



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----**May 15, 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:

Informational Item: Presentation by Johnson Controls

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Exhibit "B": 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: Verbal Approval to Increase New Hire To \$17.28 Due to Prior Experience and Certifications, Retroactive to Hire Date.

Action Item: Verbal Approval 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:

Exhibit "E" Appropriation Ordinance Amending Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36

DISCUSSION:

COMMENTS:

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2023**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, April 17, 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 Rick Bellinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all members present.

Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by Carl Billingsley to approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2023 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge Brumley moved the Informational Item of ARP Projects to the top of the meeting.

Brian Black of Black, Corley, Owens, & Hughes Architects gave an update regarding the Saline County Jail expansion.

Adam Burris, a representative with Motorola, gave an update of the progress of the communication towers project.

Judge Brumley went over of the ongoing water project that the county is working with the Saline County Water Alliance on.

Judge Brumley stated that the deadline for spending the funds is December 31, 2026 and we are within that timeline.

Exhibit "A": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Pat Bisbee to Approve Resolution Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators as First Responders. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2023-4.

Exhibit "B": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Barbara Howell to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Preliminary Grant Application Process for the U. S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2023-5.

Exhibit "C": Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Jim Whitley to send the proposed Emergency Ordinance Designating Planning Services as Professional Services back to Committee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "D": Motion by Rick Bellinger and seconded by Justin Rue to approve Emergency Ordinance Establishing Saline County Litter Control Fund. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-12.

Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded by J. R. Walters to include Add-on Exhibit "E". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADD ON:

Exhibit "E":

Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded by Clint Chism to approve Resolution Requesting Saline County Library Ensure Children's Section Materials are Subject Matter and Age Appropriate.

Motion by Keith Keck and seconded by Rick Bellinger to Amend the Resolution with an addition referencing Act 372. Motion passed with voice vote.

Keith Keck withdrew motion. After much discussion concerning amending resolution, Judge Brumley called for a roll call vote. Motion to Amend Resolution with roll call vote by Keith Keck and seconded by Carlton Billingsley. Motion failed with 4 for and 9 against.

DISCUSSION:

Concerning Exhibit "E"; Mr. Bellinger said before voting yes to the proposed Resolution he wanted to make it clear that he is not for banning books nor is he for defunding the library. Several of the members expressed support of the Resolution but stated that they did not wish to defund the library. Both Mr. Keck and Mr. Billingsley felt they should have spoken to the library board before drafting the Resolution.

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:

Jon Newcomb
John Goff
Bill Whipple
Carl Heyl
Rena' Allmond
Dana Bloch
Tim Allmond
Chelsea Simon
Gary Beck

Jordan Sandlin
Stephanie Duke
Edith Baker
David Gibson
Sam Taggert
Scott Gray
Fred McGraw
Julia Norris
Allison Gray
Andy Bowden
Bailey Morgan
Mary Lewis
Grayson Hartz
Shannon Everett
Olivia McClure
Angela Gray
Marcia Lanier
Brian English
Kristen Netterstrom Higgins

Motion to approve Resolution passed with 11 for and 2 against. Resolution 2023-6.

Exhibit "F": This is exhibit was pulled.

Motion made by Josh Curtis and seconded by C. J. Engel to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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

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.

DATE: July 17, 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

EXHIBIT "E"

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

WHEREAS, the Assessor has requested to transfer part-time help to the Assessor – Personal Property full-time position in his office that has been vacated in order to hire a replacement for that position immediately. The Assessor requests to transfer those funds in the County General (1000), Assessor Department (0105) budget (Article 1).

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

Article 1. That the sum of \$600.00 is hereby transferred in the County General, Tax Assessor Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0105.1002	Part-Time Help	1000.0105.0113	Assr-Personal Prop.	\$600.00

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

DATE: MAY 15, 2023

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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