



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

DATE----- May 1, 2023

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Exhibit "A" Resolution in Support of Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Providing Grant Writing Assistance to Hot Springs Village

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Exhibit "C" Resolution Authorizing VOCA Grant Application for 2023-24

Exhibit "D" Resolution Authorizing STOP Grant Application for 2023-24

Action Item: Request to Increase New Hire To \$17.28 Due to Prior Experience and Certifications, Retroactive to Hire Date.

Action Item: Request to Pay Current Part-Time Employee, Accepting Full-time Position as GIS Mapping Analyst, \$22.30 Due to Experience and Certifications, Retroactive to Hire in the Full-Time Position.

ADD-ON:

COMMENTS:

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
and
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 3, 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 Carlton Billingsley, second by Jim Whitley to approve the minutes from the Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting held on March 6, 2023. Vote was unanimous, motion approved.

Judge Brumley read the Proclamation in Support of Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Then he made the presentation to Staci Winberry and several 911 Operators from Saline County.

Exhibit "A": Resolution Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators As First Responders. Motion made by J. R. Walters to approve Resolution, second by Barbara Howell.

Keith Keck asked how this Resolution would help the 911 Operators. C. J. Engel said that this gets them recognition that they deserve and helps provide additional resources that they haven't had access to in the past. For example, when first responders had priority to get the vaccine, the telecommunicators were not listed. This will help ensure that they will be listed as first responders. After discussion, the vote was taken, and was unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Bisbee recognized Keith Keck who wanted to speak regarding the gun range issues. Talked about the County Judge being approached about putting in an archery and sporting clays range in Western Saline County. Discussed the Ordinance we currently have that regulates shooting ranges. Is this something we want to continue to do, or look at the history? There was some discussion among Committee Members, and Will elaborated on the Ordinance. The people who asked about it are wanting to move here from California, but want to make sure they understand our Ordinance and how it would affect them. Discussed history of the gun range Ordinance. Should we look at the current Ordinance and consider beefing it up? Or just leave it as is for now.

Motion to Adjourn made by Josh Curtis, second by Jim Whitley. 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 C. J. Engel, to approve the Minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting held on March 6, 2023. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "B": Resolution Authorizing Continuation of ICJR Grant -- Motion to approve made by J. R. Walters, second by Jim Whitley. Rick Bellinger asked about the grant and what happens when the grant money runs out. Angie Drummond explained that we have gotten this grant for

several years, but we will be getting less this year. We have been getting \$500,000.00 per year, but have now been told it will be \$375,000.00 this year. It will still support a full time Detective, and a part time case coordinator at PA's office, and we would still have our full-time advocate at Saline Co. Safe Haven, but it does eliminate one part time position at Safe Haven. There are things that happen when the grant runs out. This is just the application process. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "C" – Emergency Ordinance Designating Planning Services as Professional Services: Will explained to the Committee what this designation would do if passed. This would allow us to use a Request a Proposal for Qualifications and then grade those companies that respond. Josh Curtis explained this Ordinance, the purpose for it and how it would work. He stated that there is language that he would like to change within this Ordinance. He then asked that the Court disregard Exhibit "C". Pat Bisbee made a motion to suspend the rules to include Exhibit "E." Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Exhibit "E" – Emergency Ordinance Classifying Planning Services as Professional Services within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. Sec. 19-11-801 - Motion to move Exhibit "E" by Carlton Billingsley, second by Justin Rue. Clint Chism asked for an explanation in layman's terms of what is Planning Services and what they do. There was some discussion after which the Mr. Curtis called for a vote. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Exhibit "D": Emergency Ordinance Establishing Saline County Litter Control Fund – Explanation by Rick Bellinger of why this Ordinance is needed. It is simply establishing a line that the funds can be placed in. The fund was not established when the Ordinance was passed in 2004. Will Gruber explained that this is really just to create the fund, then will follow up at a later date amending the Ordinance from 2004. Motion by Jim Whitley, second by Clint Chism, vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Curtis mentioned that we would have an AWIN report at the Quorum Court meeting. Asked for comments from Quorum Court – Judge Brumley reminded everyone that there would be an ARP report on the Detention Center project. Water project will probably be the next month.

Public Comment: Gary Beck – thanked the Quorum Court for all they do and thanked them for their time.

Judge Brumley introduced our new Communications Director, Trevor Villines. Trevor gave them an update about the Tornado Relief Donation Drive and what is needed, and where to bring donations. Biggest needs are for protective items for volunteers, sunscreen, lip balm, ice chests, etc. We will host it at the Gazebo, people can drop their items off there and we will get it to the folks in Little Rock. Please share the post on your social media.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE RECEIVING ACCESS TO GRANT WRITING EXPERTISE FROM THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Hot Springs Village ("HSV") is a private community and political subdivision within the unincorporated portion of Saline County; and

WHEREAS, HSV is eligible for certain federal and state grants, such as those for public safety, including law enforcement and fire control, as well as, utilities, such as water, wastewater, and broadband; and

WHEREAS, Saline County is a member of the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District ("CAPDD"); and

WHEREAS, CAPDD employs grant writers to assist members prepare grant applications for federal and state grants; and

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

SECTION I: Saline County expresses its support and desire for CAPDD providing its grant writing assistance to HSV.

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

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 15th day of May 2023

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

SPONSOR: KEITH KECK
DISTRICT # 13

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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 ("RFQ"), with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the political subdivision's governing body; and

WHEREAS, there has been discussion regarding 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 Saline County Planning Board ("Planning Board") policies better situated to address 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 creating design and development guidelines for commercial and multi-family development and review and recommendations associated with rules and regulations, 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. Any RFQ issued pursuant to this Ordinance for Planning Services associated with the Planning Board will be prepared and released by the Saline County Judge, with input from the Saline County Quorum Court and Planning Board. Responses received will be graded by a committee including a Planning Board member, the County Judge or their designee, and a member of the Saline County Quorum Court.

Article 3. 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: May 15, 2023

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: KEITH KECK, JP DISTRICT #13

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - _____

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT

A RESOLUTION authorizing the preliminary grant application process for the 2023-2024 VOCA Grant program.

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 continuation funding to be requested through the 2023-2024 VOCA Grant Program will provide ongoing assistance for victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate position funded by the VOCA Grant Program has been grant funded since 2007 with federal funds received as sub-grants from the State of Arkansas, Office of Intergovernmental Services, Victim Justice and Assistance Program (DFA/IGS/VJA); and

WHEREAS, the match requirement for the VOCA Grant Program is 20%; and is met by the employment of a County-paid Victim Advocate who performs the same duties, 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 the VOCA Grant Application.

DATE: MAY 15, 2023

APPROVED: _____

MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE
(CEO OF SALINE COUNTY)

Attest: _____

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - _____

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT

A RESOLUTION authorizing the grant application process for the 2023-2024 STOP Grant program, and providing other assurances.

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

WHEREAS, the continuation funding requested through the 2023-2024 STOP Grant Program will provide ongoing investigation of domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, the position of Saline County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit Detective funded by the STOP Program has been grant funded since 2003 with federal funds received as a sub-grant from the State of Arkansas, Office of Intergovernmental Services, Victim Justice and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement for the STOP Grant Program is 28%, and the major part of this match requirements is met with volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Saline County Quorum Court have had an opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the grant application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saline County Quorum Court hereby authorizes and directs the Saline County Grants Administrator to submit the STOP grant application.

DATE: MAY 15, 2023

APPROVED: _____

MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE
CEO OF SALINE COUNTY

ATTEST: _____

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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