



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
AGENDA**

**DATE**-----October 18, 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:**

**Proclamation: Proclamation in Support of Grayson Freel, 2021-2022 4-H State President**

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

**Exhibit "B" Ordinance Appropriating Funds Regarding VOCA Grant for Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Appropriating Funds for Sheriff's Office Reserves from County General (Amendment since Finance Committee Meeting)**

**Exhibit "C" Ordinance Appropriating Funds Regarding JAG Grant for Sheriff's Office**

**ADD ON:**

**COMMENTS**

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom #3 in the Saline County Courthouse. Proceedings were held in person and via ZOOM. There were 9 members present. Justices of the Peace Pat Bisbee, Mark Grimmatt, Tammy Schmidt and Jim Whitley participated via ZOOM. County Judge Jeff Arey called the meeting to order. Justice of the Peace Clint Chism gave the invocation and Judge Arey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all 13 members present.

Saline County Circuit Clerk Myka Samples, County Circuit Chief Deputy Ragan Kyzer, Saline County Sheriff Rodney Wright, County Comptroller Angie Drummond, County Attorney Will Gruber, County Judge Administrative Assistant Vicki Hopkins, County Clerk Doug Curtis, and County Clerk Chief Deputy Lydia Brown were present.

Motion by J.R. Walters and seconded by Carlton Billingsley to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2021 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Third reading of Ordinance Adding Roads to the County Road System. Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve. Roll call vote taken, motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2021-20.

NEW BUSINESS:

Informational Item: Presentation from Keith Corpier with Saline County Soil Conservation Office. Cody Harrington from NRCS as well as Bob Fowler. In addition, their office provided a meal and hand-out regarding the work they do for our county and throughout Arkansas.

Informational Item: Danny McCants was unable to attend.

Exhibit "B": Resolution Declaring Saline County a "Pro-Life County; Judge Arey allowed brief comments from a few prior to voting. Those speaking for were Bailey Huffman, Kandi Cox, Wayne Beech, Clint Lancaster and Patty Smote. Speaking against, Cindy Bowden who also read a statement from the Democratic Party.

Motion made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Clint Chism to suspend rules and allow reading of title only of Resolution. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Clint Chism for approval of Resolution Declaring Saline County a "Pro-Life" County. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution 2021-8.

David Gibson, Jr., sponsor of the Resolution, thanked the citizens who brought the issue to his attention.

Exhibit "C": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell for approval of Appropriation Ordinance Authorizing Grant Application Process for VOCA Grant for 2021-22. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2021-21.

Exhibit "D": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell for approval of Appropriation Ordinance Authorizing Grant Application Process for STOP Grant for 2021-22. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2021-22.

Exhibit "E": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell for approval of Resolution Approving Process for American Rescue Plan and Saline County RFP. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2021-9.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to address Action Item 1 and Action Item 2 at the same time. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve Action Item 1 – Saline County Sheriff's Office – Movement of Chief Deputy Pay to Midpoint and Action Item 2 – Saline County Sheriff's Office – Movement of Detention Lieutenant Pay to Budgeted Amount. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMENTS: Saline County Clerk Doug Curtis introduced Clint Lancaster as the new Saline County Election Commissioner, replacing Jamie Clemmer who was appointed to the State Election Commission. Mr. Lancaster spoke briefly.

Motion was made by J.R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

# PROCLAMATION

## GRAYSON FREEL NAMED STATE 4-H PRESIDENT

*WHEREAS: 4-H is the premier youth development program, with the mission of providing opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, form attitudes, and practice behavior that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society; and,*

*WHEREAS: At the annual 4-H State O-Rama, Saline County's Grayson Freel was elected the 2021-22 Arkansas 4-H State President by his peers; and,*

*WHEREAS: Grayson embodies the principles of 4-H, and is being prepared to step up to the challenges of our community, while developing the skills to lead for a lifetime; and,*

*WHEREAS: Grayson's family, Angie and Monty Freel, and siblings Ellis and Brodie Freel, are incredibly proud and supportive of his efforts, especially since 4-H is a family tradition for the Freels; and,*

*WHEREAS: Grayson has been active not only in 4-H, as a member of the Saline County 4-H Teen Leaders Club and Saline County 4-H Shooting Sports Club, but as a member of the 2020-2021 7-A State Championship winning Bryant Hornets Varsity Football Team; and*

*WHEREAS: Grayson is a 2021 graduate of Bryant High School and is a Freshman at Henderson State University, where he is studying Recreation, and is actively involved in the college community; and,*

*WHEREAS: Grayson lives by the motto made famous by Donald McGannon, "leadership is an action, not a position"; 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 Grayson.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Arey, Saline County Judge, along with the Saline County Quorum Court, do hereby recognize and heartily congratulate Grayson for the tremendous achievement of being elected State 4-H President.*

*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 18th day of October, in the year of our Lord, 2021.*

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*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 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 aide 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 (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, this Sheriff's office requested psychological evaluations for reserves and there is not a medical services line item in Fund 1000 – County General Sheriff Reserves Department. The Sheriff requests to transfer \$500.00 from the County General Sheriff Reserves, General Supplies line item to appropriate into a Medical Services line item (Article 2).

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. That the sum of \$500.00 is hereby transferred in the County General Fund, Sheriff Reserves Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0453.2001	Supplies	1000.0453.3006	Medical Services	\$500.00

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

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

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

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

EXHIBIT "C"

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 FEDERAL GRANT (FUND 3761) – EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM LOCAL SOLICITATION – FY 2021 FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2021."

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to receive a reimbursable federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the 2021-2022 grant year beginning October 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, this JAG Grant shall be up-fronted by County General; and,

WHEREAS, upon receipt and expiration of this grant, County General shall be reimbursed by the JAG Grant Fund 3761; and,

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

Article 1. That Fund 3761 – JAG Grant FY 21-22 shall be established by the County Treasurer with Anticipated Revenues of \$15,054.00 for the year 2021.

Line Item	Description	Amount
3761.7109	Other Federal Grants	\$15,054.00

Article 2. That \$30,108.00 is hereby appropriated in Fund 3761 – JAG Grant FY 21-22, Sheriff Department budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3761.0400.2002	Small Equipment	\$15,054.00
3761.0400.9999	Transfers Out – to Co. General	\$15,054.00

Article 3. That the Saline County Treasurer shall transfer funds of \$15,054.00 from Fund 1000 – County General to Fund 3761 – JAG Grant to upfront this reimbursable grant as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0127.9999	Funding for Reimb. Grants	\$15,054.00
3761.8801	Transfer from County General	\$15,054.00

Article 4. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

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

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

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