- Kim Baker – For
- Janet Dixon – Pregnancy Counseling Clinic – For
- David Huie – Pastor – For
- Rebecca Daniels – For

After discussion had ended, a vote was taken and the Resolution was passed unanimously.

Informational Item – Danny McCants – Mr. McCants did not attend, so there was no discussion.

Motion made by Jim Whitley, second by J. R. Walters to adjourn. Vote was unanimous, meeting adjourned.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Josh Curtis called the meeting to order. Motion made by Pat Bisbee, second by Mark Grimmett, to approve the Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on August 2, 2021. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Exhibit "B" – Appropriation Ordinance Authorizing Grant Application Process for VOCA Grant for 2021-22. Motion to approve made by J. R. Walters, second by Tammy Schmidt. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Exhibit "C" – Appropriation Ordinance Authorizing Grant Application Process for STOP Grant for 2021-22. Motion to approve made by J. R. Walters, second by Tammy Schmidt. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Action Item 1: Saline County Road Department – Moving Prior New Hire Pay, Retroactively, to \$17.50.

Action Item 2: Saline County Prosecuting Attorney – Moving Employee Pay to \$13.25 and Adding \$1.00 for Bilingual Skills.

Josh Curtis asked that both Action Items be voted on together, so after discussion of both a motion was made by J. R. Walters, second by Carlton Billingsley to approve. Vote was unanimous, both Action Items approved.

Informational Item: Overview of American Rescue Plan and Saline County RFP – Angie Drummond gave a Power Point Presentation and answered questions by the Q.C. Members. Judge Arey gave a very detailed explanation of the Review Plan that he, Angie Drummond and Will Gruber have put together and suggested that the Q.C. consider using it to ensure that the funds are appropriated according to IRS guidelines. There was some discussion among Q. C. Members. It will be discussed and voted on in the September Quorum Court meeting.

Mr. Curtis asked for Public Comment – Ken Yang spoke about the American Rescue Plan and encouraged Q.C. Members to look into some webinars to help them understand the Plan better.

Motion to Adjourn was made by J. R. Walters, second by Tammy Schmidt. Vote was unanimous, meeting adjourned.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE DELEGATING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT DISTRICT COURT FINES, FEES, AND COURT COSTS."

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Saline County recognizes the challenges of collecting district court fines, fees, restitution, and court costs under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-701 (hereafter collectively referred to as "fines").

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court deems that additional appropriate and lawful steps are necessary to aid in the collection of Saline County District Court ("District Court") fines under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-709.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court is specifically authorized under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-709 to delegate the responsibility for the collection of delinquent fines assessed in the circuit and/or district court to a private contractor, and the private contractor may collect a commission, under a written contract, from the total amount of fines owed by a defendant who is delinquent.

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

Article 1. The Quorum Court, under its authority granted pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-709, hereby delegates the responsibility for the collection of delinquent fines, as defined under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-701, assessed in the District Court.

Article 2. The Quorum Court, under its authority granted pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-709, hereby authorizes the Association of Arkansas Counties, a private contractor, properly registered and bonded with the Secretary of State in accordance with § 16-13-709, and its employees, agents, and subcontractors, as the entity to collect delinquent fines assessed in the District Court.

Article 3. The Quorum Court, hereby authorizes all necessary parties to ensure that a written contract is entered into to accomplish the intent of this ordinance.

Article 4. Severability: Should any word, phrase, or section of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the force and validity of the remaining portion of sections of this ordinance.

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2021

APPROVED: _____
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7

EXHIBIT "B"

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - _____

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

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2021."

WHEREAS, the County is eligible for an additional part-time position under the current reimbursable VOCA Grant for the Prosecuting Attorney's office for the 2021-2022 grant year beginning October 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, this Grant is funded by Fund 1000 – County General Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Grant/Reimbursable Salaries – Department 0451.

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

Article 1. That the sum of \$6,665.38 is hereby appropriated in Fund 1000 – County General Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Grant/Reimbursable Salaries – Department 0451 budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0451.1002	Salary, Part-Time	\$5,400.00
1000.0451.1006	Social Security Match	413.10
1000.0451.1008	Retirement	827.28
1000.0451.1010	Workers Compensation	20.00
1000.0451.1011	Unemployment Compensation	5.00

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

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2021

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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