



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----June 19, 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: Appointment to Saline County Board of Equalization

Exhibit B: Appointment to Saline County Library Board to Replace Vacancy Expiring June 30, 2023 due to Resignation of Current Board Member

Exhibit C: Appointment to Saline County Library Board

Exhibit D: Ordinance Amending 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36

Exhibit E: Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1978 – 1, to Revise the Obligations, Duties and Powers of the Administrative Saline County Library Board

Action Item: Approve Previously Appropriated Funds from the Animal Control Fund, to be sent to the Saline County Humane Society and the Hot Springs Village Welfare League

ADD ON:

DISCUSSION:

COMMENTS:

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
MAY 15, 2023**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, May 15, 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 Rick Bellinger and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve the Minutes from the April 17, 2023 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

NONE.

Information Item: Presentation by Rob Branscum and Bram Neelagaru of Johnson Controls concerning the money and energy saved thus far with the changes made. The full report should be available by the end of September of this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Motion by Keith Keck and seconded by Pat Bisbee to approve Resolution Expressing Support for Hot Springs Village Receiving Access to Grant Writing Expertise from the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2023-7.

Exhibit "B": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by Clint Chism to pull this exhibit.

Exhibit "C": Motion by Keith Keck and seconded by Carlton Billingsley to approve Resolution Authorizing the Preliminary Grant Application Process for the 2023-2024 VOCA Grant Program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2023-8.

Exhibit "D": Motion by J. R. Walters and seconded by C. J. Engel to approve Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application Process for the 2023-2024 STOP Grant Program, and Providing Other Assurances. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2023-9.

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 Josh Curtis and seconded by Jim Whitley to approve Ordinance to Amend the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance 2022-36; to Transfer Funds therefore to the Various Budgets; and for other Purposes. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2023-13.

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:

Kim Bourgeois
Richard Mills
Bob Vidt
Ann Sanders
Kari Lapp
Patty Hector
Leigh Espey
Gary Beck
Susan Andersen
David Gibson
Lydia Cheatham
Alexis Agnew

Judge Brumley mentioned that today, May 15, 2023 is the day of observance of those in law enforcement who have been killed in the line of duty. The county observed it on Tuesday, May 9th. He further said that since it has been being noted, 24,000 officers have perished in the line of duty.

Judge Brumley also announced that May 29th at 11:00 there would be a ceremony on the courthouse lawn honoring veteran's for Memorial Day.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPOINTMENT

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT
TO THE SALINE COUNTY
EQUALIZATION BOARD**

WHEREAS, the term of Lynn Hoggard as as one of the Quorum Court appointees to the Saline County Equalization Board will expire June 1, 2023, thus creating a vacancy. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Board of Equalization and the citizens of Saline County that Vicki Baldrige be appointed to said Board.

THEREFORE, in accordance with A.C.A. § 26-27-304, Vicki Baldrige is hereby appointed to the Saline County Equalization Board for a term to expire on June 1, 2026.

**MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE**

DATE: JUNE 19, 2023

APPOINTMENT

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT TO
THE SALINE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

WHEREAS, Caroline Miller Robinson resigned as a member of the Saline County Public Library Board for a term set to expire on June 30, 2023, thus creating a vacancy. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Library Board and the citizens of Saline County that Jamie Clemmer be appointed to fill this vacancy.

THEREFORE, in accordance with Ordinance No. 78-1, Jamie Clemmer is hereby appointed to a term on said Board to expire on June 30, 2023.

**MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE**

DATE: JUNE 19, 2023

APPOINTMENT

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT TO
THE SALINE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

WHEREAS, the term of Jamie Clemmer as a member of the Saline County Public Library Board will expire on June 30, 2023, thus creating a vacancy. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Library Board and the citizens of Saline County that Jamie Clemmer be reappointed to fill this vacancy.

THEREFORE, in accordance with Ordinance No. 78-1, Jamie Clemmer is hereby appointed to a term on said Board to expire on June 30, 2028.

**MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE**

DATE: JUNE 19, 2023

EXHIBIT "D"

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 Sheriff would like to transfer funds in Fund 3402 – Sheriff’s Bond Fund, Sheriff Department (0400) budget line Other Miscellaneous and appropriate to Small Equipment, Supplies, and Repairs & Maintenance and to appropriate additional funds from the beginning fund balance carryover to purchase three (3) additional patrol vehicles for his fleet to replace additional older fleet vehicles that were not replaced in the fleet replacement earlier this year (Article 1);

WHEREAS, the 911 office has been short-handed and had less part-time employees in the early part of 2023, the 911 Director requests to transfer funds from in Fund 3020 – 911 Fund from Over-Time to Part-time Help (Article 2);

WHEREAS, the Assessor has offered the GIS Homestead Assistant position to a current employee in the Collector’s Office (Collector Deputy Probate Specialist) who receives bilingual pay as per the 2023 Budget Ordinance 2022-36, Article 10. The Human Resources Department requests to transfer the funds from the position in Fund 1000 – County General Fund, Collector Department (0104) budget to the Assessor GIS Department (0156) budget for the position in the Assessor’s Office (Article 3); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee previously met and approved this request.

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

Article 1. That the sum of \$3,000.00 is hereby transferred and \$175,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 3402 – Sheriff Bond Fund, County Sheriff Department (0400) budget as follows:

Transfer From/ Line Item	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3402.0400.3100	Other - Misc	3402.0400.2023	Parts & Repairs	\$1,000.00
3402.0400.3100	Other - Misc	3402.0400.2002	Small Equipment	\$1,000.00
3402.0400.3100	Other - Misc	3402.0400.2001	Supplies	\$1,000.00
3402.4005	Vehicles			\$175,000.00
3402.5001	Balance Carried Forward			\$175,000.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$25,000.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 3020 – 911 Emergency Fund, 911 Department (0501) budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3020.0501.1002	Part-Time Help	3020.0501.1005	Over-Time	\$25,000.00

Article 3. That the sum of \$1,200.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 1000 – County General Fund, Collector (0104) to the Assessor-GIS (0156) Department budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0104.0110	Collector Dep.Probate Specialist	1000.0156.0105	GIS Homestead Asst.	\$1,200.00

Article 4. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved. It has been approved by Saline County Finance Committee on June 5, 2023 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: JUNE 19, 2023

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

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

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. 1978-1, TO REVISE THE OBLIGATIONS, DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD FOR SALINE COUNTY."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Saline County Ordinance No. 1978-1 ("Library Ordinance") established an administrative county library board for Saline County ("Saline County Library Board");

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-15-705 authorizes a county administrative board to exercise administrative powers granted by county ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Saline County ("Quorum Court") has determined that it is in the best interest of Saline County residents that the administrative powers granted to the Saline County Library Board be amended.

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

Article 1. The Library Ordinance, Saline County Ordinance No. 1978-1, is hereby amended and revised by this Ordinance as set forth below.

Article 5. The Saline County Library Board created by this Ordinance shall have ~~full and complete authority, subject to oversight by the Saline County Judge,~~ to manage, operate, maintain and keep in a good state of repair any and all buildings, equipment or installations of any kind used and devoted to the purpose of the Saline County Public Library as the same exists at the time the said Board receives them or as may be added or changed hereafter. ~~The Saline County Library Board shall have the power and duty to employ or remove all employees of the Saline County Public Library and to fix, regulate and pay their salaries.~~ The Board shall have the exclusive right and power, subject to the Saline County Judge's oversight, to make purchases of all supplies and equipment and other property and things requisite and necessary for the operation and management of the Saline County Public Library. This power includes contracting for or purchasing including new construction and equipment as needed it being the intention of this Ordinance to vest in said Board the authority to operate, manage, maintain equipment and control the Saline County Public Library all subject to county purchasing all statutory and constitutional laws of Arkansas.

Article 6. The Saline County Library Board shall have authority to enter into contracts, other than for the purposes of employment, with persons, firms, corporations or organizations including all levels of government and municipal corporations for any legitimate purpose in furtherance of the operation of the Saline County Public Library, subject to all applicable state and local laws.

Article 7. The Board shall adopt such rules, policies, procedures, and regulations as it may deem necessary and expedient for the proper operation and management of The Saline County Public Library, not inconsistent with this Ordinance or the laws of the State of Arkansas, and shall have authority to alter, change or amend such rules and regulations at its discretion. Prior to adoption of any rules, policies, procedures, or regulations under this Article, the Board shall submit the proposals to the Saline County Judge for review. The Board shall have the final authority to adopt or amend any rules, policies, procedures, or regulations subject to all applicable state and local laws.

Article 8. The Board shall submit quarterly reports beginning three months after its organization, and each three months thereafter, reporting in full on the operations, including an accounting of receipts and disbursements, to the County Judge and the Quorum Court, and shall furnish such other and further reports data and information as may be requested by the County Judge and the Quorum Court. The quarterly report to the County Judge and the Quorum Court with respect to receipts and disbursements shall be certified as correct by said Board. Said Board shall also submit to the County Judge and the Quorum Court an annual third-party audit by a non-governmental accounting firm of the operations of said Saline County Public Library. The Board shall submit a detailed line-by-line library budget during the county's annual budget process, for review and approval by the Quorum Court, and subject to appropriation by the Quorum Court.

Article 9. All sums collected by said Board shall become County funds and be deposited in the County Treasury in a separate fund to be called the Saline County Public Library Fund. All county monies for the operation of the Saline County Public Library shall be provided by Quorum Court appropriation. ~~The Board members shall each furnish to the County a \$2,500.00 property bond, which shall be filed with the County Clerk, which will insure the County against any misappropriation or mishandling of funds.~~ The Board members shall receive no salary, nor other form of monetary compensation for their services. Board members shall cause to be furnished to the County, for filing with the County Clerk, subject to any statutory requirements, sufficient security, through bonding or insurance, to insure the County against any misappropriation or mishandling of funds. The Library Board shall cause to be obtained a primary payer or first payer insurance policy or policies to provide adequate security against claims that may be made due to actions or inactions of the Library Board or Saline County Public Library, against the Library Board or Saline County Public Library, with the County as an additional insured.

Article 2. Strikethroughs are words or phrases to be deleted while underlined words or phrases are to be added to Library Ordinance 1978-1. All strikethroughs or underlined additions in this ordinance are to be deemed applied upon passage but prior to publication and application of the terms set forth herein.

Article 3. A copy of the amended Library Ordinance, incorporating the additions and deletions set forth in this ordinance, and this ordinance shall be on file in the Office of the County Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Article 4. SEVERABILITY: If any part of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

Article 5. REPEALER: Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

DATE: June 19, 2023

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7
EVERETTE HATCHER, JP #2
C J ENGEL, JP #9
BARBARA HOWELL, JP #4
ED ALBARES, JP #8
JUSTIN RUE, JP #5
CLINT CHISM, JP #11
J R WALTERS, JP #12
JIM WHITLEY, JP #10
CARLTON BILLINGSLEY, JP #3