



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----October 16, 2023

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:

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit A: Resolution Expressing the Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal-Aid Funds for the Southwest Trail Project from the Pulaski County Line to Germania Road

Exhibit B: Ordinance Amending 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36 to Appropriate Funds Related to the Justice Assistance Grant Program

Exhibit C: Ordinance Amending 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36

ADD ON:

DISCUSSION:

OTHER BUSINESS:

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom #3 in the Saline County Courthouse. County Judge Matt Brumley called the meeting to order. Justice of the Peace Jim Whitley gave the invocation and Justice of the Peace Justin Rue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all members present.

Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by Carlton Billingsley to approve the Minutes from the August 21, 2023 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Report given by Saline County Soil Conservation District Manager, Keith Corpier. Also speaking from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture were Bob Fowler, Environmental Program Coordinator and Tate Wentz, Water Quality Division Manager.

OLD BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Motion by Rick Bellinger and seconded by Josh Curtis to suspend the rules and place proposed ordinance back on First Reading due to amendment. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Rick Bellinger and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve First Reading of Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2004 – 34, the Litter Control Ordinance. Saline County Clerk Doug Curtis read amended ordinance. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Rick Bellinger and Josh Curtis to suspend the rules and read title only of Second Reading of Exhibit "A". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve Second Reading of Exhibit "A". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Justin Rue to suspend the rules and read title only of Third Reading of Exhibit "A". Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2023-20.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Barbara Howell to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "B". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "B": Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve Ordinance Amending Ord. 2010-13 to Amend the Saline County Personnel Policy Manual. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2023-21.

Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "C". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "C": Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Josh Curtis for approval of Ordinance Amending 2023 Saline County Budget Ord. 2022-36. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2023-22.

Motion by C. J. Engel and seconded by Rick Bellinger to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "D". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "D": Motion by C. J. Engel and seconded by Rick Bellinger to approve Ordinance Amending 2023 Saline County Budget Ord. 2022-36 for Additional Expenses Resulting from Saline County and Bryant 911 Emergency Center Consolidation.

Josh Curtis stated that in the future the Quorum Court should review and make certain additional positions are needed since they are generally permanent once placed. Jim Whitley also stated the Board should proceed with caution.

Roll call vote taken; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-23.

Exhibit "E": Motion by Carlton Billingsley and seconded by Jim Whitley to approve Appointment of Richard McKeown to the Saline County Public Library Board to replace Laine Holleran. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Rick Bellinger to approve all three Action Items stating they had been reviewed by all committees. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded Josh Curtis to suspend the rules and add Exhibit "F" to the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADD ON:

Exhibit "F": Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Rick Bellinger to approve Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the District Court Automation Fund for the Purpose of District Court related Technology and for other related purposes. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2023-24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Keith Keck gave an update on obtaining land for the new shooting range stating that property has been found that is 2 miles into Garland County.

Mr. Keck also stated he had challenged a book at the Saline County Library and that it has been moved to the newly created "Age 18 to 24 Adult Section".

Barbara Howell gave a reminder that the annual fund raiser for the Lake Norrell Fire Department will be held on September 23, 2023.

Jim Whitley brought up possibly formalizing a process of screening candidates for boards before they are appointed. The county attorney, Kolton Jones, was asked to look into other county's process for future discussion.

J. R. Walters announced his retirement after 26 years of service. It will become official at the October Quorum Court Meeting. Josh Curtis mentioned that he had not missed one meeting throughout his tenure as Justice of the Peace.

Motion made by Rick Bellinger and seconded by Jim Whitley to adjourn meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - ____

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT RESOLUTIONA RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF SALINE COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID
FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT:
SOUTHWEST TRAIL: PULASKI COUNTY – GERMANIA ROAD

WHEREAS, Metroplan has approved Federal-Aid Highway Infrastructure Grant Program attributable funds for the project at the following Federal and County participating ratios, up to the maximum Federal-Aid available:

Type Work	Work Phase	Federal %	County %
Projects that reach construction	Preliminary Engineering	80	20
	Right-of-Way	80	20
	Utilities	80	20
	Construction	80	20
	Construction Engineering	80	20
Projects that never progress to construction	All Phases	0	100

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

Section I: The County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities in this project.

Section II: The Saline County Judge Matt Brumley or his designated representative is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Saline County Quorum Court, to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expediate the construction of this County project.

Section III: The County pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation to initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 16th day of October, 2023.

APPROVED: _____

MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

EXHIBIT "B"

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 AND TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Sheriff received a reimbursable Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the 2023-2024 grant period. The Sheriff requests to appropriate the grant funds of \$14,657.00 from Fund 3761 - JAG Grant, Sheriff Department, for small equipment to be purchased in accordance with grant application. This reimbursable grant will be upfronted by County General and returned back to County General upon the completion of the grant (Article 1); 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 \$29,314.00 is hereby appropriated in the JAG Grant, Sheriff Department budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3761.0400.2002	Small Equipment	\$14,657.00
3761.0400.9999	Transfers Out – to Co. General	\$14,657.00

Article 2. Anticipated revenues for Fund 3761 will be increased for the amount of \$29,314.00, and the Saline County Treasurer shall transfer funds of \$14,657.00 from Fund 1000 County General to Fund 3761 – JAG Grant to upfront this reimbursable grant.

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

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2023

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

EXHIBIT "C"

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 AND TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested to transfer part-time help to overtime in the County General (1000), Tax Collector Department (0104) budget for salaries (Article 1); and

WHEREAS, the 911 Board approved the purchase of equipment and software needed in order to integrate the City of Bryant communication center and split the expenses by reimbursement to the County. The 911 Communications Manager requests to transfer Computer Software/Support to Capital Outlay – Machinery & Equipment in the 911 Emergency Fund (3020) budget for the purchase of the needed equipment and increase appropriated revenues for the reimbursement that will be received from the City of Benton and the City of Bryant (Article 2); and

WHEREAS, the Road Department needs to purchase two (2) new tractors. The County Judge requests to transfer Capital Outlay – Concrete to Capital Outlay – Machinery & Equipment in the Road Fund (2000) (Article 3); and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested to transfer Other Miscellaneous to Capital Outlay – Machinery & Equipment and appropriate additional unappropriated balance in the (3415) Sheriff's Law Enforcement Protection Services & Detention Fund budget for the installation of a complete roof top lightning protection system to help alleviate the continuous claims from lightning damage to the facility and security systems (Article 4); and

WHEREAS, the County Circuit Clerk expressed a need to resolve a transfer overage in both Fund 3006 – County Recorder Cost Fund-75% and Fund 3404 – County Recorder Cost Fund-25% that was caused by Appropriation Ordinance No. 2023-10. (Article 5); and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Department received insurance proceeds of \$8,257.08 as a result of hail damage to a vehicle, and the County Judge requests those funds be appropriated into the Fund 1000 – Maintenance Department (0108) Repairs & Maintenance budget (Article 6); 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 \$25,000.00 is hereby transferred in the County General, Tax Collector Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0104.1002	Part-Time Help	1000.0104.1005	Overtime	\$25,000.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$56,571.00 is hereby transferred in the 911 Emergency Services Fund budget and 911 Emergency Fund anticipated revenue increased by \$44,034.00 as follows:

Transfer From/ Line Item	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3020.0501.3102	Computer Software	3020.0501.4004	C/O-Machinery&Equip	\$56,571.00
3020.8725	Reimb-Miscellaneous			\$44,034.00

Article 3. That the sum of \$111,000.00 is hereby transferred in the County Road budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
2000.0200.4050	C/O - Concrete	2000.0200.4004	C/O – Machinery & Eq	\$111,000.00

Article 4. That the sum of \$13,000.00 is hereby transferred and the sum of \$22,900.00 is appropriated from beginning fund balance in the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Protection Services & Detention Fund budget as follows:

Transfer From/ Line Item	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3415.0418.3100	Other-Misc.	3415.0418.4004	C/O – Machinery & Eq	\$13,000.00
3415.0418.4004	C/O – Machinery & Eq			\$22,900.00
3415.5000	Beginning Fund Balance			\$22,900.00

Article 5. That the sum of \$800,959.92 is hereby transferred/appropriated in the County General Fund, the County Recorder Cost Fund-75% Fund, and the County Recorder Cost Fund-25% Fund budgets as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3006.0102.9999	Transfers Out	\$200,239.98
1000.8893	Transfers In	\$200,239.98
3404.8893	Transfers In	\$200,239.98
1000.0107.9999	Transfers Out	\$200,239.98

Article 6. That the sum of \$8,257.08 is hereby appropriated in Fund 1000 – Maintenance Department (0108) budget and anticipated revenues be increased for Insurance Proceeds as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0108.2023	Parts & Repairs	\$8,257.08
1000.8718	Ins. Proceeds (Damages & Loss)	\$8,257.08

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

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2023

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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