



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

DATE----- June 5, 2023

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion Item: Appointment to Saline County Board of Equalization

Discussion Item: Appointment to Saline County Library Board

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Exhibit "A": Ordinance Amending 2022 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36

Discussion Item: Broadband Tax Credit

Discussion Item: Issues Pertaining to the Saline County Library

ADD-ON:

COMMENTS:

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
and
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 1, 2023 MINUTES

Committee Members:

Pat Bisbee, District 1	Josh Curtis, District 7
Everette Hatcher, District 2	Ed Albares, District 8
Carlton Billingsley, District 3	C. J. Engel, District 9
Barbara Howell, District 4	Jim Whitley, District 10
Justin Rue, District 5	Clint Chism, District 11 ABSENT
Rick Bellinger, District 6	J. R. Walters, District 12
	Keith Keck, District 13

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Pat Bisbee called the meeting to order. Motion made by Carlton Billingsley, second by Barbara Howell to approve the minutes from the Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting held on April 3, 2023.

Exhibit "A": Resolution in Support of Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Providing Grant Writing Assistance to Hot Springs Village. Motion made by Keith Keck to approve Resolution, second by Barbara Howell. Mr. Keck explained that the Village did not have a true grant writer, and HSV is eligible for certain grants. This gives them access via Saline County to use the grant writers at CAPDD. CJ Engel asked if there was a cost to use CAPDD, and Mr. Keck responded there is not. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Bisbee recognized Keith Keck who wanted to give an update about the shooting range request at April's meeting. Mr. Keck introduced the gentlemen that made that request to the people at the Garland County shooting club that has excess land capacity, so it may actually occur, just over the County line. We may have lost that in our county, but it will possibly happen in Garland County.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jim Whitley, second by Rick Bellinger. Vote was unanimous, meeting adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Josh Curtis called the Finance Committee Meeting to Order. Motion to approve the Minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting held on April 3, 2023 made by Barbara Howell, second by Rick Bellinger. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "B": Emergency Ordinance Designating Planning Services as Professional Services – Motion to approve made by J. R. Walters, second by Jim Whitley. Mr. Curtis explained that this Ordinance was on the Agenda for the last Quorum Court meeting, and a motion was made to re-refer this back to this Committee because of some strong discussion on it and some issues. Mr. Curtis recognized Judge Brumley, who talked about the Ordinance – what it is, what it is not, etc. Requested considering the Ordinance, but remove Article 3, which would send it back to the Planning Board for discussion, and if it comes out of this Committee, it would be read at three Quorum Court meetings. Since this has been going on since 2018 it would be difficult to consider this an emergency. After discussion between the Committee Members Mr. Curtis reiterated if it is the will of the body to accept that recommendation then someone needs to make a motion to amend Article 3, or strike Article 3, and to also strike "Emergency" at the top of the Ordinance. One motion can take care of both the Amendment and Approval. Motion

made by Rick Bellinger to do both – strike Emergency and Strike Article 3, Second by CJ Engel. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "C" - Resolution Authorizing VOCA Grant Application for 2023-24 – Motion to approve was made by Keith Keck, second by CJ Engel. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "D" – Resolution Authorizing STOP Grant Application for 2023-24 – Motion to approve made by Pat Bisbee, second by Jim Whitley. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Action Item: Request to Increase New Hire to \$17.28 Due to Prior Experience and Certifications, Retroactive to Hire Date.

Action Item: Request to Pay Current Part-Time Employee, Accepting full-time Position as GIS Mapping Analyst, \$22.30 Due to Experience and Certifications, Retroactive to Hire in Full-Time Position.

Mr. Curtis stated that there were two Action Items that were approved by the H.R. Committee and now need to be approved by the Finance Committee. Needs a Motion to approve both Action Items. Motion to approve both Action Items made by Keith Keck, second by Barbara Howell. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Comment by Keith Keck – do we have any ordinances on the books that deal with harassment of County Employees. Mr. Gruber said he is unaware of any. Mr. Keck mentioned there were a couple of incidents outside after the last meeting. And he is also aware of some Road Department employees that have taken a lot of grief over some things, is there anything we can do for our employees? Mr. Gruber mentioned state Criminal Statutes, but whether these incidents would meet those requirements, not sure.

Public Comment:

1. Brian Nalley – speaking regarding the Saline County River.
2. Eugene Jamison – Act 372 – legal liability of County Employees.
3. Gary Beck – please us microphones – can't hear you.
4. Angela Gray – Library Issue.
5. Aaron Rasburry – RFQ for Planning Board.
6. Jimmy Sorrels – Land development and RFQ for Planning Board.
7. Allen Schraeder – RFQ for Planning Board.
8. Robin Bray – RFQ for Planning Board.

Jim Whitley announced that his church was having the Eddie James Group in on May 21st. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

EXHIBIT "A"**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - _____**

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

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2022-36; TO APPROPRIATE/TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Sheriff would like to transfer funds in Fund 3402 – Sheriff's Bond Fund, Sheriff Department (0400) budget line Other Miscellaneous and appropriate to Small Equipment, Supplies, and Repairs & Maintenance and to appropriate additional funds from the beginning fund balance carryover to purchase three (3) additional patrol vehicles for his fleet to replace additional older fleet vehicles that were not replaced in the fleet replacement earlier this year (Article 1);

WHEREAS, the 911 office has been short-handed and had less part-time employees in the early part of 2023, the 911 Director requests to transfer funds from in Fund 3020 – 911 Fund from Over-Time to Part-time Help (Article 2);

WHEREAS, the Assessor has offered the GIS Homestead Assistant position to a current employee in the Collector's Office (Collector Deputy Probate Specialist) who receives bilingual pay as per the 2023 Budget Ordinance 2022-36, Article 10. The Human Resources Department requests to transfer the funds from the position in Fund 1000 – County General Fund, Collector Department (0104) budget to the Assessor GIS Department (0156) budget for the position in the Assessor's Office (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 \$3,000.00 is hereby transferred and \$175,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 3402 – Sheriff Bond Fund, County Sheriff Department (0400) budget as follows:

Transfer From/ Line Item	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3402.0400.3100	Other - Misc	3402.0400.2023	Parts & Repairs	\$1,000.00
3402.0400.3100	Other - Misc	3402.0400.2002	Small Equipment	\$1,000.00
3402.0400.3100	Other - Misc	3402.0400.2001	Supplies	\$1,000.00
3402.4005	Vehicles			\$175,000.00
3402.5001	Balance Carried Forward			\$175,000.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$25,000.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 3020 – 911 Emergency Fund, 911 Department (0501) budget as follows:

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

Article 3. That the sum of \$1,200.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 1000 – County General Fund, Collector (0104) to the Assessor-GIS (0156) Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0104.0110	Collector Dep.Probate Specialist	1000.0156.0105	GIS Homestead Asst.	\$1,200.00

Article 4. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved. It has been approved by Saline County Finance Committee on June 5, 2023 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: JUNE 19, 2023

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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