



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

**DATE----- August 1, 2022**

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Exhibit "A": Ordinance Amending 2021 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2021-31**

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

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

**Action Item: Increasing Detention Officer Pay from \$14.36 to \$16.00 for 2022**

**Action Item: Request to pay the 911 Communications Manager at Budgeted Amount of \$58,342, dependent upon qualifications and experience**

**ADD-ON:**

**COMMENTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
and  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 5, 2022 MINUTES**

**Committee Members:**

Pat Bisbee, District 1	Josh Curtis, District 7
Everette Hatcher, District 2	Ed Albares, District 8
Carlton Billingsley, District 3	David Gibson, District 9
Barbara Howell, District 4	Jim Whitley, District 10
Mark Grimmatt, District 5      ABSENT	Clint Chism, District 11
Tammy Schmidt, 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 Barbara Howell, second by Carlton Billingsley to approve the Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting held on June 6, 2022. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "A" – Ordinance Adding Road to the County Road System (1<sup>st</sup> reading) – Motion to approve made by Keith Keck, second by Jim Whitley. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "B" – Appointments to the Springhill Fire Protection District Board – Motion to approve made by Carl Billingsley, second by Tammy Schmidt. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "C" – Resolution in Support of Fiscal Year 2022 JAG Program – Motion to approve made by J. R. Walters, second by Barbara Howell. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "D" – Ordinance Appropriating Fiscal Year 2022 STEP Grant Program – Motion to approve made by Barbara Howell, second by Jim Whitley. Vote was unanimous, motion carried. Comments made by Keith Keck about the importance of our deputies and keeping them long term. He encouraged other Q.C. members to go on "ride alongs" and get a better idea of what our deputies face every day.

Motion to Adjourn made by J. R. Walters, second by Jim Whitley. Vote was unanimous, meeting adjourned.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Informational Item: ARP Proposals Review Committee Presentations:

- Benton Utilities/City of Benton: \$3M for Downtown Utility Infrastructure. Judge Arey presented the proposal to the Committee. After much discussion among Committee members regarding the merits of the project and the score of 60 points it received from the Review Board, Keith Keck made a motion to "Not Invite", second by J. R. Walters. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.
- Benton First Food Pantry & Church: \$1M for a new Food Pantry Building. Will Gruber presented the proposal to the Committee. There was discuss among the Committee members regarding the proposal, and some expressed an interest to ask First AG to re-write their proposal and submit it for consideration then. Everett Hatcher made a motion to ask First AG to bring a new proposal (more detailed) to

the Review Committee, second by Keith Keck. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Informational Item: Detention Center Security Controls RFP – Angie Drummond made the presentation and answered questions from the Committee members. The Committee instructed Angie Drummond and Will Gruber to prepare an Ordinance for presentation at the July Quorum Court meeting appropriating \$600k for the improvements and repairs at the Detention Center.

**COMMENTS:**

Keith Keck thanked everyone for making the drive out to Hot Springs Village for the meeting.

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

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	\$225,000.00
1000.0400.1006	Social Security Match	\$17,212.50
1000.0400.1008	Retirement	\$34,470.00

**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 appropriation for anticipated revenues in the County General Fund shall be increased as follows:

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000.7010	State Grants	\$269,125.00

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

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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 OFFICERS."**

**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) officers who are full-time established officers 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 officers, and

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

**WHEREAS**, Detention Center officers 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 officers.

**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:

<b>Transfer from</b>	<b>Transfer to</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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.

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

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

SPONSOR: JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7

EXHIBIT "C"

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 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 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 \$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
3001.0104.1002	Part-Time Help	3001.0104.1005	Overtime	\$15,000.00

Article 4. 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:

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

**Article 5.** 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