



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
County Courthouse

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

Thursday, January 19, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Washington County Quorum Court Room

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME** **JUDGE PATRICK DEAKINS**
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 Quorum Court.
4. **PRELIMINARY MOTIONS**
5. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**
Fifteen-minute comment period with a three-minute limit for each individual to comment on items on the agenda or other items.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the minutes from the Special Quorum Court Meeting 12-1-22 and Regular Quorum Court Meeting of December 15, 2022.
7. **COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT** (7.1) **JUDGE DEAKINS**
8. **REVIEW OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S HOT CHECK FEE REPORT FOR 2022** (8.1) **PROS ATTY MATT DURRETT**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. **AN ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD - J&J Concrete item 22-O-114** (9.1)
ordinance is on third reading **JUDGE DEAKINS**

NEW BUSINESS

10. **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE VOTING CENTER FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY** Item 22-R-018 (10.1)

11. **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN QUORUM COURT DISTRICT 1**
Item 23-R-001 (11.1)
 12. **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD Henderson Project CUP**
Item 23-O-009 (12.1-12.2)
 13. **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE QUORUM COURT; AND, REPEALING ORDINANCES 2017-01 AND 2021-01**
Item 23-O-001 (13.1)
 14. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES; AND APPROPRIATING \$6,517 TO BE PAID FOR MEMBERSHIP THEREIN** Item 23-O-002 (14.1)
 15. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1982-07 TO CHANGE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SEAL** Item 23-O-003 (15.1-15.2)
 16. **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S BUDGET FOR 2023** Item 23-O-004 (16.1)
 17. **AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS; REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Item 23-O-006 (17.1)
 18. **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF 911 DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET FOR 2023** Item 23-O-007 (18.1)
 19. **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ONLINE POSTING OF ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND CONTRACTS** Item 23-O-008 (19.1)
- JP BETH COGER
20. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

Thursday, December 15, 2022
6:00 PM
Washington County Courthouse

Judge Joseph Wood called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

The following members were present, JP Johnson, JP Marti, JP Simons, JP Ussery, JP Deakins, JP Ecke, JP Duncan, JP Washington, JP Madison, JP Dennis, JP Highers, JP Rios Stafford, JP Leming, JP Wilson, and JP Pond.

Prayer and Pledge was led by Quorum Court Coordinator Myra Collins.

JP Washington made a motion to amend the agenda and add a Resolution 22-R-019 Expression Appreciation to Tim Helder and 22-O-135 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORIDNANCE 2016-65 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES as items 23 & 24 second from JP Dennis, motion was passed with a voice vote. JP Ecke made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended and JP Leming second, with a voice vote the motion passed.

JP Duncan made a motion to suspend rules and read ordinances and resolutions by title only, second from JP Rios Stafford, motion passed with voice vote.

Citizen's Comments were heard from Richard Billingsley, Beth Coger and Becky Trever.

JP Ecke made a motion to adopt the Minutes from November 17, 2022 and a second was made by JP Leming. Motion passed with a voice vote.

A County Judge report was presented. The Monthly Disposal Report was in the packet. Judge Wood had two appointments to the Planning board, Maria Banks and Joseph Maynard. Motion by JP Deakins and second from JP Duncan passed with a voice vote. Judge Wood noted that the Legislative Audit from 2020 would have been emailed out earlier in the year and if the court has any questions to reach out. The Law Library submitted their report and will be emailed out to the court. Washington County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report should be getting done and will be sent out as well.

Judge Wood introduced items 8 through 14 along with Resolution for Sheriff Helder and County Attorney Lester read each by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO BILL USSERY

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SHANNON MARTI

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PATRICK DEAKINS

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SAM DUNCAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO EVA MADISON

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JIM WILSON

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH K. WOOD

A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO TIM HELDER FOR SERVICE AS THE COUNTY SHERIFF FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

63 Each Resolution was read by Judge Wood. County Attorney Lester read the Resolution
64 for Joseph Wood.

65 The following Resolutions were adopted:

66 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
67 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO BILL USSERY RES 2022-08**

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69 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
70 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SHANNON MARTI RES 2022-09**

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72 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
73 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PATRICK DEAKINS RES 2022-10**

74
75 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
76 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SAM DUNCAN RES 2022-11**

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78 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
79 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO EVA MADISON RES 2022-12**

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81 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
82 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JIM WILSON RES 2022-13**

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84 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
85 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH K. WOOD RES 2022-14**

86
87 **A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO**
88 **EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO TIM HELDER FOR SERVICE AS THE COUNTY**
89 **SHERIFF FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY RES 2022-15**

90
91 Judge Wood introduced item 15 and Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
92 ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL AND
93 CALENDAR YEAR 2023 Item 22-O-091(15.1) JP Deakins made a motion to suspend the rules
94 and move to second reading with a second by JP Ecke, passed with a voice vote. County
95 Attorney Lester read ordinance for the second reading. JP Deakins made a motion to suspend
96 the rules and move ordinance to the third and final reading with a second from JP Ecke, passed
97 with a voice vote and the ordinance was read for third and final reading by County Attorney. JP
98 Deakins made a motion to pass the ordinance with a second from JP Pond. There was
99 discussion among the court. And there were no public comments.

100 A roll call vote tallied as follows:

101 JP Johnson-Yes

102 JP Marti-Yes

103 JP Simons-Yes

104 JP Ussery-Yes

105 JP Deakins-Yes

106 JP Ecke-Yes

107 JP Duncan- Yes

108 JP Washington-Yes

109 JP Madison- No

110 JP Dennis-Yes

111 JP Highers-No

112 JP Rios Stafford

113 JP Leming-No

114 JP Wilson-Yes

115 JP Pond-Yes

116 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY**
117 **ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL AND CALENDAR YEAR 2023** Item 22-O-091(15.1)
118 **was ADOPTED ORD 2022-107**

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120 Judge Wood introduced Item 16.1 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, AN
121 ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR
122 DENIAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD - J&J Concrete item 55-O-114 (16.1)
123 ordinance is on second reading. Ordinance was left on second reading and will move to January
124 Quorum Court.

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126 Item 17.1-17-12 Consent agenda was introduced and read by title only by County Attorney Lester,
127
128 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$156,755.62; AND,
129 APPROPRIATING \$156,755.62 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE GENERAL
130 FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET (0400) AND JAIL BUDGET
131 (0418) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-109 (17.1)
132
133 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$74,400 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE
134 GENERAL FUND (1000) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT VIII BUDGET
135 (10000408) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-121 (17.2)
136
137 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$14,144.56 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN
138 THE CIRCUIT COURT AUTO FUND TO SMALL EQUIP LINE ITEM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
139 AUTO BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-122 (17.3)
140
141 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING \$3,098.56 AND RECOGNIZING \$3,018.61 ADDITIONAL
142 REVENUE; AND, APPROPRIATING \$6,117.17 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF
143 THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE DEM BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-
144 123 (17.4)
145
146 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$805,300 IN THE DEM GRANT
147 FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$805,300 FROM THE DEM GRANT FUND
148 (35117109) TO VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGETS FOR 2023 Item 22-O-125 (17.5)
149
150 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES
151 OF THE GENERAL FUND (1000) TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND (1001) IN THE
152 WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-126 (17.6)
153
154 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO DO BUSINESS WITH
155 COUNTY EMPLOYEE CASSANDRA FIELDS Item 22-O-127 (17.7)
156
157 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,587,815.08 FROM THE
158 UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE RADIO SALES TAX FUND (4800) TO VARIOUS LINE
159 ITEMS IN THE RADIO SALES TAX BUDGET (48000512) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-128 (17.8)
160
161 AN ORDINANCE DE-APPROPRIATING SURPLUS AMOUNTS FROM FULL-TIME SALARIES
162 FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND RESTORING TO UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES, AS
163 REQUIRED BY THE 2022 BUDGET CONTROLS, FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2022 Item
164 22-O-129 (17.9)
165
166 AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,600 IN THE
167 AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$2,600 FROM THE AOC
168 JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519) TO the computer services LINE ITEM IN THE AOC
169 JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET (35191402) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-130 (17.10)
170
171 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$260,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE
172 GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET
173 FOR 2022 Item 22-O-133 (17.11)
174
175 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN
176 THE FLEX SPENDING FUND TO THE FLEX SPENDING BUDGET FOR 2022 Item 22-O-134
177 (17.12)
178 JP Deakins made a motion to pass consent agenda and second was made by JP Duncan, there
179 was no discussion or public comment. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously, the
180 following ordinances were adopted.
181
182 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$156,755.62; AND,**
183 **APPROPRIATING \$156,755.62 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF THE GENERAL**
184 **FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET (0400) AND JAIL BUDGET**
185 **(0418) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-109 (17.1) ORD 2022-108**
186
187 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$74,400 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE**
188 **GENERAL FUND (1000) TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT VIII BUDGET**
189 **(10000408) FOR 2022 Item 22-O-121 (17.2) ORD 2022-109**
190
191 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$14,144.56 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN**
192 **THE CIRCUIT COURT AUTO FUND TO SMALL EQUIP LINE ITEM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**

193 **AUTO BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-122 (17.3) ORD 2022-110
194
195 **AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING \$3,098.56 AND RECOGNIZING \$3,018.61 ADDITIONAL**
196 **REVENUE; AND, APPROPRIATING \$6,117.17 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES OF**
197 **THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE DEM BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-
198 **O-123 (17.4) ORD 2022-111**
199
200 **AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$805,300 IN THE DEM**
201 **GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$805,300 FROM THE DEM GRANT**
202 **FUND (35117109) TO VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGETS FOR 2023** Item 22-O-125
203 **(17.5) ORD 2022-112**
204
205 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES**
206 **OF THE GENERAL FUND (1000) TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND (1001) IN THE**
207 **WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-126 (17.6) ORD 2022-113
208
209 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO DO BUSINESS WITH**
210 **COUNTY EMPLOYEE CASSANDRA FIELDS** Item 22-O-127 (17.7) ORD 2022-114
211
212 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,587,815.08 FROM THE**
213 **UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE RADIO SALES TAX FUND (4800) TO VARIOUS**
214 **LINE ITEMS IN THE RADIO SALES TAX BUDGET (48000512) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-128
215 **(17.8) ORD 2022-115**
216
217 **AN ORDINANCE DE-APPROPRIATING SURPLUS AMOUNTS FROM FULL-TIME SALARIES**
218 **FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND RESTORING TO UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES, AS**
219 **REQUIRED BY THE 2022 BUDGET CONTROLS, FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2022** Item
220 **22-O-129 (17.9) ORD 2022-116**
221
222 **AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,600 IN**
223 **THE AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$2,600 FROM THE**
224 **AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT FUND (3519) TO the computer services LINE ITEM IN THE**
225 **AOC JUVENILE COURT GRANT BUDGET (35191402) FOR 2022** Item 22-O-130 (17.10) ORD
226 **2022-117**
227
228 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$260,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN THE**
229 **GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUDGET**
230 **FOR 2022** Item 22-O-133 (17.11) ORD 2022-118
231
232 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES IN**
233 **THE FLEX SPENDING FUND TO THE FLEX SPENDING BUDGET FOR 2022** Item 22-O-134
234 **(17.12) ORD 2022-119**
235
236 Judge Wood introduced item 18 and Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
237 LEVYING THE COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022
238 Item 22-O-115 (18.1) JP Deakins made a motion to pass ordinance with a second from JP
239 Highers. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.
240 **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES FOR**
241 **THE YEAR 2022** Item 22-O-115 (18.1) was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-120
242
243 Item 19 was introduced by Judge Wood and read by title only by County Attorney Lester, AN
244 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
245 FUND (3046) TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET (3046) FOR 2023
246 Item 22-O-120.1 (19.1) JP Duncan made a motion to pass ordinance with JP Ecke making a
247 second. Discussion was heard from the court and citizens.
248 A roll call vote was tallied as follows:
249 JP Johnson-Yes
250 JP Marti-Yes
251 JP Simons-Yes
252 JP Ussery-Yes
253 JP Deakins-Yes
254 JP Ecke-Yes
255 JP Duncan- Yes
256 JP Washington-No
257 JP Madison- No
258 JP Dennis-Yes

259 JP Highers-No
260 JP Rios Stafford-No
261 JP Leming-Yes
262 JP Wilson-Yes
263 JP Pond-Yes
264 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN**
265 **RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET**
266 **(3046) FOR 2023** Item 22-O-120.1(19.1) was ADOPTED as **ORD 2022-121**
267
268 Judge Wood introduced item 20 and County Attorney Lester read ordinance by title only, AN
269 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
270 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK 11-2018 Item 22-O-124 (20.1) JP Ecke made a motion to pass
271 ordinance with a second from JP Pond. There was comments from JP Duncan, JP Dennis and
272 JP Leming. No public comments were made. A roll call vote was and taken and passed
273 unanimously.
274 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY**
275 **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK 11-2018 Item 22-O-124 (20.1) was ADOPTED as ORD 2022-122**
276
277 Item 21 was introduced by Judge Wood and read by title only by County Attorney Lester, AN
278 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$8,812,332.75 FROM THE AMERICAN
279 RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO AMERICAN RESCUE BUDGET FOR 2023
280 Item 22-O-131.1 (21.1) JP Johnson made a motion to pass ordinance with JP Ecke making a
281 second. Discussion among the court was heard and public comments as well. There was a
282 motion from JP Madison to extend public comment time for 3 minutes each for 3 more citizens,
283 was second by JP Highers and passed with a voice vote. Citizens were heard, and a roll call
284 vote was tallied as follows:
285 JP Johnson-Yes
286 JP Marti-Yes
287 JP Simons-Yes
288 JP Ussery-Yes
289 JP Deakins-Yes
290 JP Ecke-Yes
291 JP Duncan- Yes
292 JP Washington-No
293 JP Madison- No
294 JP Dennis-Yes
295 JP Highers-No
296 JP Rios Stafford-No
297 JP Leming-Yes
298 JP Wilson-Yes
299 JP Pond-Yes
300 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$8,812,332.75 FROM**
301 **THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO AMERICAN RESCUE BUDGET FOR**
302 **2023** Item 22-O-131.1 (21.1) was ADOPTED as **ORD 2022-123**
303
304 Judge Wood introduced item 22 and County Attorney Lester read by title only, AN ORDINANCE
305 APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 FROM THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND (1006)
306 TO THE BUILDINGS LINE ITEM (4002) IN THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT BUDGET
307 FOR 2023 Item 22-O-132.1 (22.1) JP Deakins made a motion to pass ordinance with second
308 from JP Duncan. JP Madison made comments from the court and public comments were heard.
309 A roll call vote was tallied as follows:
310 JP Johnson-Yes
311 JP Marti-Yes
312 JP Simons-No
313 JP Ussery-Yes
314 JP Deakins-Yes
315 JP Ecke-Yes
316 JP Duncan- Yes
317 JP Washington-No
318 JP Madison- No
319 JP Dennis-Yes
320 JP Highers-No
321 JP Rios Stafford-No
322 JP Leming-Yes

323 JP Wilson-Yes
324 JP Pond-Yes
325 Motion passed and **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 FROM THE ARPA**
326 **REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND (1006) TO THE BUILDINGS LINE ITEM (4002) IN THE**
327 **ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT BUDGET FOR 2023** Item 22-O-132.1 (22.1) was
328 ADOPTED as **ORD 2022-124**
329

330 Agenda item that was added was introduced by Judge Wood and read by title only County
331 Attorney Lester, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-65 TO ADD AN**
332 **ADDITIONAL COUNTY HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE**
333 **END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES 22-O-135**, JP Washington made a motion to
334 pass ordinance with JP Madison making a second. JP Washington made a motion to suspend
335 the rules and move to second reading with a second. A voice vote was passed and JP
336 Washington made a motion to suspend the rules and read for the third and final reading with a
337 second and County Attorney Lester read by title only. A roll call vote was taken and passed
338 unanimously. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-65 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL**
339 **COUNTY HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE END OF**
340 **SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES 22-O-135** was ADOPTED as **ORD 2022-125**
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342 Committee Reports were as follows:

343 The County Services Committee met on Monday November 28, 2022. The Committee
344 amended the agenda, with A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON
345 COUNTY ARKANSAS SUPPORTING EXCEPTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS TRIGGER LAW IN
346 CASES OF RAPE AND INCEST to be tabled until the first County Services Meeting of 2023 and
347 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND
348 (3046) TO THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LINE ITEM IN THE DEM BUDGET FOR
349 2022 was stricken from the agenda. Agenda was adopted as amended. The Committee heard
350 an update on ARPA application process. There have been about 46 applications with request of
351 25-30 million dollars from ARPA Fund. The Committee asked to have a written amount of
352 highest and lowest ARPA application. The Committee passed AN ORDINANCE
353 APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (3046) TO
354 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL MAINTENANCE FUND on to Finance & Budget Committee.
355

356 The Finance & Budget Committee met Tuesday, December 6, 2022. The Committee heard
357 reports from the Treasurer and Employees' Insurance, the Comptroller's report was in the
358 packet. There was one ordinance struck from the agenda. There were twelve ordinances put
359 into a consent agenda, three amended and one additional ordinance passed to the Quorum
360 Court. Public comments were heard and meeting adjourned.
361

362 The Jails/Law Enforcement/Courts Committee met on Monday, December 5, 2022. There was
363 an amendment to the agenda to change the wording of AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A
364 TOTAL OF \$8,812,332.75 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUN (3046) TO THE
365 SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL MAINTENCE FUND (30170127) FOR 2022 TO THE AMERICAN
366 RESCUE PLAN BUDGET FOR 2023. Item 22-O-131, which was passed on to the Finance &
367 Budget Committee. Many Public comments were heard.
368

369 The Personnel Committee met on Monday December 5, 2022. The agenda was amended to
370 add pay scale proposal "Plan A Hybrid" as an item. Chair, JP Ecke gave a chair report regarding
371 Salary process and information. The Committee heard a request from Assessor Russell Hill to
372 change the title of Chief Deputy Assessor to Chief of Staff. There was AN ORDINANCE
373 AMENDING THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE
374 HANDBOOK 11-2018 Item 22-O-124 that was passed to the Quorum Court. There was
375 discussion regarding the pay scale proposal Plan C "Assessor Hill's Plan". There was
376 discussion regarding policy controls and third party reviews of both salary plans. The motions
377 fail to send either plan to a third party for review and Plan C failed to be sent on to Quorum
378 Court.
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380 Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM
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382 *Myra Collins*

383 Myra Collins

384 Quorum Court Coordinator
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Joseph K. Wood
County Judge



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Fixed Asset Manager

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Purchasing Department Disposal of County Property

December, 2022

A.C.A. §14-16-106 provides for the disposal of surplus property owned by a county. If it is determined by the county judge and the county assessor that any personal property owned by a county is junk, scrap, discarded, or otherwise of no value to the county, then the property may be disposed of in any manner deemed appropriate by the county judge. Below is a list of property disposed for the month of December, 2022.

Court Order	File Date	Description



OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

MATT DURRETT
District Prosecutor

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
WASHINGTON AND MADISON COUNTIES

DEPUTY PROSECUTORS:

• Mieka Hatcher • Charles M. Duell • Brian Lamb • Sarah Ashley • Natalie Morrison • Sara Swearingin • Courtney Cassidy • John Snyder • Jonathan Dixon • Brent Bryant • Dylan Weisenfels • Denis Dean • Leta Darling • Kelli Albrecht • Corey Anderson • Joanne Clarie • Madison Woods • Lee Warden • Madison Brown • Hannah Bell •

January 1, 2023

TO: All Members of the Washington County Quorum Court and County Judge Patrick Deakins.

RE: Hot Check Fees

Pursuant to ACA §16-21-120, I am hereby supplying you with the required information concerning the Prosecutor's Hot Check Fee Account for 2022.

Hot Check Fee Account Balance on 12-31-2021	\$45,915.15
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Total Hot Check Fees Collected in 2022	\$2,430.32
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TOTAL	<u>\$48,345.47</u>
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Expenses:

Office Supplies	3,722.43
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Utilities	8,510.08
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Travel & Registration Expenses	1,838.61
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Notary fee	35.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$14,106.12</u>
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Total Hot Check Fee Account Balance on 12-31-22	\$34,239.35
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Should you have any questions concerning this, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matt Durrett
Prosecuting Attorney

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 DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board voted to deny a Conditional Use Permit for the **J&J Concrete Pumping CUP** project on **August 26, 2022**; and,

WHEREAS, an appeal of the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board has been made to the Quorum Court, as allowed by the Washington County Code; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing the information provided by the Planning Department, the applicant, and members of the community, the Quorum Court desires to deny the Conditional Use Permit, pursuant to Washington County Code and the laws of the State of Arkansas.

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

ARTICLE 1. That the Conditional Use Permit for the **J&J Concrete Pumping CUP** project recommended for denial by the Planning and Zoning Board is hereby denied.

PATRICK DEAKINS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

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42 Introduced by: JP Patrick Deakins

43 Date of Passage:

44 Members Voting For:

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50 Committee History:

51 Quorum Court History: Quorum Court (10-20-22); to next month for 2nd Reading

52 Quorum Court (11-17-22) move to December still on 2nd Reading.

53 Quorum Court (12-15-22) move to January meeting on 3rd Reading.

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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 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE VOTING CENTER FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Election Commission relies on community centers, churches, fire stations, and local businesses to conduct both Early Voting and Election Day Voting; and

WHEREAS, these facilities work closely with the Washington County Election Commission staff to arrange for delivery and set up of voting equipment; and,

WHEREAS, without the willingness of these facilities to open their doors to the voters of Washington County, the Elections Commission would not be able to provide accessible voting for the voters of Washington County. These facilities located in our cities, but also our rural communities, allow voters the opportunity to vote in the their communities and neighborhoods; and,

WHERAS, our Early Vote facilities graciously permit the use of their premises for up to two weeks of Early Vote, allowing voters to take advantage of Early Vote and make possible shortened wait times on Election Day.

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

ARTICLE 1. The members of the Quorum Court together with the Washington County Election Commission express our appreciation to all voter centers for their contribution to election process by providing local vote centers which help to foster community and civic engagement on Election Day.

ARTICLE 2. On behalf of the citizens of Washington County, Arkansas, the Quorum Court hereby acknowledges the generosity and service extended

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JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

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62 Committee History:

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Item 23-R-001

Requested by: County Judge Patrick W. Deakins
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

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

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN QUORUM COURT DISTRICT 1.

WHEREAS, On November 8, 2022 Lance Johnson was re-elected to represent the citizens of Washington County as the Justice of the Peace in district 1; and,

WHEREAS, Lance Johnson was sworn in to serve in said capacity, but has since notified Washington County Judge Patrick W. Deakins of his resignation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.C.A. §14-14-1309, the Washington County Quorum Court desires to declare a vacancy in District 1 and submit notice to the Governor for appointment.

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

ARTICLE 1. That a vacancy is hereby declared to exist in Washington County Quorum Court District 1 and the County Judge shall notify the Governor of such, pursuant to A.C.A §14-14-1309.

PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: JP Sean Simons
Date of Adoption:
Members Voting For:
Members Voting Against:
Members Abstaining:

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46 **Committee History:**

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Item 23-O-009

Requested by: Planning Department
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

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

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the Henderson CUP project on December 8, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, ratification is required by the Quorum Court; and,

WHEREAS, ratification will not affect any appeal rights any person may have.

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

ARTICLE 1. The Conditional Use Permit for the Henderson Project recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board is hereby ratified.

PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by:
Date of Adoption:
Members Voting For:
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Members Abstaining:
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Henderson Project Conditional Use Permit

The Planning Board Approved Henderson Project CUP request on December 08, 2022 with conditions (4 members voted “in favor”, 0 members voted “against”, 3 members were absent, 0 members abstained).

Greenland Planning Area

Henderson Project CUP

Conditional Use Permit Request

Location: Section 18, Township 15, Range 30

Applicant: Michael Henderson

Location Address: 10274 SW Campbell WC 65. Fayetteville, AR 72701

Coordinates: 35.97924302, -94.20444990

Proposed Use: Commercial

JP District: District 14 - Jim Wilson

Approximately: +/- 3.17 acres / 1 parcel

Project #: 2022-403

A Conditional Use Permit is sought for the construction of a 62' x 40' pole barn with twelve employees who report to work, and take company vehicles into the NWA region and return at the end of the day. This CUP is simply a place to park vehicles and store equipment.

Project deviates from adjacent land uses. Adjacent uses are single family residential, agricultural and undeveloped.

Pursuant to Sec 11-204, Sec 11-71 (2a), and Sec 11-101b of the Washington County Code of Ordinances, notifications were sent by certified letter to all adjoining property owners within 300 feet.

To date, Staff has received no comments regarding this project.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Utilities

Utility Conditions

1. Any damage or relocation of existing facilities will be at the owner's or developer's expense.
2. All offsite easements that are needed for utility service to the property/properties must be obtained by the developer and easement documentation may be required by the utility company.
3. All onsite easements must be shown on the plat and recorded with the County.
4. It is the owner/developer's responsibility to contact each utility provider to determine what permits and/or easements will be required.

Ozarks Electric Conditions

1. Any damage or relocation of existing facilities will be at owner's expense.

2. Any power line extension that has to be built to this property will be at the owner's expense. The cost will be determined after the owner makes application for electric service and the line has been designed.
3. All off site easements that are needed for Ozarks to extend electrical service to the property must be obtained by developer and easement documentation provided to Ozarks before work begins. On site easements must be shown on plat and recorded with the county.
4. Please contact Ozarks Electric if you have any questions.
Wes Mahaffey At (479)263-2167 or wmahaffey@ozarksecc.com
5. 30FT U.E. ALONG ALL OZARK ELECTRIC OVERHEAD LINE.

Washington Water Authority Conditions

1. All plumbing for this project must be installed per Arkansas Plumbing Code and inspected by WWA. Please have your plumber contact the WWA Office to pull the necessary plumbing permits. A commercial set of plumbing plans must be submitted to WWA before any permit will be released.

Telephone

1. Please contact provider to determine requirements.

Fire/Safety Conditions

1. The project will need to be constructed/developed by the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code. Code research and adherence will be the responsibility of the owner or their designee

Road Conditions

1. A permit from the Washington County Road Department or the Arkansas Department of Transportation may be required prior to any work being completed in the right-of-way.
2. \$1500 bond required for driveway
3. There is to be no parking in the Washington County roadway at any time.
4. Culvert 60' maximum
5. Must have 1% grade back from road

Addressing Conditions

1. A physical 911 address may be required. Please complete the Address Application, if needed.

Sewer/Septic Conditions

1. Please contact the Arkansas Department of Health and adhere to their regulations on septic sewer systems.
2. No parking is allowed on any portion of the septic system.

Environmental Conditions

1. No stormwater permit is required by Washington County at this time; however, applicant must comply with all rules and regulations of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (www.adeq.state.ar.us)

Signage

1. No signage is allowed within Washington County's road right-of-way (ROW).
2. Signage is limited to 36 square feet in signage with an approximate height of no more than 8 feet. The sign must not be lit from within, but can utilize "up" lighting.

Lighting

1. All outdoor lighting must be shielded from neighboring properties, and any lighting must be indirect and not cause disturbance to drivers or neighbors. Additionally all security lighting must be shielded appropriately (see attached diagram if applicable).

Screening Conditions

1. All outdoor storage and dumpsters must be screened with opaque material (gates must be opaque also).

Planning Conditions

1. Provide reasonable screening to neighboring properties.
2. Any further expansion or other use not described here must come before the Planning Office and/or the Planning Board.

Engineering Conditions

1. Answer Engineer inquiry about ground cover disturbance

Standard Conditions for All Projects

1. Pay neighbor notification mailing fees within 30 days of project approval. Any extension must be approved by the Planning Office (fees will be calculated once the info is available from the post office). This total will be calculated for this project once all invoices are received.
2. Pay any engineering fees. This total will be calculated for this project once all invoices are received.
3. Any further splitting or land development not considered with this approval must be reviewed by the Washington County Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment.
4. All CUPs must be ratified by the Quorum Court.
5. Final inspection approval is required prior to issuance of CUP approval letter.
6. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Planning Office when inspections are needed.
7. Per Washington County ordinance Sec 11-75 (7): All plats for land developments approved by the Washington County Planning Board shall be contingent upon receipt by the Developer of any Federal, State, or local or approvals, if any, whether known or unknown to the Board or the Developer.
8. All conditions shall be adhered to and completed in the appropriate time period set out by ordinance.

Entered by: Sam Ata

Item 23-O-001

Requested by: County Judge Patrick Deakins
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE QUORUM COURT; AND, REPEALING ORDINANCES 2017-01 AND 2021-01.

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.C.A. §14-14-904, the Washington county Quorum Court is vested with the power and authority to establish its standing committees; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court desires to establish two committees of the whole; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court desires to repeal Ordinance 2017-01 and Ordinance 2021-01, as they are now obsolete and useless.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby established the Finance and Budget Committee of the Whole and the County Services Committee of the Whole.

ARTICLE 2. The County Services Committee of the Whole shall consider all matters pertaining to County Services (i.e., Personnel, Jails, Courts, Law Enforcement, and General County Services). Said committee shall meet on the Monday seventeen (17) days immediately preceding the third Thursday of every month.

ARTICLE 3. The Finance and Budget Committee of the Whole shall consider all matters that pertain to county finances and the County Budget. Said committee shall meet on the Tuesday nine (9) days immediately preceding the third Thursday of every month.

ARTICLE 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby determined that it is in the best interest for this ordinance to be effective immediately; and, the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens are affected in that it is vital that the above committees be legally created by ordinance for the effective performance of the Quorum

43 court pursuant to A.C.A. §14-14-904; therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
44 ordinance shall be and is effective from the date of its passage.
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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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Quorum Court History:

Item 23-O-002

Requested by: County Judge Patrick W. Deakins
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES; AND APPROPRIATING \$6,517 TO BE PAID FOR MEMBERSHIP THEREIN.

WHEREAS, Washington County is a member of the Association of Arkansas Counties; and,

WHEREAS, membership provides services to the County, such as legislative representation, general research, training, various public conferences, and the right to participate in any one (1) of four (4) benefit programs; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-20-107, the Quorum court must authorize participation in the Association.

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

ARTICLE 1. The County Judge is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Association of Arkansas Counties for 2023.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$6,517 from unappropriated reserves in the General Fund (1000) to the Dues and Membership line item of the General Services Budget (10000118.3090) for 2023.

PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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43 **BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk**

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45 **Introduced by:**

46 **Date of Adoption:**

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53 **Committee History:**

54 **Quorum Court History:**

Item 23-O-003

Requested by: County Judge Patrick W. Deakins
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1982-07
TO CHANGE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SEAL.**

WHEREAS, Washington County adopted its first official County Seal on February 19, 1982 and has remained unchanged since that time; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County desire to modernize its seal and add thirteen stars representing the thirteen cities in Washington County.

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

ARTICLE 1. The attached seal is hereby adopted as the official seal for Washington County and said seal is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 2. The official seal may be permanently affixed to County property, including motor vehicles and equipment, for purposes of identification as the property of Washington County.

PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by:
Date of Adoption:
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46 Quorum Court History:



Item 23-O-005

Requested by: County Judge Patrick W. Deakins
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE COUNTY JUDGE’S BUDGET FOR 2023.

WHEREAS, the County Judge desires to create the position of Director of Communications to facilitate the growing number of requests for information and statements by the press; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Communications will also be responsible for providing timely, accurate, and understandable information to Washington County residents.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby created the position of Director of Communications, position 1000007, Grade 25, in the County Judge’s Budget for 2023.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$106,589.62 from the unappropriated reserves in the General Fund (1000) to the following line items in the County Judge’s Budget for 2023:

Salary Full-Time	10000100.1001	\$ 81,537.70
Social Security Matching	10000100.1006	6,237.63
Employer Retirement Contrib.	10000100.1008	12,491.58
Health Insurance Matching	10000100.1009	6,213.48
Workers Compensation	10000100.1010	78.03
Life Insurance Matching	10000100.1016	31.20

PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

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Quorum Court History:

Item 23-O-006

Requested by: County Judge Patrick W. Deakins
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

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

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS; REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the ordinances of Washington County, Arkansas, are inadequately classified to such an extent as to render them non-conducive to searches by either County Officials or the general public; and,

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) § 14-14-903 empowers and authorizes Washington County, Arkansas, to revise, amend, restate, codify, and compile any existing ordinances and all new ordinances not heretofore adopted or published and to incorporate such ordinances into one unified code in book form; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas, has authorized a general compilation, revision, and codification of the ordinances of Washington County, Arkansas, of a general and permanent nature and the publication of such ordinance in book form; and,

WHEREAS, the codification of the ordinances of Washington County, Arkansas is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of Washington County, Arkansas and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of Washington County, Arkansas, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage; and,

WHEREAS, this code of ordinances for Washington County has been filed in the County Clerk’s Office and available for inspection a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to its adoption as required by A.C.A. § 14-14-909.

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

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44 **ARTICLE 1.** The general ordinances of Washington County,
45 Arkansas, as revised, amended, restate, codified, and compiled in book form are hereby
46 adopted as and shall constitute the “Code of Ordinances of Washington County,
47 Arkansas.”

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49 **ARTICLE 2.** Such Code of Ordinances as adopted in Section 1
50 shall consist of the following Chapters:

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52 Chapter 1: General Provisions
53 Chapter 2: Administration
54 Chapter 3: Law Enforcement
55 Chapter 4: Taxes
56 Chapter 5: Public Records
57 Chapter 6: Agriculture and Livestock
58 Chapter 7: Animals
59 Chapter 8: Community Services
60 Chapter 9: Emergency Services
61 Chapter 10: Human Services
62 Chapter 11: Public Works
63 Chapter 12: Roads and Transportation
64 Chapter 13: Urban / Rural Development
65 Chapter 14: Other County Services
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67 **ARTICLE 3. REPEALER.** All prior ordinances pertaining to the
68 subjects addressed in the Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed from the effective date
69 of this Ordinance unless they are included and re-ordained, in whole or in part, in this
70 Code; provided, such repeal shall not affect any offense committed or penalty incurred or
71 any right established prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. Nor shall such repeal
72 affect ordinances which levy taxes, appropriate funds, annex or detach territory, establish
73 franchises, or grant special rights to persons, authorize public improvements, authorize
74 the issuance of bonds, or borrowing of money, authorize the purchase or sale of real or
75 personal property, grant or accept easements, plat or dedication of land to public use,
76 vacate or set the boundaries of streets or other public places. Nor shall such repeal affect
77 any other ordinance of a temporary or special nature or pertaining to subjects not
78 contained in or covered by the Code.
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80 **ARTICLE 4.** Such Code shall be deemed published as of the day
81 of its adoption and approval by the County Judge of Washington County, Arkansas. The
82 County Clerk of Washington County, Arkansas is hereby authorized and ordered to file a
83 copy of such Code of Ordinances in the Office of the County Clerk.
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85 **ARTICLE 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance is
86 declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the
87 peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Washington County, Arkansas
88 and therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of

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95 **PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge**

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99 **BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk**

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103 **Members Voting For:**

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109 **Committee History:**

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Item 23-O-007

Requested by: County Judge Patrick W. Deakins
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

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

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF 911 DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE EMERGENCY 911 BUDGET FOR 2023.

WHEREAS, during the 2023 budget process, the Finance and Budget committee approved funding to establish the 911 Deputy Director position in the Emergency 911 budget for 2023; however, the position and funding were inadvertently left out of the final 2023 Budget.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby created the position of 911 Deputy Director, position 0115065, Grade 13, in the Emergency 911 Budget (30200501) for 2023.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$75,342.29 from the unappropriated reserves in the General Fund (1000) to the Emergency 911 Budget for 2023:

Salary Full-Time	30200501.1001	\$ 55,529.34
Social Security Matching	30200501.1006	4,248.00
Employer Retirement Contrib.	30200501.1008	8,507.09
Health Insurance Matching	30200501.1009	6,213.36
Workers Compensation	30200501.1010	712.50
Life Insurance Matching	30200501.1016	132.00

PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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Item 23-O-008

Requested by: JP Beth Coger
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

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

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ONLINE POSTING OF ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND CONTRACTS.

WHEREAS, Washington County leaders have a critical role to play in ensuring all citizens of Washington County have access to their county laws, resolutions, ordinances, and contracts easily and with as little effort as possible; and,

WHEREAS, only Washington County ordinances are not compiled and codified into one unified code in book form every five (5) years pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) § 14-14-903; and,

WHEREAS, when the most recent codification is complete, it will only include ordinances through December 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, that codification does not cover resolutions or contracts entered into by Washington County, Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, it would be a great benefit to the citizens of Washington County to be able to access copies of resolutions, ordinances, and contracts via the World Wide Web; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County, Arkansas Information Technology (IT) Department and Washington County already have the resources, infrastructure, technology, and expertise necessary to publish these resolutions, ordinances, and contracts in an online format where citizens can access, search, and copy said documents readily and at their choosing without traveling in person to the Washington County Courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas considers this service of online publication of ordinances, resolutions and contracts to be a benefit and service to all citizens of Washington County.

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

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ARTICLE 1. Beginning with the date of January 1, 2023, all ordinances and resolutions passed by the Washington County Quorum court, shall, within ten (10) days after they have been signed by the Washington County Judge and Washington County Clerk, be posted online in a format that is searchable and printable and easily accessible by the citizens of Washington County, Arkansas.

ARTICLE 2. Beginning with the date of January 1, 2023, all contracts entered into by Elected Officials of Washington County, Arkansas shall, within ten (10) days of their execution by the parties, be posted online in a format that is searchable and printable and easily accessible by the citizens of Washington County, Arkansas.

PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: JP Beth Coger
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