



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----March 21, 2022

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/PROCLAMATIONS:

- 1. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Ordinance Amending the Amended Salary Administration Policies Pertaining to Voluntary Demotions.

Informational Item: Planning Board Notification of Intent to Change Certain Definitions Within the Subdivision Rules and Regulations

Informational Item: Issues with Detention Center Integrated Security Automation System

ADD ON:

Exhibit "B": Resolution Approving Airport Property Sale for the Bryant Parkway

DISCUSSION:

COMMENTS:

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 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 all members present.

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve the Minutes from the January 18, 2022 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Proclamation presented by Carlton Billingsley and Everett Hatcher to the Bryant High School Football Team – 2021 State Champions.
2. 2021 Arkansas Legislative Audit Report presented by Angie Drummond, County Comptroller. She stated that the report was “Clean”; no issues.
3. Saline County History and Heritage Society Letter; Judge Arey stated that they appreciate the Quorum Court’s continued support.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Josh Curtis to suspend rules and allow reading of the title only for Exhibit “A”. Motion passed by voice vote.

Exhibit “A”: Third reading of Ordinance Amending Ordinance 92-36 for the purpose of Adding Roads to the County Road System. Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve. Rollcall vote taken, motion passed. Ordinance 2022-2.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to suspend rules and allow reading of the title only for New Business. Motion passed by voice vote.

Exhibit “B”: Motion made by Tammy Schmidt and seconded by J. R. Walters to approve Resolution Authorizing Destruction of District Court Records; Affidavits included as Exhibits “1” and “2”. Voice vote; motion approved. Resolution 2022-1.

Exhibit “C”: Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Mark Grimmett to approve Ordinance Establishing ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund No. 1006. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-3.

Exhibit "D": Motion made by Pat Bisbee and seconded by J. R. Walters to approve Ordinance Appropriating \$10,000,000 to ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund No. 1006. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-4.

Exhibit "E": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Mark Grimmett to approve Ordinance Appropriating \$10,000,000 for the Saline Regional Public Water Authority ARP Project. Rollcall vote; motion passed with 12 YES votes and 1 NO. Ordinance 2022-5.

Exhibit "F": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Carlton Billingsley to approve Ordinance Amending 2022 Saline County Budget Ordinance No. 2021-31. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-6.

Action Item: Motion made by Josh Curtis and seconded by J. R. Walters for Benton District Court Movement of Part-Time Bailiff to Full-Time at Established Employee Rate, Retroactive to January 18, 2022. Voice vote; motion passed.

ADD ON:

Motion made by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to allow add on. Voice vote; motion passed.

Exhibit "G": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Clint Chism to approve Ordinance Establishing Airport Federal Grant Fund. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-7

Exhibit "H": Motion made by Jim Whitley and seconded by Pat Bisbee to approve Ordinance Establishing Airport State Grant Fund. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-8.

COMMENTS:

Tammy Schmidt made an announcement regarding the Salem Fire Department Breakfast on March 5, 2022 from 6:00 to 11:00.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Josh Curtis to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ADMINISTRATION POLICIES ADOPTED JULY 21, 2015, ORDINANCE 2015-41, AMENDED DECEMBER 17, 2018, ORDINANCE 2018-38".

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Saline County Salary Administration Program, as Amended, required amendment based on circumstances that have arisen since the last Amendment of the Saline County Salary Administration Program; and

WHEREAS, the JESAP and HR Committees have met, reviewed and approved the amended language included below; and

WHEREAS, the amended language below provides a more efficient and consistent process for instances where there are employee salary decreases.

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

Section 1. Section G. 2(b) of Saline County Salary Administration Program (Amended March 20, 2017 by Ordinance 2017-07 and December 17, 2018 by Ordinance 2018-38) is hereby repealed and amended as follows:

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

G. Salary Decreases (Amended March 20, 2017 by Ordinance 2017-07):

~~2(b). An employee demoted due to organizational re-adjustments or a voluntary demotion where the employee is transferred to a position with a lower range/grade than their current position will enter the new position with a pay rate between the new position's salary range minimum and its midpoint. In the occurrence that the employee held this position previously, the employee's pay will return to his or her previous pay in that range/grade level. An Elected Official may desire to secure a pay level in excess of the midpoint based on County tenure and experience. Any request of pay in excess of the midpoint and supporting documentation will be submitted to the JESAP Committee for review and approval and then forwarded to the HR Committee, Finance Committee, and Quorum Court. The employee's pay shall not exceed the range/grade level maximum for the position.~~

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Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective from and after passage and publication.

Section 3. If any section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or unlawful, only that section of the ordinance shall be affected and all other provisions of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. This Ordinance being necessary to facilitate the efficient operation of the Personnel Department and for the protection and preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

DATE: MARCH 21, 2022

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: HR COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SALINE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, APPROVING OF THE SALINE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT SELLING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BRYANT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE BRYANT PARKWAY EXTENSION PROJECT; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Bryant Parkway in the City of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas ("Bryant"), is a vital thoroughfare for the City of Bryant; and

WHEREAS, the Bryant Parkway extension project (the "Bryant Parkway Project") offers both short and long-term economic and mobility benefits for Bryant, Saline County, and the Saline County Regional Airport ("Airport"); and

WHEREAS, future plans for expansion of the Airport would be benefited immensely by the proposed Bryant Parkway Project; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission ("Commission"), along with the Saline County Judge and other stakeholders, have been working for many years on efforts to connect the Bryant Parkway with the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received an offer to purchase roughly 28.9 acres of Airport Property ("Subject Property"), for the Bryant Parkway Project; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Subject Property will be useful in securing and developing industry within and near Saline County; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal was completed on the Subject Property, and, after an offer by Bryant and a counteroffer by the Commission, Bryant and the Commission agreed upon a sales price of \$637,340.00; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-16-107, Saline County Judge Jeff Arey approves of the sale of the Subject Property to Bryant and believes a significant economic benefit to the Airport and Saline County will occur because of the sale of the Subject Property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT, that:

SECTION 1: Consistent with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-16-107, the Saline County Quorum Court by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of its members supports and approves of the Airport's decision to sell the Subject Property to Bryant for the purpose of the Bryant Parkway Project; and

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATED: March 21, 2022

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST _____
DOUG CURTIS, SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSORS: Pat Bisbee, JP District #1