



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
AGENDA**

**DATE-----March 13, 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": Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36, QC Monthly Allowance**

**Exhibit "B": Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36, Sheriff Fleet and County Recorder Fund Transfer to County General**

**ADD ON:**

**Exhibit "C": Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2016-3 to Revise the Saline County Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations by Reference**

**DISCUSSION:**

**COMMENTS:**

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, February 21, 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 Ed Albares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all members in attendance.

Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve the Minutes from the January 17, 2023 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

2022 Audit Report given by County Comptroller Angie Drummond.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to suspend the rules and read title only of all exhibits. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "A": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Carlton Billingsley to Approve an Ordinance Amending Emergency Ordinance 2021-13 regarding the County's Electronic Funds Transfer System. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-5.

Exhibit "B": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Pat Bisbee to Approve an Ordinance Amending the 2022 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2021-31. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-6.

Exhibit "C": Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by Justin Rue to Approve Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance No. 2022-36. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-7.

Exhibit "D": Motion by Carlton Billingsley and seconded by Jim Whitley to Approve Ordinance to Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36 – Communications Director. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-8.

Action Item: Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Rick Bellinger for Verbal Approval of Transfer of Certified Patrol Officer to Transport Detention Officer at Budgeted Amount of \$17.70 per hour, retroactive to January 9, 2023. Action item unanimously approved by voice vote.

Informational Item: County Attorney Will Gruber informed the Quorum Court of the Planning Board's intent to change certain definitions within the Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Keith Keck to include Add-on Exhibit "E". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADD ON:

Exhibit "E": Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Keith Keck to Approve Resolution Expressing Support for the Saline County Election Commission Exercising their Full Range of Authority Regarding Election Integrity. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2023-3.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the next Quorum Court Meeting falling during Spring Break a motion was made by J. R. Walters and seconded by C. J. Engel to move the meeting to March 13, 2023. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMENTS:

Carlton Billingsley announced that the Bryant Football Team will be recognized with a Proclamation next Friday night.

Announcement made by J. R. Walters and Barbara Howell regarding the Salem Fire Department's annual breakfast fundraiser on March 4, 2023.

Judge Brumley instructed those in attendance that had signed in for public comment that each would have 2 minutes with a 30 second warning.

The following spoke in this order:

Steve Lux  
James Zahnd  
Jamie Clemmer  
Gary Don Beck  
Fred McGraw  
Bill Whipple  
Dan Smiley  
Rhonda Covington  
Clint Lancaster  
Julia Norris  
Elene Murray  
Rena Allmond  
Kandi Cox  
Scott Wise

Judge Brumley recognized the County's Office of Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office and Road Department for all of their hard work and long hours during the potentially bad weather we had.

Motion made by J. R. Walters and seconded by Jim Whitley to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Saline County Justices of the Peace ("Justices of the Peace") receive per diem compensation, as a per calendar day allowance, for attending meetings of the County Quorum Court, as defined per Ark. Code Ann. §14-14-1205(a)(2)(A); and

**WHEREAS**, the Justices of the Peace travel and often conduct business related to their positions as Justices of the Peace, in his/her district, for which they do not currently receive any other allowable expense, compensation expense reimbursement, or expense allowance, as contemplated and set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §14-14-1205(a)(2)(A) and (a)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court requests to transfer funds in Fund 1000 – County General, Quorum Court department (0107) budget for the purpose of an expense allowance, as contemplated by Ark. Code Ann. §14-14-1205(a)(3), for items such as travel, fuel, and other miscellaneous expenses incurred as result of the performance of their duties as the Justices of the Peace; 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 \$16,793.40 is hereby transferred in Fund 1000 – County General, Quorum Court (0107) department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0107.3030	Travel	1000.0107.1014	Allowance	\$15,600.00
1000.0107.3030	Travel	1000.0107.1006	Social Security Match	\$1,193.40

**Article 2.** Each Justice of the Peace shall be eligible to receive the expense allowance retroactively to January 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

EXHIBIT "B"

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 County closed on the loan for the Sheriff's new fleet vehicles and the bank sent the proceeds directly to the County for the County to process the claim for payment of the vehicles and the equipment that will be installed. The Comptroller requests to appropriate revenue for the loan proceeds and additional funds into the Fund 1000 – County General, Sheriff Department (0400) budget to pay the expense for the vehicles and the associated equipment on those vehicles from such loan proceeds (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, the County Circuit Clerk has collected a balance overage in both Fund 3006 – County Recorder Cost Fund-75% and Fund 3404 – County Recorder Cost Fund-25% and requests to appropriate the transfer of such funds to Fund 1000 – County General Fund in accordance with ACA § 21-6-307(c)(2)(C) (Article 2); 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 \$1,190,000.00 is hereby appropriated in Fund 1000 – County General Fund, Sheriff Department (0400) budget and anticipated revenues increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0400.5003	Note Principal	\$74,415.83
1000.0400.4004	Capital Outlay-Mach & Equip	\$412,339.25
1000.0400.1005	Capital Outlay-Vehicles	\$703,244.92
1000.9202	Loan Proceeds	\$1,190,000.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$400,479.94 is hereby appropriated in Funds 3006 – County Recorder and 3404 – County Recorder Computers-25% budget and anticipated revenues increased in Fund 1000 – County General Fund as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3006.0102.9999	Transfers Out	\$100,119.98
3404.0102.9999	Transfers Out	\$300,359.96
1000.8893	Transfers In	\$400,479.94

Article 3. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved. It was approved by Saline County Finance Committee on March 6, 2023 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: MARCH 13, 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 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-3, TO REVISE THE SALINE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS."

WHEREAS, the Saline County Planning Board ("Planning Board") had ample discussion at regular Planning Board meetings regarding the need to amend the definition of Subdivision, to address concerns and prevent ambiguity associated with the Saline County Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations, raised by the Saline County Circuit Court in a case involving the Planning Board;

WHEREAS, the Saline County Planning Board advertised and held a public meeting on March 9, 2023, in accordance with Ark. Code. Ann. § 14-14-207, and did not receive any public comments; and,

WHEREAS, at the March 9, 2023 Planning Board meeting, the Planning Board endorsed the amendment of the definition of Subdivision, within the Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and have forwarded the amended definitional change within the Subdivision Rules and Regulations for Saline County Quorum Court consideration and approval.

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

**Article 1.** The Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations, comprised of text and exhibits so titled, for Saline County, Arkansas, prepared by the Planning Board and originally adopted by the Saline County Quorum Court by Ordinance No. 2003-002, revised by Ordinance No. 2015-02, revised by Emergency Ordinance No. 2016-3, which was revised by Emergency Ordinance 2019-11 and Emergency Ordinance 2022-12, is hereby revised by this Ordinance.

**Article 2.** The definition of "Subdivision," set forth in Section 1, Rule 2.2.29,

2.2.29 Subdivision - ~~(a) Any division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land at least three (3) times, whether by platting or by metes and bounds, into three (3) or more lots or parcels including the combination of three (3) or more previously-platted lots.~~

b. ~~However, the term subdivision shall also apply to any if the division of land involving:~~

- ~~(1) the dedication of a road to the public,~~
- ~~(2) including granting ingress and egress easements, or~~
- ~~(3) the granting of easements or any other acts consistent with the installation of utilities (defined as water, gas, electric, sewer, or telephone).~~

c. ~~provided however, that any division of land into lots or parcels of ten (10) acres or more shall not be deemed a subdivision unless road dedication, including ingress and egress easement or the installation of utilities (defined as water, gas, electric, sewer, or telephone), is involved. The following transactions are exempt:~~

1. Property devised by will.

2. Property placed in trust.

3. Family  
division (Defined as transaction exempt under the Arkansas Real Property Transfer Act (as amended) involving transfers between a father and mother and their descendants and brother and sisters and their descendants.

4. Judicial action regarding division of land.

5. Any division or divisions of land, ten (10) acres or more, where there is fee title access to a public road of any type and no utility involvement as set forth in (b)(3).

**Article 3.** Strikethroughs are words or phrases to be deleted from the applicable definition while underlined words or phrases are to be added to the definition. All strikethroughs or underlined additions in Article 2 are to be deemed applied subsequent to passage but prior to publication and application of the terms set forth herein.

**Article 4.** A copy of the attached revised Subdivision Rules and Regulations, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and this ordinance are on file in the Office of the County Clerk and are available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the County Clerk and Planning Board Office.

**Article 5. Penalties.** Any violation of these rules and regulations or amendment hereto shall be a misdemeanor under the laws of the State of Arkansas and the offender upon conviction shall be punished as for a misdemeanor, and any court having jurisdiction of misdemeanor cases shall have jurisdiction to try such offenders and upon conviction to fine them not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense; and each day that any violations of these rules and regulations is in effect shall constitute a separate offense. The Planning Board also retains the right to pursue civil penalties for subdivisions out of compliance with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations and the Master Street Plan.

**Article 6.** Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Article 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance being necessary to ensure the orderly development of property in Saline County, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

DATE: March 13, 2023

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

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

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