



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
County Courthouse

**MEETING OF THE**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 15, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Via Video Zoom Conference

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Quorum Court Finance & Budget Committee As A Whole

Ann Harbison – Chair      Patrick Deakins – Vice-Chair

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**A G E N D A**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

2. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

At the beginning of each meeting, the agenda shall be approved. Any JP may request an item be added or removed from the agenda subject to approval of the Committee.

4. **AN ORDINANCE SETTING CONTROLS FOR THE 2021 BUDGET**

Item 20-O-068 (4.1) JP DUNCAN, JP HARBISON,  
JP WASHINGTON, JP JOHNSON, JP DEAKINS, JP POND, JP ECKE, AND JP YANEZ

5. **BUDGET REVIEW-**

This was postponed from the September 8<sup>th</sup> Finance & Budget meeting.

- COUNTY JUDGE
- COUNTY CLERK
- COLLECTOR
- TREASURER

Click on the link below to view the 2021 Budget.

<https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-a-e/comptroller>

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Twelve-minute comment period with a three-minute limit for each individual to comment on items on the agenda.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-**

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

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING CONTROLS FOR  
THE 2021 BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Quorum Court wishes to promote predictability and efficiency in the 2021 budgeting process; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington County projects \$104,237,795 in total revenues for 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, after the state required holdback, Washington County may appropriate the total amount of \$96,205,575 for 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington County desires to appropriate \$1,000,000 to the County Reserves and \$500,000 to the County Judge’s Emergency Fund, prior to any appropriation for expenditures for 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington County desires to appropriate the total amount of \$85,734,654 in expenditures for 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington County desires to adopt a method which appropriates monies to elected officials according to fixed percentages.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** The Quorum Court of Washington County hereby appropriates \$1,000,000 to be placed in County Reserves.

**ARTICLE 2.** The Quorum Court of Washington County hereby appropriates \$500,000 to be placed in the County Judge’s Emergency Fund.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Quorum Court of Washington County hereby appropriates sufficient monies to satisfy both employee raises and cost-of-living adjustments, for the 2021 budget.

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43 **ARTICLE 4.** The Quorum Court of Washington County  
44 hereby appropriates sufficient monies for any fund that is not expressly identified herein;  
45 those expenditures shall be presented and approved by the Quorum Court on a case-by-  
46 case basis.

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48 **ARTICLE 5.** The Quorum Court of Washington County shall  
49 execute articles 1-4 prior to the execution of article 6.

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51 **ARTICLE 6.** The Quorum Court of Washington County,  
52 subsequent to the preceding articles, shall appropriate any remaining monies in accord  
53 with the following percentages:

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55	Judge	35%
56	Sheriff	33%
57	Radios	13%
58	Assessor	4.8%
59	Circuit Clerk	3.7%
60	Circuit Courts	2.3%
61	Collector	2.2%
62	Prosecuting Attorney	2.0%
63	County Clerk	1.0%
64	Public Defender	1.0%
65	Election Commission	0.7%
66	Coroner	0.5%
67	Treasurer	0.5%
68	Quorum Court	0.3%
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70 **ARTICLE 7.** All proposed budgets that are consistent with the  
71 aforementioned percentages, shall be approved automatically by the Washington County  
72 Quorum Court.

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74 **ARTICLE 8.** The Washington County Quorum Court may  
75 approve any proposed budget that exceeds its fixed percentage; however, each budget  
76 in excess of its fixed percentage may be required to appear before the Quorum Court to  
77 justify its request for additional budgeted monies.

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80 JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

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83 BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

84 Introduced by:

**JP Sam Duncan, JP Ann Harbison  
JP Shawndra Washington, JP Lance Johnson,  
JP Patrick Deakins, JP Butch Pond, JP Lisa Ecke,  
JP Judith Yanez**