



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
County Courthouse

MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, October 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Washington County Quorum Court Room

Robert Dennis
Suki Highers
Butch Pond

Sam Duncan - Chair

Sean Simons
Evelyn Rios Stafford
Jim Wilson-Vice-Chair

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.

NEW BUSINESS

4. REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs) WITH AMBER BERG OF THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (AEDI)

5. DISCUSSION ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS

6. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF A POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NWAEDD) FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NON-GOVERNMENT REQUESTS OF ARP FUNDS WITH JOE WILLIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NWAEDD

7. **DISCUSSION OF THE AMOUNT OF ARP FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO NON-GOVERNMENT REQUESTS**

8. **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,700,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE PASS THROUGH PAYMENTS LINE ITEM IN THE 2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (30460568.3014) FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION** Item 21-O-111 (8.1)

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Item 21-O-111

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

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\$4,700,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE PASS
THROUGH PAYMENTS LINE ITEM IN THE
2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
BUDGET (30460568.3014) FOR THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL FIRE
ASSOCIATION.**

WHEREAS, self-contained breathing apparatuses (“SCBA”) are a critical component firefighters utilize when combating fires; and,

WHEREAS, SCBA’s provide breathable air to firefighters during extreme life-threatening conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of those apparatuses currently in use by rural fire departments are in excess of twenty years old and are not compliant with modern safety standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association; and,

WHEREAS, because older model apparatuses are incompatible with the newer model designs, emergency “buddy breathing” systems can only be utilized if the same model apparatuses are deployed; and,

WHEREAS, this incompatibility between model designs makes piece meal purchases of SCBA equipment problematic; and,

WHEREAS, modern SCBA models certify that wearers are protected against chemical, biological, radiation, and nuclear (“CBRN”) contaminants-including COVID-19- because they include air-purifying respirators; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County Rural Fire Association requests funding to permit the wholesale purchase of new, National Fire Protection

42 Association compliant SCBAs, which ensures the safety of local firefighters during the
43 course of their work.

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

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48 **ARTICLE 1.** The Quorum Court hereby appropriates
49 \$4,700,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (3046) to the American Rescue
50 Plan Act Budget (30460568.3014) for 2021.

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JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

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63 Introduced by: **JP Willie Leming**

64 Date of Adoption:

65 Members Voting For:

66 Members Voting Against:

67 Members Abstaining:

68 Members Absent:

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71 Committee History:

72 Quorum Court History: