



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----April 18, 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. Quarterly Budget Report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Ordinance Amending 2022 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2021-31

Action Item: Approve Previously Appropriated Funds from the Animal Control Fund, to be sent to the Saline County Humane Society and Hot Springs Village Welfare League

ADD ON:

Exhibit "B": Resolution Deferring Consideration of ARP Proposals

Exhibit "C": Ordinance Creating New Airport Fund for Bryant Parkway Funds

DISCUSSION:

Informational Item: Jail Costs Presentation

COMMENTS:

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2022**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, March 21, 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 J. R. Walters and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to approve the Minutes from the February 22, 2022 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Presentation by Sadie Power on behalf of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to approve Ordinance Amending the Amended Salary Administration Policies Pertaining to Voluntary Demotions. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-9.

Informational Item: Planning Board Notification of Intent to Change Certain Definitions within the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. County Attorney, Will Gruber invited the Quorum Court Members to attend in order to discuss and Approve and/or Change the Rules.

Informational Item: Judge Arey spoke about the issues that have occurred with the Detention Center Integrated Security Automation System. He further explained that a representative will be coming to discuss repairs or replacements that will be needed in the near future and the cost of same.

Motion made by Pat Bisbee and seconded by J. R. Walters to include add on. Motion passed by voice vote.

ADD ON:

Exhibit B: Motion by J. R. Walter and seconded by Pat Bisbee to approve Resolution Approving Airport Property Sale for the Bryant Parkway. Motion passed by voice vote. Resolution 2022-2.

DISCUSSION:

There were questions as to whether the Airport had plans to expand the hangers. Judge Arey stated there was intent to do so. Justice of the Peace Pat Bisbee, also stated that the plan was to go ahead with that as soon as possible in order to bring in possible revenue.

COMMENTS:

Tammy Schmidt made the announcement that the Human Society was having a fund raiser at Crows Station. Pat Bisbee mentioned they were also having a shot clinic.

County Clerk, Doug Curtis mentioned that there are 2 new early voting sites. One in Hot Springs Village and the other in East End. He thanked Justice of the Peace, Keith Keck for his help with the Village.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

EXHIBIT "A"

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 10

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

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2021-31; TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has a budget line for the fleet loan he renews every four (4) years. This loan was budgeted to be a new loan in 2022; however, there is no availability of fleet vehicles due to the continued issue of chip production in vehicles. The Sheriff requests to transfer the funds appropriated as Note Principal and appropriate those funds to Capital Outlay – Vehicles in the County General, Sheriff Department for the purchase of replacement vehicles for older fleet (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor’s proposal to move an experienced employee into an open position has been approved by JESAP, HR, and Finance Committees. The Tax Assessor requests to transfer funds from County General, Tax Assessor Department budget for salaries and benefits (Article 2); and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer’s proposal to turn a part-time position into a full-time Deputy Treasurer position due to the retirement of his Chief Deputy has been approved by JESAP, HR, and Finance Committees. The Treasurer requests to transfer funds from County General, Treasurer Department budget line item to Treasurer Automation Fund, Treasurer Department budget line item for salary (Article 3); and,

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

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

Article 1. That the sum of \$320,000.00 is hereby transferred and appropriated in the County General, Sheriff Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0400.5003	Note Principal	1000.0400.4005	Capital Outlay-Vehicles	\$320,000.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$588.00 is hereby transferred in the County General, Tax Assessor Department budget to the Tax Assessor-Bryant Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0105.0111	Assessor-Personal Property Deputy	1000.0155.0101	Assr. Personal/Real -Bryant Office	\$588.00

Article 3. That the sum of \$24,768.00 is hereby transferred in the County General, Treasurer Department budget to the Treasurer Automation, Treasurer Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0105.0102	Treasurer-Office Manager	3000.0103.0105	Treasurer Deputy	\$24,768.00

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

DATE: APRIL 18, 2022

APPROVED _____

JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3

A RESOLUTION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF SALINE COUNTY'S REMAINING \$13,781,952 IN ARP FUNDS

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law; and,

WHEREAS, Saline County will ultimately receive \$23,781,952 in ARP funds, received 11,890,976 in June 2021, and is expected to receive the remaining \$11,890,976 in Summer 2022; and,

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2022, the Saline County Quorum Court ("Quorum Court") passed an ordinance appropriating \$10,000,000 in ARP funds to the Saline Regional Public Water Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the Saline County Sheriff's Office ("SCSO") and Saline County Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") submitted proposals for projects by the March 1, 2022 deadline, pursuant to Saline County's ARP Request for Proposals ("RFP"), to be considered by the Quorum Court at the April Quorum Court meeting; and,

WHEREAS, The Saline County Review Board ("Review Board") graded the SCSO and OEM proposals, and, based on the ARP RFP, which was not geared towards internal county projects, the Review Board recommended that the Quorum Court defer consideration of the SCSO and OEM proposals until further progress with stakeholders could occur that may impact the SCSO proposal; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION I: The Quorum Court believes it is in the best interest of Saline County to defer consideration of the remaining \$13,781,952 in ARP funds until there are more details as it pertains to the SCSO proposal on the Saline County budget.

SECTION II: The deadlines for ARP proposals to be received, stated in the ARP RFP, will remain in effect.

SECTION III: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATED: April 18, 2022

APPROVED _____

JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST _____

SPONSORS: JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2022 -11

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN AIRPORT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE CALLED THE SALINE COUNTY AIRPORT SPECIAL
PROJECT FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

Article 1. Affirmation. There is a need to establish an Airport fund on the books of the County to track the revenues, expenditures and/or appropriated transfers of the Saline County Airport special revenue generated from sale land. This Quorum Court recognizes and affirms the need for such a fund to properly account for and control all such revenues received and expenditures made from this sale of land by the Airport in order to track the use of these funds.

Article 2. Establishment of Fund. There is hereby created on the books of the Saline County Treasurer and the Saline County Clerk or Comptroller, a special revenue fund to be known as the Saline County Airport Special Revenue Fund with a fund number of 3416 as assigned by the Saline County Treasurer. Anticipated revenues and expenditures will be established with a budget amendment ordinance adopted by the Quorum Court for the 2022 budget year.

Article 3. Operation of Fund. The Saline County Airport Special Revenue Fund is subject to all the normal county budgeting, appropriation and expenditure regulations of Title 14 of the Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) and the County's Financial Management System, implemented in accordance with ACA § 14-21-101. Proper records and documentation will be maintained for audit purposes.

Article 4. Emergency Clause. In order to properly track revenue, appropriated expenditures, and/or appropriated transfers from the sale of this land for the Saline County Airport, it is found by this Quorum Court that the establishment of the Saline County Airport Special Revenue Fund and the movement of funds from the current Airport state grant bank account to that fund is in the best interest of both Saline County and the Saline County Airport. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and approval.

DATE: APRIL 18, 2022

APPROVED _____

JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____

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

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK