



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
AGENDA**

**DATE**-----November 20, 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:** A Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Justice of the Peace for District No. 12

**Exhibit B:** A Resolution Adopting the Recommendation of the Saline County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council regarding the Apportionment of Act 833 Funds

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

**ACTION ITEM:** Request to Increase two new hire detention officers to \$17.28 due to the prior correctional officer experience they are bringing to the position, retroactive to initial hiring date of both employees. No additional funds needed for this request.

**ACTION ITEM:** Request to increase the budgeted amount of line 1000.0156.0107 to promote an established employee (DOH 6/01/21) to this position at the rate of \$38,694, which is the same as another similarly situated employee in that office. Due the fact the position has been vacant, no monies will be needed for this increase to the line.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, October 16, 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 Clint Chism led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with 12 members present. C. J. Engel was not in attendance.

Motion by Carlton Billingsley and seconded by Rick Bellinger to approve the Minutes from the September 18, 2023 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A proclamation was presented by Judge Brumley and the Quorum Court to Justice of the Peace, J. R. Walters upon his retirement in appreciation for his many years of service to Saline County.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Motion by Carlton Billingsley and seconded by J. R. Walters to approve Resolution Expressing the Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Aid Funds for the Southwest Trail Project from the Pulaski Line to Germania Road. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2023-13.

Exhibit "B": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve Ordinance Amending 2023 Saline County Budget Ord. 2022-36 to Appropriate Funds Related to the Justice Assistance Grant Program. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2023-25.

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Justin Rue to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "C". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "C": Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Carlton Billingsley for approval of Ordinance 2023 Saline County Budget Ord. 2022-36. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2023-26.

COMMENTS:

Judge Brumley mentioned that there have been 4 claims made to the insurance company in the past year due to lightning strikes; the jail being the worst, OEM, and lastly, the Complex. There is a fund that the citizens of Saline County pay into that is set aside for improvements on Detention

Facilities which enables access to funds without pulling from the County General Fund. This will enable the maintenance on the jail to begin. He thanked the tax payers for this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Josh Curtis announced that they will begin discussing the 2024 Budget during the November Finance Meeting.

Judge Brumley stated that a vacancy for J. R. Walters' District, #12 will officially be announced in next month's Quorum Court Meeting.

The members of the Quorum Court expressed their thanks for the service that J. R. Walters has given to Saline County over the last 26 years. County Clerk, Doug Curtis expressed his appreciation and respect for all the advice and assistance he personally has received from him.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Clint Chism to adjourn meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR DISTRICT NO. 12, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, J.R. Walters, duly elected Justice of the Peace for District No. 12 of Saline County, Arkansas, retired from his position effective November 1, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, as required by Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1309, it is the obligation of the Quorum Court of Saline County, State of Arkansas, to declare by resolution a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace where conditions of a vacancy exist;

**WHEREAS**, under Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1309, the quorum court shall upon declaration of a vacancy, or within ten (10) days thereafter, cause the declaration to be filed in writing with the Governor; and

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

**SECTION 1.** A vacancy is declared to exist in the Office of Justice of the Peace for District No. 12 of Saline County, Arkansas, from the retirement of J.R. Walters, effective November 1, 2023;

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Arkansas pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1309.

DATED: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MATT BRUMLEY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSORS: BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SALINE, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SALINE COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION COUNCIL REGARDING THE APPORTIONMENT OF ACT 833 FUNDS BE ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Act 833 of 1991, as codified at Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-284-401 et seq., was approved by the Arkansas General Assembly to provide additional funding for Arkansas Fire Departments through additional insurance premiums assessed against insurers writing fire insurance and similar coverage in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, 3.00 percent of anticipated revenues will be allocated by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration to Saline County, as defined in Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-284-403, and

WHEREAS, this act allows the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of each county to recommend the appropriations of said monies to each municipal and rural fire department based on fire protection needs; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council met at the OEM/911 Communications Center on October 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Council voted to set the deadline for submission of the required Act 833 paperwork to the County as June 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Council voted to continue to distribute the 2024 Act 833 funds as it has previously done based on a points system provided by the Saline County Firefighters' Association. The points were converted to percentages to distribute the funds to the fire departments based on needs as follows:

Alexander	4.1669%	Lonsdale	2.7780%
Bauxite	5.5555%	Northeast	5.5555%
Benton	5.5555%	Paron	5.5555%
Bryant	5.5555%	Salem	5.5555%
Collegeville	5.5555%	Sardis	5.5555%
Crow's Station	5.5555%	Shannon Hills	5.5555%
East End	5.5555%	Shaw	5.5555%
Haskell	5.5555%	Traskwood	5.5555%
Hot Springs Village	2.7780%	Turtle Creek	5.5555%
Lake Norrell	5.5555%	West Pulaski	1.3891%

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT that the preceding allocation as recommended by the Saline County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council is hereby approved, and the amount of funds allocated to Saline County under Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-284-403 shall be distributed accordingly.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT that all Saline County fire departments have executed Mutual Aid Agreements among the departments within

the County. Said Agreements are on file in the Office of the Emergency Management and shall be submitted to the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board as required. If a department within Saline County does not submit the required Act 833 paperwork by the deadline set by the state of Arkansas and the County then that department's Act 833 allocation will be redistributed to the remaining eligible departments with the County.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATED: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MATT BRUMLEY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4

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

WHEREAS, the 911 Director requests to transfer funds in Fund 3020 – 911 Fund from Salaries, Full-Time Open Position Line Items and Other Various Budget Line Items to Over-Time, Part-time Help, and Holiday Pay. The 911 Director also requests to transfer funds in Fund 3020 – 911 Fund from Maintenance & Service Contracts to Capital Outlay for the purchase of 9 new computers for the 911 Dispatch Center (Article 1);

WHEREAS, the County Judge requests to transfer funds in Fund 2000 – Road from Other Professional Services to Paints & Metals to cover invoices (Article 2);

WHEREAS, the County received a check for insurance proceeds as reimbursement from repairs due to storm damage in the amount of \$835.98 and requests to appropriate these funds into Fund 1000 – Information Technology (0115) budget (Article 3);

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

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

Article 1. That the sum of \$94,000.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 3020 – 911 Emergency Fund, 911 Department (0501) budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3020.0501.0108	Deputy Team Lead	3020.0501.1030	Holiday Pay	\$24,000.00
3020.0501.0121	Team Lead	3020.0501.1005	Over-Time	\$15,000.00
3020.0501.3101	Training & Education	3020.0501.1002	Part-Time Help	\$5,000.00
3020.0501.3029	Communications-Misc.	3020.0501.1002	Part-Time Help	\$20,000.00
3020.0501.3020	Telephone	3020.0501.4004	C/O-Machinery	\$30,000.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$60,000.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 2000 – Road budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
2000.0200.3009	Other Prof. Services	2000.0200.2021	Paints & Metals	\$60,000.00

Article 3. That the sum of \$835.98 is hereby appropriated in Fund 1000 – Information Technology Department (0115) budget and anticipated revenues be increased for Insurance Proceeds as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0115.3029	Communications-Misc.	\$835.98
1000.8718	Ins. Proceeds (Damages & Loss)	\$835.98

**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 November 6, 2023 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
MATT BRUMLEY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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