



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----August 15, 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Ordinance Adding Roads to the County Road System (1st Reading)

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "B": Ordinance Amending 2021 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2021-31

Exhibit "C": Ordinance Amending 2021 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2021-31

Exhibit "D": Ordinance Amending 2021 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2021-31

Exhibit "E": Appointments to Saline County Arkansas Waterworks & Sanitary Sewer Public Facilities Board (Woodland Hills)

Informational Item: Presentation from Kris Elliott Boulton, County Extension Agent-Staff Chair

ADD ON:

DISCUSSION:

COMMENTS:

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
JULY 18, 2022**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, July 18, 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 Barbara Howell to approve the Minutes from the June 20, 2022 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Carlton Billingsley to approve First Reading of Ordinance Adding Roads to the County Road System. Motion passed.

Exhibit "B": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell for the reappointments of Jim Welch, Jeff McLain, Mark Efird, Alan Saffle and David Yarbrough to the Springhill Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners. Motion passed.

Exhibit "C": Motion made by Tammy Schmidt and seconded by Pat Bisbee to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application Process for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – FY 2022 Local Solicitation, and Providing Other Assurances. Motion passed. Resolution 2022-5.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to suspend the rules and read the title only of Exhibits "D" and "E". Motion passed.

Exhibit "D": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Clint Chism to approve an Ordinance Appropriating Federal Grant (Fund 3737) – Sheriff Highway Safety Step-Seatbelt Grant (STEP) Program for the Year 2022. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-14.

ADD ON:

Motion made by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Tammy Schmidt to allow add on.

Exhibit "E": Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Carlton Billingsley to approve Ordinance Amending 2022 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2021-31. Rollcall vote; motion passed. Ordinance 2022-15.

DISCUSSION:

NONE

COMMENTS:

Keith Keck informed the members that the Mobile Vet Clinic will cease, beginning in 2023.

Carlton Billingsley announced that the Quorum Court Members were invited to the Saline County Regional Airport in Bryant on July 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-_____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 92-36 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING ROADS TO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM".

Article 1. The following roads in Saline County have been inspected and found to be in compliance with Ordinances 88-32 and 99-47 and therefore eligible to be included in the county road system. Therefore, these roads are hereby accepted and added to the County Road System.

Del Rey Court	205 Feet of Extension
Elizabeth Court	401 Feet East and 310 Feet West
Clear View Drive	665 Feet South and 345 Feet North
Reuben Drive	627 Feet of Extension
Lucy Lane	1,406 Feet
Woolridge Drive	1,253 Feet
McClure Drive	494 Feet

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

DATED: August 15, 2022

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

2nd Reading

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - _____

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

"AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-31, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO AMEND THE SHERIFF BUDGET FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STIPEND."

WHEREAS, ACT 224 of 2022 appropriates \$50,000,000 for Law Enforcement Stipend Grants and sets forth the rules and regulation for administering and distributing the funds by the counties, and

WHEREAS, a stipend of \$5,000 will be awarded once to full-time certified law enforcement officers to include deputy sheriffs, and

WHEREAS, Saline County has received the funds for disbursement of the Law Enforcement Stipend plus the county's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes, with the county being responsible for providing funding for the APERS employer percentage of salary, and

WHEREAS, each county must amend their local law enforcement budget to permit the disbursement of the salary stipends to eligible law enforcement officers.

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

Article 1. That the Quorum Court hereby approves the appropriations in the County General Fund (1000), Sheriff Department (0400) budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0400.1036	Employee Bonuses	\$215,000.00
1000.0400.1006	Social Security Match	\$16,447.50
1000.0400.1008	Retirement	\$32,938.00

Article 2. That the Quorum Court hereby approves the appropriations in the County General Fund (1000), Prosecuting Attorney Department (0416) budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0416.1036	Employee Bonuses	\$5,000.00
1000.0400.1006	Social Security Match	\$382.50
1000.0400.1008	Retirement	\$766.00

Article 3. That the Quorum Court hereby approves the appropriations in the Jail Fund (3017), Jail Department budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3017.0418.1036	Employee Bonuses	\$20,000.00
3017.0418.1006	Social Security Match	\$1,530.00
3017.0418.1008	Retirement	\$3,064.00

Article 4. That the Quorum Court hereby approves the appropriations in the County General Fund (1000), County Jail Supplement (0418) budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0418.9999	Budget Transfer Out	\$24,594.00

Article 5. That the appropriation for anticipated revenues in the County General Fund shall be increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.7010	State Grants	\$258,360.00

Article 6. That the appropriation for anticipated revenues in the Jail Fund shall be increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3017.8893	Budget Transfer	\$24,594.00

Article 6. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications to this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Article 6. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Article 7. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2022

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - _____

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

"AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-31, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022, TO AMEND THE COUNTY GENERAL AND JAIL BUDGETS, AUTHORIZING A BONUS FOR DETENTION EMPLOYEES."

WHEREAS, there are budgeted funds in the Jail budget for salaried positions in the Saline County Detention Center (Detention Center), that have not been used due to continued open positions, and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee have met and re-appropriated the use of these budgeted funds to give a \$4,000 bonus to all Saline County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) employees who are full-time established employees working in the Detention Center, and

WHEREAS, the bonus will be paid in two (2) equal payments of \$2,000 each, net of applicable taxes and employee portion of retirement benefits, for full-time established employees, and

WHEREAS, for established full-time employees, in accordance with County Payroll and Salary Administrative policies and procedures, including those that have fulfilled his/her 90-day probationary period, the first \$2,000 payment is to be paid in the pay period ending August 19, 2022. The final payment of \$2,000 will be paid in the first payroll check in December 2022, and

WHEREAS, for non-established full-time employees at the time of the first payment in August 2022, as set forth below, the full bonus of \$4,000 will be paid in the first payroll check in December 2022, and

WHEREAS, to be considered an established full-time employee for the purposes of the single December 2022 payroll check option, in accordance with County Payroll and Salary Administrative Policy and Procedures, employees would need to be employed prior to September 10, 2022 and meet the 90-day probationary period, and

WHEREAS, Detention Center employees who qualify for the state approved bonus under Act 224 of 2022, if applicable, will not be eligible for this bonus approved by the County, and

WHEREAS, any employee who leaves County employment prior to the any payment waives the bonus and will not receive any payment contemplated by this ordinance, pro-rata or otherwise, and

WHEREAS, the County must amend their Jail budget to permit the disbursement of the employee bonuses to eligible employees.

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

Article 1. That the Quorum Court hereby approves the transfer of line items in the Jail Fund (3017) budget as follows:

Transfer from	Transfer to	Amount
3017.0418.1001-Salaries	3017.0418.1032-Employee Bonus	\$134,000.00

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

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2022

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7

EXHIBIT "D"

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - _____

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 received an insurance check from AAC for a total loss of vehicle. The Sheriff requests to appropriate those funds to Capital Outlay – Vehicles in the County General(1000), Sheriff Department (0400) budget for the purchase of the replacement vehicle (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested to transfer part-time help to overtime in both the County General (1000), Tax Collector Department (0104) budget, Tax Collector-Bryant Department (0144) budget and the Collector’s Automation (3001) budget for salaries (Article 2); and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested to transfer part-time help to overtime in the County Jail (3017) budget for salaries (Article 3); and,

WHEREAS, the OEM Director has requested to transfer part-time help to overtime in the County 911 Emergency Services (3020) budget for salaries (Article 4); and,

WHEREAS, the HR Committee and Finance Committee previously met and voted to increase the pay for detention and transport officers from the base pay rate of \$14.36 to \$16.00 per hour. All current detention and transport officer positions in the Jail Fund (3017) making less than the new rate of \$16.00 per hour will begin receiving the increase in the pay check ended August 25, 2022, and new employees will begin at the newly established rate. (Article 5); 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 \$34,755.00 is hereby appropriated in the County General, Sheriff Department budget and County General Fund anticipated revenue increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0400.4005	Capital Outlay-Vehicles	\$34,755.00
1000.8718	Insurance Proceeds (Damage/Loss)	\$34,755.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$25,000.00 is hereby transferred in the County General, Tax Collector Department budget and \$10,000 in the Tax Collector-Bryant Department budget, and \$15,000 is hereby transferred in the Collector’s Automation Fund budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0104.1002	Part-Time Help	1000.0104.1005	Overtime	\$25,000.00
1000.0144.1002	Part-Time Help	1000.0104.1005	Overtime	\$10,000.00
3001.0104.1002	Part-Time Help	3001.0104.1005	Overtime	\$15,000.00

Article 3. That the sum of \$38,710.00 is hereby transferred in the County Jail budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3017.0418.1002	Part-Time Help	3017.0418.1005	Overtime	\$13,500.00
3017.0418.1009	County Ins. Match	3017.0418.1005	Overtime	\$25,210.00

Article 4. That the sum of \$25,000.00 is hereby transferred in the County 911 Emergency Services budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3020.0501.1002	Part-Time Help	3020.0501.1005	Overtime	\$25,000.00

Article 5. That the sum of \$48,260.05 is hereby appropriated in the County Jail Fund budget and the County General Fund, as well as, anticipated revenues in the Jail Fund are increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3017.0418.1001	Full-Time	\$39,245.39
3017.0418.1006	Social Security Match	\$3,002.27
3017.0418.1008	Retirement	\$6,012.39
1000.0418.9999	Transfers Out	\$48,260.05
3017.8893	Transfers from Co. General	\$48,260.05

Article 6. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2022

APPROVED _____
JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

APPOINTMENTS

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS WATERWORKS
& SANITARY SEWER PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD
(WOODLAND HILLS)**

WHEREAS, the terms of Andrea Bearden, Andy Mullins, and Faye McKeon as members of the Saline County, Arkansas Waterworks & Sanitary Sewer Public Facilities Board (Woodland Hills) (the "Board") expired on February 1, 2022, thus creating vacancies.

WHEREAS, the term of William (Bill) Reagan as a member of the Board expired on January 1, 2021, thus creating a vacancy.

WHEREAS, the term of Harvey Howard as member of the Board is set to expire on February 1, 2025, however, he has recently passed away, thus creating a vacancy.

WHEREAS, it is considered to be in the best interest of the Board and the citizens of Saline County that **Andrea Bearden, Andy Mullins, Faye McKeon, and William (Bill) Reagan** be re-appointed to serve on said Board.

WHEREAS, it is considered to be in the best interest of the Board and the citizens of Saline County that **Tim F. Coots** be appointed to fill the remainder of Harvey Howard's term on said Board.

THEREFORE, in accordance with A.C.A. 14-137-108 **Andrea Bearden, Andy Mullins, Faye McKeon** are hereby re-appointed to said Board for terms to expire on February 1, 2027; **William (Bill) Reagan** is hereby re-appointed to said Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2026; and, **Tim F. Coots** is hereby appointed to complete the term set to expire on February 1, 2025.

JEFF AREY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

DATE: August 15, 2022