



## QUORUM COURT AGENDA

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING-----JUNE 15, 2020**

**PLACE-----Vote Here Building, 221 N. Main, Benton**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**CLERK: Call the Roll**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**REPORTS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Exhibit 1 Ordinance Adding Roads to the County Road System (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Exhibit A Ordinance Appropriating 911 Emergency Funds**

**Exhibit B Ordinance Appropriating Saline County General Funds – 2020**

**Exhibit C Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of the Collector**

**Exhibit D Appointment to the Saline County Equalization Board – Lynn Hoggard**

**ADD ON:**

**Exhibit E Ordinance Appropriating Court Security Grant Funds for 2020**

**Conduct Interviews for Collector's Position**

**COMMENTS:**

**SALINE COUNTY COMMITTEES AND QUORUM COURT MINUTES  
APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS  
MAY 18, 2020**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom #1 at the Saline County Courthouse. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic situation Quorum Court members were allowed to attend through a "Zoom" meeting initiated by County Judge Jeff Arey. Judge 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 13 members present, 6 members were present via Zoom, and 7 members were present at the Courthouse.

County Attorney Clay Ford, County Judge Administrative Assistant Vickie Hopkins, County Sheriff Rodney Wright, OEM Director Brandon Guillot, County Clerk Doug Curtis, Chief Deputy/Finance Administrator Lisa Montgomery, Comptroller Angie Drummond and I.T. specialist Shawn Holland were also present.

Motion made by Jim Whitley and seconded by Ed Albares to suspend the rules and combine the April and May Committees and Quorum Court meetings. Voice vote was unanimous – motion passed.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting. Vote was unanimous and the motion passed by a voice vote. Since there was nothing on the April Agenda Judge entertained a motion to adjourn – J.R. Walters moved to adjourn, Ed Albares seconded the motion – voice vote in favor was unanimous. Meeting Adjourned.

The May Meeting was called to Order by Judge Arey. Roll call was taken with all 13 members present. Six members were present via Zoom and seven members were present at the Courthouse.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to approve the Resolution to allow Turtle Creek Subordinate Fire Improvement District to become and operate as a Fire Protection District. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote. Resolution 2020-03

Motion made by Pat Bisbee, seconded by Tammy Schmidt, to suspend the rules and allow the add-ons. Motion passed by voice vote.

Judge explained that the add-ons are COVID-19 related, 100% grants, no matching funds required, and funds have already been granted.

Motion made by J. R. Walters, seconded by Ed Albares, to approve the Ordinance appropriating Fund 3753-VOCA-COVID-19 Grant FY 2020 Funds for the Year 2020 in the amount of \$5,000.00. After the reading of same, there was no discussion. Roll-call vote taken, motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2020-11

Motion made by Jim Whitley, seconded by Ed Albares to approve the Ordinance appropriating Fund 3752-STOP – COVID-19 Grant FY 2020 Funds for the year 2020 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

After the reading of same, there was no discussion. Roll call vote taken, motion passed unanimously.  
Ordinance 2020-12

Motion made by J. R. Walters, seconded by Jim Whitley to approve the Ordinance appropriating Fund 3754-BJA – COVID-19 Grant FY 2020 Funds for the year 2020 in the amount of \$39,862.00. After reading of same, there was no discussion. Roll call vote taken, motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2020-13

REPORTS:

Judge addressed the Quorum Court regarding the Pandemic and its effect on the County.

Angie Drummond, Saline County Comptroller, gave a report to the Quorum Court regarding revenues, projections and our budget. She provided three reports for their review.

Judge Arey advised the Quorum Court of the resignation of Joy Ballard, Saline County Tax Collector, effective June 30, 2020, therefore creating a vacancy. There was discussion of how and when to fill Collector's position. Clay Ford advised the Quorum Court of the process that was required to fill the vacancy. Motion made by Josh Curtis and seconded by Jim Whitley to open application process immediately and close before June 1, 2020. Interviews will take place in an Executive Session to be held during the June 15, 2020, Quorum Court meeting. The Quorum Court can make a selection that night if they would like to, or can set a date for that decision to be made. Voice vote on Motion was unanimous – motion passed.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Ed Albares to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**EXHIBIT "1"**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_**

**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.

Saddle Ridge Road	2,397 Feet
Greenstone Drive	1,073 Feet
Berkshire Drive	846 Feet of Extension, Total of 985 Feet
Hampton Drive	932 Feet of Extension, Total of 2,915 Feet
Wingate Drive	790 Feet of Extension, Total of 2,425 Feet

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

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

JEFF AREY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

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Second Reading

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 911 EMERGENCY FUNDS, TRANSFERING 911 EMERGENCY FUNDS, AND APPROPRIATING COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2020."

**Article 1.** Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

Fund 3020 – 911 Emergency Fund	
Dept 0501 – 911 Emergency Fund	
Line Item 3102 – Computer Software Maintenance & Support	\$41,000.00

**Article 2.** Funds are hereby transferred as follows:

<b>Transfer from:</b>	
Fund 3020 – 911 Emergency Fund	\$38,205.00

Funds from the 911 Emergency Fund shall be transferred by the Saline County Treasurer to the County General Fund to be appropriated for salaries and part-time help in the Communications 911 Department.

**Appropriate:**

Fund 1000 – County General Fund	
Dept 0501 – Communications 911	
Line Item 1001 – Salaries, Full-Time	\$8,205.00
Line Item 1002 – Part-Time Help	\$30,000.00

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

DATE: JUNE 15, 2020

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 JEFF AREY  
 SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

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

SPONSOR: J.R. WALTERS , J.P. DISTRICT NO. 12

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,  
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SALINE COUNTY  
GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2020."

**Article 1.** Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

Fund 1000 – County General	
Dept 0404 – Circuit Court – Fourth Division Judge Herzfeld	
Line Item 2001 – General Supplies	\$2,750.34

**Article 2.** The 2020 Anticipated Revenues for Fund 1000 shall be increased by \$2,750.34. These funds are a reimbursement from the City of Bryant for protective gear for the courts as a result of COVID-19. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: JUNE 15, 2020

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
JEFF AREY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: J. R. WALTERS, JP DISTRICT NO.12

DOUG CURTIS  
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, Joy Ballard, who presently holds the office of Collector of Saline County, State of Arkansas, and has served in that capacity since January 1, 2011, will be retiring, effective midnight June 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, it is the obligation of the Quorum Court of Saline County, State of Arkansas, to declare that a vacancy will occur in the office of the Collector in Saline County, State of Arkansas, as authorized by Amendment 55 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1309; 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 the Collector of Saline County, Arkansas, from the retirement of Joy Ballard, the duly elected Saline County Collector effective midnight June 30, 2020;

**SECTION 2.** That this Resolution shall be effective midnight June 30, 2020.

DATED: JUNE 15, 2020

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
JEFF AREY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

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

SPONSORS: SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT

EXHIBIT "D"

APPOINTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT  
TO THE SALINE COUNTY  
EQUALIZATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the term of Lynn Hoggard as one of the Quorum Court appointees to the Saline County Equalization Board will expire June 1, 2020, thus creating a vacancy. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Board of Equalization and the citizens of Saline County that Lynn Hoggard be re-appointed to said Board.

THEREFORE, in accordance with A.C.A. § 26-27-304, Lynn Hoggard is hereby re-appointed to the Saline County Equalization Board for a term to expire on June 1, 2023.

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JEFF AREY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

DATE: JUNE 15, 2020

SPONSOR:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,  
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING COURT SECURITY  
GRANT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2020".

**Article 1.** Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

Fund 3506 - Court Security Grant	
Dept 0402	
Line Item 2002 - Small Equipment	\$15,000.00

**Article 2.** Funds for this appropriation have been received from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Anticipated Revenue shall be established at \$15,000.00. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

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SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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