



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

DATE----- April 3, 2023

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Proclamation in Support of Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Exhibit "A": Resolution Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators As First Responders

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Exhibit "B": Resolution Authorizing Continuation of ICJR Grant

Exhibit "C": Emergency Ordinance Designating Planning Services as Professional Services

Exhibit "D": Emergency Ordinance Establishing Saline County Litter Control Fund

ADD-ON:

COMMENTS:

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
and
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 6, 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
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 Barbara Howell, second by Carlton Billingsley to approve the minutes from the Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 6, 2023. Vote was unanimous, motion approved.

Informational Item: Reminder of Good Neighbor Award – Will Gruber reminded everyone about the award and how it works. If they have a nominee they can present it at the April meeting.

Pat Bisbee gave the floor to Keith Keck – Mr. Keck reminded everyone that he and Judge will be meeting at some point with Central Region MetroPlan, probably in April. He asked all of the Finance Committee Members to let him or Judge know as soon as possible if they had any state highway projects they would like to have considered.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Josh Curtis called the Finance Committee Meeting to Order. Motion to approve made by Barbara Howell, second by Justin Rue, to approve the Minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting held on February 6, 2023. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "A" – Ordinance Amending the 2023-2024 Saline County Finance Committee Members Procedural Ordinance – Jim Whitley explained this Ordinance and said that there is language that needs to be changed before it is presented to the Finance Committee so he requested that it be tabled for now. Josh Curtis stated that the Ordinance was being pulled for now and would be put back on the Agenda at a later date.

Exhibit "B" – Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36, Finance Committee Members Monthly Allowance - Motion to approve made by J.R. Walters, second by Barbara Howell. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "C" – Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36, Sheriff Fleet and County Recorder Fund Transfer to County General – Motion to approve made by J. R. Walters, second by Justin Rue. Angie Drummond explained to the Finance Committee Members why this was necessary and how the financing had been handled. There was some discussion, and then the vote was taken. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Information Item: Update on County's RFP for New Website. Will Gruber updated the Finance Committee Members on our RFP's for a new website provider. Received 12 RFP's and have

been working on narrowing it down to the three best choices. Will then begin negotiations with the company that is selected.

Keith Keck – will we have updates from the recipients of the ARP funds soon? Angie Drummond responded that she had reached out to them, and that they will have reports in April and May.

ADD-ON: None.

Public Comments: The following individuals addressed the Finance Committee Members:

Angela Gray – comments regarding the Saline County Library

Julia Norris – Paper ballots and voting machine issues

Scott Gray – Paper ballots and voting machine issues

Allison Gray – Paper ballots and voting machine issues

Jamie Klimmer – Voting machines

Josh Curtis addressed the audience regarding the voting machine/paper ballot issues.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS AS FIRST RESPONDERS IN SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND TO SUPPORT THEIR DESIGNATION AS FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators serve 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, just the same as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical services personnel; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators make the same sacrifices in their personal lives as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical services personnel by leaving their families, friends, and the safety of their homes to handle the emergency 911 calls that save the lives, protect the property, and ensure the safety of our community during emergency events; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are trained in emergency medical dispatch, qualifying them to offer a variety of lifesaving instructions, including CPR, bleeding control, choking, childbirth, and airway maintenance over the telephone until paramedics arrive on the scene; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators heroically answer 911 emergency calls around-the-clock whereby they give medical guidance, instruct callers on staying safe in difficult situations, and help callers to safety during disasters, all while promptly dispatching field units to said emergency situations for the callers; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators must handle the stress of answering thousands of calls annually, being the voice on the other end of the call as citizens experience the worst days of their lives, all while keeping their fellow emergency responders in the field safe.

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

SECTION I: The Saline County Quorum Court recognizes the Public Safety Telecommunicators within the Saline County Emergency Communications Center by proclaiming to consider them "First Responders."

SECTION II: The Saline County Quorum Court expresses support for the 911 Saves Act, or similar legislation, to officially elevate Public Safety Telecommunicators to First Responders at the State and Federal level.

SECTION III: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 17th day of April 2023

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

SPONSOR: CJ ENGEL
DISTRICT # 9

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - _____

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT

A RESOLUTION authorizing the preliminary grant application process for the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) FY2023 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (Arrest Grant.)

WHEREAS, enhancing Saline County law enforcement and service to victims of domestic violence is an ongoing need which can be met by the continued employment of victim justice and assistance personnel; and

WHEREAS, the funding to be requested through the 2023-2026 Arrest Grant Program will provide ongoing assistance for victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the positions of full-time Detective for the Domestic Violence Unit at Saline County Sheriff's Office, part-time Case Coordinator at the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and one full-time Victim Advocate position at Saline County Safe Haven would be funded by the grant; and

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement for Arrest Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, members of the Saline County Quorum Court have had an opportunity to review and comment on this notification; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saline County Quorum Court hereby authorizes and directs the Saline County Grants Administrator to submit an Arrest Grant application reflecting the above-mentioned funding for the 2023-2026 period.

DATE: APRIL 17, 2023

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING PLANNING SERVICES AS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARK. CODE ANN. §19-11-801."

WHEREAS, paragraph (c) of Ark. Code Ann. §19-11-801 authorizes a Quorum Court to elect to not use competitive bidding for other professional services not listed in subsection (b) of this code section, but instead utilize a Request for Qualifications, with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the political subdivision's governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Quorum Court has previously discussed the need for a master plan associated with the Saline River; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Planning Board ("Planning Board") has discussed the need to have a professional provide a thorough review of the Saline County Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations ("Subdivision Rules"), as well as, any policy needs associated with the growth of Saline County, and provide recommendations for making the Subdivision Rules and any other Planning Board policies better situated to address future growth in Saline County;

WHEREAS, there may be qualified professionals that provide planning services ("Planning Services") that may not be architects or engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Quorum Court deems it necessary to procure Planning Services, which includes, but is not limited to, such services as land use planning, site master planning and design, and park and recreation systems planning, as other professional services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Saline County, Arkansas that:

Article 1. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, Planning Services are deemed professional services under Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801.

Article 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. There now exists in Saline County an immediate and pressing need for Planning Services. Therefore an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon and after its date of passage.

DATE: April 17, 2023

APPROVED: _____

MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: KEITH KECK, JP DISTRICT #13

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - _____

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN SPECIAL FUND TO BE CALLED THE SALINE COUNTY LITTER CONTROL FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Article 1. Affirmation. Ordinance 2004-34 authorized the sale of junk motor vehicles, old vehicle tires, and inoperative or discarded household appliances and directed a portion of such proceeds to be deposited into an established "Litter Control Account" by the Saline County Treasurer. This Quorum Court recognizes and affirms there is a need to establish a special fund on the books of the County to properly account for, track, and control all such revenues received, expenditures, and/or appropriated transfers made.

Article 2. Establishment of Fund. There is hereby created on the books of the Saline County Treasurer and the Saline County Clerk or Comptroller, a special fund to be known as the Saline County Litter Control Fund with a fund number of _____ as assigned by the Saline County Treasurer. It will be funded from the revenues collected from the proceeds of sales of junk motor vehicles, old vehicle tires, inoperative or discarded household appliances, as well as, the fines collected from tickets written related to litter in the County. Anticipated revenues and expenditures will be established annually with the budget ordinance adopted by the Quorum Court.

Article 3. Operation of Fund. The Saline County Litter Control Fund is subject to all the normal county budgeting, appropriation and expenditure regulations of Title 14 of the Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) and the County's Financial Management System, implemented in accordance with ACA § 14-21-101. Proper records and documentation will be maintained for audit purposes. The fund will be used for the payment of auction, towing, removing, preserving, storing, notice and publication costs resulting as clean-up of junk motor vehicles, old vehicle tires, inoperative or discarded household appliances and signage and education on the importance of keeping Saline County beautiful and free of litter.

Article 4. Emergency Clause. In order to properly track revenue, appropriated expenditures, and/or appropriated transfers for the Saline County Litter Control, it is found by this Quorum Court that the establishment of the Saline County Litter Control Fund is in the best interest of Saline County. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and approval.

DATE: MARCH 17, 2023

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: RICK BELLINGER, JP DISTRICT #6