



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----April 17, 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": Resolution Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators As First Responders

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:

Exhibit "E": Resolution Requesting Saline County Library Ensure Children's Section Materials Are Subject Matter and Age Appropriate

Exhibit "F": Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36

DISCUSSION:

Informational Item: ARP Projects Updates

COMMENTS:

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2023**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, March 13, 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 C. J. Engel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with twelve members in attendance. Justice of the Peace Justin Rue was absent.

Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by C. J. Engel to approve the Minutes from the February 21, 2023 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by C. J. Engel to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibits "A" and "B". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "A": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to Approve Ordinance Amending Emergency Ordinance the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36, Quorum Court Monthly Allowance Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-9.

Exhibit "B": Motion by Carlton Billingsley and seconded by C. J. Engel to Approve Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36, Sheriff Fleet and County Recorder Fund Transfer to County General. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-10.

ADD ON:

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

Exhibit "C": Motion by Keith Keck and seconded by Barbara Howell to Approve Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2016-3 to Revise the Saline County Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations by Reference. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-11.

DISCUSSION:

Judge Brumley announced that on Wednesday, March 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. there would be a ceremony honoring the National Vietnam Memorial, recognizing the 10 Arkansans that died in service to our county. Also, a celebration of the troops coming home 50 years ago in 1973.

COMMENTS:

Judge Brumley instructed those in attendance that had signed in for public comment that they would each have 3 minutes with a 30 second warning.

The following spoke in this order:

David Gibson
Angela Gray
Julia Norris
Alison Gray

Several members of the Quorum Court requested an opportunity to respond to those who spoke.

Motion made by Josh Curtis and seconded by Barbara Howell to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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 ("RFQ"), 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, 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, 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. 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: 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: _____

SPONSOR: RICK BELLINGER, JP DISTRICT #6

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SALINE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SALINE COUNTY LIBRARY ENSURE THAT MATERIALS CONTAINED WITHIN THE CHILDREN'S SECTION OF THE LIBRARY ARE SUBJECT MATTER AND AGE APPROPRIATE.

WHEREAS, the Saline County Library ("Library") has been an integral part of the Saline County community for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Library is visited by individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Library currently has many children visit who may be exposed to materials that are not subject matter or age appropriate for children, such as sexual content or imagery, that their parents or the public do not deem to be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Directors and Library employees have a responsibility to ensure that materials contained at the Library, particularly within the children's section, regardless of the legal definition of obscenity, are age appropriate for children; and

WHEREAS, while the Arkansas Legislature passed Senate Bill 81, now Act 372 of 2023, which may have an impact on the Library, and the Library should proactively take steps to ensure that materials that are not subject matter or age appropriate, such as those that contain sexual content or imagery, are not located in areas where children's materials are located; and

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

SECTION I: The Library should enact policies to relocate materials that are not subject matter or age appropriate for children, due to their sexual content or imagery, to an area that is not accessible to children.

SECTION II: 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

SPONSORS: JIM WHITLEY
DISTRICT #10

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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DISTRICT # 11

EXHIBIT "F"

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 passed Ordinance 2022-27 to approve the AWIN Simulcast Project from ARPA Funds and entered into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, as part of the agreement with Saline County, is working to secure land for the County to purchase as the site for the location of one of the new towers to be erected; and,

WHEREAS, the Saline County Financial Management Department requests to transfer funds from the ARPA Fund (3046) from Capital Outlay – Machinery & Equipment to Capital Outlay – Land (Article 1); and,

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

Article 1. That the sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 3046 – ARPA Fund, AWIN Project Department (0192) budget and appropriated as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3046.0192.4004	Capt.Outlay-Equip.	3046.0192.4001	Capital Outlay-Land	\$20,000.00

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

DATE: APRIL 17, 2023

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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