



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

DATE-----April 1, 2024

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: Ordinance Providing for Certificate Pay for Saline County Sheriff's Office Deputies (Second Reading)

Exhibit B: Resolution to Oppose the Proposed Arkansas Abortion Amendment to Amendment 68 of the Arkansas Constitution in Accordance with the Policy of Saline County, Arkansas as set forth in Saline County Resolution No. 2021-8

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Exhibit C: Appropriation Ordinance to Amend the 2024 Saline County Budget Ordinance No. 2023-30

Exhibit D: Ordinance to Establish a Special Revenue Grant Fund to be called the Adult Drug Court - Opioid Settlement Fund

ADD-ON:

OTHER BUSINESS: Broadband Challenge Process Update

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2024**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, March 18 2024 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 Barbara Howell gave the invocation and Justice of the Peace C. J. Engel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with 12 members present. Justin Rue was not in attendance.

Motion by Rick Bellinger and seconded by George Wyrick to approve the Minutes from the February 20, 2024 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A Proclamation was presented by Judge Brumley declaring the Month of April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. He mentioned Elisha Morrison and Taylor May with Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center as contacts. Additionally he gave his county phone number as a point of contact for those affected.

Saline County Veteran Services Officer, Greg Campbell gave an update on Saline County Veteran's Services mentioning there are now two full-time employees available for the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Rick Bellinger to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "A". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "A": Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Rick Bellinger to approve First Reading of Ordinance Providing for Certificate of Pay for Saline County Sheriff's Office Deputies. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by Keith Keck to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "B". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "B": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded by Clint Chism to approve Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2010-13 to Amend the Saline County Personnel Policy Manual Regarding Use of County Vehicles. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2024-7.

Motion by Carlton Billingsley and seconded by Rick Bellinger to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "C". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "C": Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by George Wyrick to approve Appropriation Ordinance Amending 2024 Saline County Budget Ord. 2023-30. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2024-8.

Jim Whitley mentioned that the following Action Items had both passed the Jessup Committee unanimously.

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve both Action Items. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

Promote a current standard level Probation Officer to senior level.

Change title of a Road Field Service Technician to an Equipment Operator 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pat Bisbee announced the opening of the East End Branch of the Saline County Library on April 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Rick Bellinger mentioned that there is a Town Hall Meeting tentatively set for April 4, 2024.

Keith Keck expressed his gratitude to the county for their actions during the storms in the Hot Springs Village area.

Judge Brumley announced that the 51st Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Day Ceremony would be on March 26, 2024 6:00 p.m. on the courthouse lawn. There will be 592 flags for all the veteran's from Arkansas who died and 10 larger flags in honor of those from Saline County that perished.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Rick Bellinger and seconded by Josh Curtis to adjourn meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATE PAY FOR SALINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES BASED ON THEIR CURRENT ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES."

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-801, as provided by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 55, § 1, Part (a), states that a county quorum court may fix the number and compensation of deputies and county employees; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training has established minimum standards for the training of law enforcement officers and a Saline County Sheriff's Office Deputy must possess a Basic certification to be employed as a Deputy at the Saline County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training also provides for General, Intermediate, Advanced, and Senior Training Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Saline County desires to compensate Saline County Sheriff's Office Deputies for obtaining Training Certificates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Saline County, Arkansas that:

Article 1. In addition to annual pay, Saline County Sheriff's Office ("SCSO") Deputies shall receive additional compensation ("certificate pay") based on their current Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training ("CLEST") Certificates.

~~**Article 2.** SCSO Deputies shall receive certificate pay if they possess a General Certificate or higher and they have been employed by the SCSO for at least 12 consecutive months. CLEST-certified SCSO personnel who possess or acquire a General Certificate or higher shall receive certificate pay based on their hire date or the date the certificate was awarded. Certificate pay shall be prorated in the calendar year in which the personnel became eligible, based on the date upon which the employee was awarded an eligible certificate or upon the hire date if the employee held an eligible certificate upon being hired.~~

Article 3. The amount of certificate pay that a SCSO Deputy shall receive shall be based on the following:

General Certificate: \$125 per month

Intermediate Certificate: \$175 per month

Advanced Certificate: \$200 per month

Senior Certificate: \$250 per month

~~**Article 4.** If an employee with prior Arkansas law enforcement experience is hired and possesses certificate(s), it will be at the discretion of the Saline County Sheriff whether that employee receives any pro-rated certificate pay between six and twelve months.~~

~~Article 5.~~ **Article 4.** Certificate pay will be paid in a one-time, lump sum at the first pay period in December of each calendar year.

~~If an employee is terminated or resigns for any reason prior to the 23rd pay period, the employee will receive prorated compensation for certificate pay for the time served during that given year. If an employee is terminated or resigns for any reason prior to the 23rd pay period, the employee shall not receive certificate pay for the time served during that given year. This article shall not apply to authorized retirements.~~

It is the responsibility of each SCSO Deputy to present ~~his/her~~ his or her certificates to the SCSO Training Officer and the Saline County Human Resources Office prior to November 1st of each calendar year.

It is the responsibility of each SCSO Deputy to ensure their proper certificates are in their respective files. If there is not an actual certificate on file, the SCSO deputy will not be compensated.

Article 5. Severability – Should any word, phrase, or section of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the force and validity of the remaining portion of sections of this ordinance.

Article 6. Retroactive Applicability – This Ordinance shall apply retroactively and be considered effective as of January 1, 2024.

DATE: April 15, 2024

APPROVED: _____

MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-__

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

"A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED ARKANSAS ABORTION AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT 68 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS AS SET FORTH IN SALINE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-8."

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence states that all people are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including the right to life; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 68 to the Arkansas Constitution states the policy of the State of Arkansas is to protect the life of every unborn child from conception until birth; and

WHEREAS, On September 20, 2021, the Quorum Court of Saline County passed Resolution No. 2021-8, affirming the commitment of Saline County, Arkansas to protect the unalienable right to life of every person and declaring Saline County, Arkansas to be a pro-life county; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Arkansas Abortion Amendment to Amendment 68 of the Arkansas Constitution threatens the legality of Arkansas's current restrictions on abortion and conflicts with Saline County's policy as stated in Resolution No. 2021-8.

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

Article 1. In accordance with its pro-life policy and status as a Pro-Life County as established in Resolution No. 2021-8, the Saline County Quorum Court stands in vehement opposition to the proposed Arkansas Abortion Amendment.

DATE: APRIL 15, 2024

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSORS: RICK BELLINGER, J.P. DISTRICT 6
JIM WHITLEY, J.P. DISTRICT 10
JOSH CURTIS, J.P. DISTRICT 7

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30; TO APPROPRIATE/TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has an obligation to house juvenile inmates while awaiting court, and such juveniles cannot be housed in the same facility of adult inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Detention Center does not have the capacity to house juvenile inmates; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a line item for expenses related to housing juvenile inmates when the need arises; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requests to appropriate funds for this type expense in Fund 3017 – County Jail Fund, 0418 – County Jail Department budget (Article 1); and

WHEREAS, 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 \$32,850.00 is hereby appropriated in Fund 3017 – County Jail Fund, 0418 – County Jail Department budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3017.0418.3093	Misc Law Enforc.-Juvenile Housing	\$32,850.00

Article 2. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved. It has been approved by Saline County Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee on April 1, 2024 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: APRIL 15, 2024

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4

Emergency Ordinance No. 2024 - ____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

“An Ordinance to Establish a Special Revenue Grant Fund to be called the Adult Drug Court – Opioid Settlement Fund; and to Declare an Emergency.”

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish an Adult Drug Court – Opioid Settlement Grant Fund on the books of the county to track opioid settlement grant revenues made available to Adult Drug Courts through the Administrative Office of the Courts [AOC]. This Court recognizes and affirms the need for such a fund to properly account for and control all such revenues allowed and expenditures made; and

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

Article 1. Establishment of Fund. There is hereby created on the books of the Saline County Treasurer and the books of the Saline County Comptroller a special revenue grant fund to be known as the **Adult Drug Court – Opioid Settlement Grant Fund**. The fund number is **3048** and the revenue code is **7017 [Opioid Settlement Grant]** as assigned by Arkansas Legislative Audit. Any transfer codes; office/department codes; and expenditure codes are to be assigned locally using the County Financial Management System per the direction of Arkansas Legislative Audit.

Article 2. Operation of Fund. The Adult Drug Court – Opioid Settlement Grant Fund is subject to all the normal county budgeting, appropriation and expenditure regulations of Title 14 of Arkansas Code Annotated and the County Financial Management System. In accordance with regulations issued by AOC the presiding circuit judge of the Adult Drug Court shall use these funds to purchase and provide approved supportive and restorative services for the participants of the adult drug court program as outlined in the signed acknowledgement of the receipt of said funds. The presiding circuit judge shall submit an accounting of the use of these funds to AOC on a quarterly basis in compliance with AOC regulations.

Article 3. Emergency Clause. It is found by this Court that the receipt of Opioid Grant Funding for the Adult Drug Court is imminent or already received making it necessary to establish the Adult Drug Court – Opioid Settlement Grant Fund in order to properly track the revenue and appropriated expenditures. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and approval.

Dated: April 15, 2024

APPROVED _____

MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

Attest: _____

SPONSOR: BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4

DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK