



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
County Courthouse

MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 28, 2022
6:00PM
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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4. A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS SUPPORTING EXCEPTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS TRIGGER LAW IN CASES OF RAPE AND INCEST** Item 22-R-09 (4.1) **JP Rios Stafford**

NEW BUSINESS

5. ARPA UPDATE

- 6. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND (3046) TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE DEM BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-107(6.1)

7. **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL MAINTENANCE FUND (30170127) FOR 2023** Item 22-O-120 (7.1)

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS SUPPORTING EXCEPTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS TRIGGER LAW IN CASES OF RAPE AND INCEST.

WHEREAS, Act 308, the Arkansas Unborn Child Protection Act, prohibits all abortions in the state of Arkansas, except to protect the life and health of the mother, and does not provide any exceptions for pregnancies that result from rape as defined in § 5-14-103 or incest as defined in § 5-26-202; and

WHEREAS various Republican, Democrat, and independent elected officials in Arkansas have publicly expressed support for rape and incest exception to Act 308, including Republican Governor Asa Hutchinson, Republican State Senator Missy Irvin, independent State Senator Jim Hendren, and Democratic State Representative Nicole Clowney; and,

WHEREAS, various Arkansas voters of all political viewpoints, including conservative, moderate, and liberal, have publicly expressed support for rape and incest exceptions to Act 308.

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

ARTICLE 1. The Washington County Quorum Court hereby resolves to fully and robustly support exceptions in cases of rape and incest to Act 308, and to advocate our members of the General Assembly, the Governor and the members of the General Assembly as a whole, for the due consideration and adoption by the General Assembly and signing by the Governor of Arkansas, of legislation creating: abortion ban exceptions for pregnancies that result from rape as defined in § 5-14-103 or incest as defined in § 5-26-202; and respectfully encourage the legislation to be a legislative priority of the General Assembly and the Governor of the State of Arkansas.

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JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: **JP Evelyn Rios Stafford**

Date of Adoption:

Members Voting For:

Members Voting Against:

Members Abstaining:

Members Absent:

Committee History: County Services(10-3-22; Postponed until next meeting

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

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

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000
FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND
(3046) TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET FOR 2022.**

WHEREAS, the final rule issued by the Treasury Department allows use of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to be used for the costs associated with the construction of an Emergency Operations Center; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County does not currently have an Emergency Operations Center.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$30,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (3046) to the Other Professional Services line item in the American Rescue Plan Act Budget (3046.3009) for use in designing an Emergency Operations Center for Washington County.

JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE JAIL MAINTENANCE FUND (30170127) FOR 2023.

WHEREAS, due to aging and inefficient HVAC units, the Sheriff's Office has the need to replace five Roof Top Unit (“RTU”) HVAC units. The current HVAC units to be replaced are over 15 years old and because the Sheriff’s Office is a 24/7 facility, these units have run approximately two to three times more than those on a traditional office building.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Detention Center's current surveillance system is old and outdated. The manufacturer of the current system has discontinued the currently installed product line and will no longer support the hardware or software past June 2023.

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

ARTICLE 1. The Quorum Court hereby appropriates \$750,000.00 from the American Recue Plan Act Fund (3046) to the Sheriff’s Office Jail Maintenance Fund (30170127) to the following line items in the following budgets for 2023:

Computer Machinery/Equipment	30170127.4009	\$ 600,000
Machinery and Equipment (Other)	30170127.4004	150,000

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