



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
County Courthouse

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

Thursday, September 24, 2020  
6:00 PM  
In Person at the Washington County Courthouse  
Or Via Zoom

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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) This ordinance was postponed at the September 15<sup>th</sup> Budget meeting.

5. **BUDGET REVIEWS** The budget review was postponed at the September 15<sup>th</sup> 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/budgets/2021-budget-process>**

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 \$44,088,452 in total revenues in the County General Fund for 2021; and,

WHEREAS, after the state required holdback, Washington County may appropriate the total amount of \$96,205,575 \$39,679,607 for County General Fund expenses in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to appropriate increase County Reserves to \$5,000,000 \$1,000,000 to the County Reserves and to increase the County Emergency Fund Budget to \$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. The Quorum Court of Washington County hereby determines that it will make available the total amount of \$33,179,607 to budget in the County General Fund for 2021.

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

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

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

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

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55 ~~**ARTICLE 6.** The Quorum Court of Washington County,~~  
56 ~~subsequent to the preceding articles, shall appropriate any remaining monies in accord~~  
57 ~~with the following percentages:~~

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| 59 | Judge                | 35 <del>22.1</del> %  |
| 60 | Sheriff              | 33 <del>24.6</del> %  |
| 61 | Assessor             | 4.8 <del>10.3</del> % |
| 62 | Circuit Clerk        | 3.7 <del>1.4</del> %  |
| 63 | Circuit Courts       | 2.3 <del>4.4</del> %  |
| 64 | Collector            | 2.2 <del>2.7</del> %  |
| 65 | Prosecuting Attorney | 2.0 <del>3.8</del> %  |
| 66 | County Clerk         | 1.0 <del>1.3</del> %  |
| 67 | Public Defender      | 1.0 <del>1.9</del> %  |
| 68 | Election Commission  | 0.7 <del>0.8</del> %  |
| 69 | Coroner              | 0.5 <del>1.1</del> %  |
| 70 | Treasurer            | 0.5 <del>0.5</del> %  |
| 71 | Quorum Court         | 0.3 <del>0.6</del> %  |

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73 ~~**ARTICLE 7.** All proposed budgets that are consistent with the~~  
74 ~~aforementioned percentages, shall be approved automatically by the Washington County~~  
75 ~~Quorum Court.~~

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77 ~~**ARTICLE 3:** For the purposes of the appropriation calculation~~  
78 ~~in Article 2, the following budgets are included in each category:~~

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80 a. ~~Judge:~~ ~~1000.0100, 1000.0108, 1000.0110, 1000.0113,~~  
81 ~~1000.0115, 1000.0118, 1000.0119, 1000.0120,~~  
82 ~~1000.0121, 1000.0122, 1000.0308, 1000.0444,~~  
83 ~~1000.0500, 1000.0702, 1000.0800~~  
84 b. ~~Sheriff:~~ ~~1000.0400, 1000.0428~~  
85 c. ~~Assessor:~~ ~~1000.0105, 1000.0106~~  
86 d. ~~Circuit Clerk:~~ ~~1000.0102~~  
87 e. ~~Circuit Courts:~~ ~~1000.0401, 1000.0402, 1000.0403, 1000.0404,~~

- 88 1000.0405, 1000.0406, 1000.0407, 1000.0440
- 89 f. Collector: 1000.0104
- 90 g. Prosecuting Attorney: 1000.0416
- 91 h. County Clerk: 1000.0101
- 92 i. Public Defender: 1000.0417
- 93 j. Election Commission: 1000.0109
- 94 k. Coroner: 1000.0419
- 95 l. Treasurer: 1000.0103
- 96 m. Quorum Court: 1000.0107

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99 **ARTICLE 84.**The Washington County Quorum Court may

100 approve any proposed budget that exceeds its fixed percentage; however, each budget

101 in excess of its fixed percentage may be required to appear before the Quorum Court to

102 justify its request for additional budgeted monies.

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109 JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

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113 BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

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115 Introduced by: **JP Sam Duncan, JP Ann Harbison**

116 **JP Shawndra Washington, JP Lance Johnson, JP Patrick**

117 **Deakins, JP Butch Pond, JP Lisa Ecke, JP Judith Yanez**

118 Date of Adoption:

119 Members Voting For:

120 Members Voting Against:

121 Members Abstaining:

122 Members Absent:

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125 Committee History: Finance & Budget Committee (09/15/2020); Postponed to September

126 24th Budget meeting

Quorum Court History: