

## October Ordinances & Resolution

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-118** AN ORDINANCE DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-119** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY BUDGET FOR 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-120** AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-121** AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-122** AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS IN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-123** AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING PREVIOUSLY UN-ALLOCATED FUNDS IN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND 3513 TOTALING \$129,433.57 TO THE SAMHSA BUDGET FOR 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-124** AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,520 IN THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT FUND FOR 2023 AND FOR OTHER MATTERS.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-125** AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000; APPROPRIATING SAID \$550,000 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR 2023; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-126** AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,878.88 IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING \$2,878.88 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE LEAHY BULLET PROOF VEST BUDGET FOR 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-127** AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,820 IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING SAID \$101,820 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE SCAPP FY2022 BUDGET FOR 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ARKANSAS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Item 23-O-094

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

BECKY LEWALLEN  
CO. & PROBATE CLERK  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-118**

**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 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, at the March 30, 2023 meeting of the Planning Board of Adjustments, the board was presented with a Conditional Use Permit request for the Beaver Lake Tiny Homes project; and,

**WHEREAS**, an appeal of the decision of the Planning 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 recommended for denial by the Planning Board.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** That the Conditional Use Permit for the **Beaver Lake Tiny Homes** project is hereby denied.

  
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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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43 Introduced by: JP Kyle Lyons  
44 Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
45 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington,  
46 Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios Stafford, Leming, Ricker, &  
47 Pond.  
48 Members Voting Against: None  
49 Members Abstaining: None  
50 Members Absent: None  
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52 Committee History: Planning 03/30/23  
53 Quorum Court History: QC 09/21/23 did not pass-moved to Oct QC for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading  
54 QC 10/19/23-2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading; adopted as ORD 2023-118.  
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Item 23-O-127

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-119**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY  
ATTORNEY BUDGET FOR 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, due to unexpected increase in litigation expenses, the County Attorney's budget needs additional funding to defend the County in a various lawsuits; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court desires to provide additional funding to the County Attorney Budget for 2023.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$20,000 from the unappropriated reserves in the General Fund (1000) to the Special Legal line item in the County Attorney Budget (10000122.3005) for 2023.

  
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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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43 Introduced by: JP Butch Pond  
44 Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
45 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Dennis, Leming, Ricker, &  
46 Pond  
47 Members Voting Against: Washington, Highers, & Rios Stafford  
48 Members Abstaining: Cogger  
49 Members Absent: None  
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53 Committee History: F&B Committee Meeting 09/12/23-passed to September QC  
54 Quorum Court History: QC 09/21/2023: passed to Oct QC for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading .  
55 QC 10/19/2023 for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading; adopted as ORD 2023-119.

Item 23-O-133

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-120**

**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 Meyers Boys Garage CUP project on August 24, 2023; 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 Meyers Boys Garage Project recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board is hereby ratified.

  
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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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43 Introduced by: JP Coleman Taylor  
44 Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
45 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Coger, Dennis,  
46 Highers, Rios Stafford, Leming, Ricker, and Pond  
47 Members Voting Against: None  
48 Members Abstaining: None  
49 Members Absent: None  
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52 Committee History: Planning  
53 Quorum Court History: QC 09/21/23 failed to be moved to 3rd reading at Sept QC-will go to Oct  
54 QC meeting for 3rd reading. QC 10/19/2023-Adopted as ORD 2023-120.  
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Item 23-O-134a

Requested by: County Judge Patrick W. Deakins  
Drafted by: Deputy County Attorney Catherine Baker

DEBRA LEWALLEN  
CO. & PROBATE CLERK  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-121**

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

**AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE FLOOD DAMAGE  
PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR WASHINGTON  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Washington County has participated in the Flood Insurance Program since 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of participation in the Flood Insurance Program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that the County have ordinances in place and that said ordinances and floodplain maps be periodically updated; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Arkansas has, in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-268-101 *et seq.*, delegated the responsibility of local governmental units to adopt regulations to minimize flood losses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, to prevent adverse impacts from any floodplain development activities, and to minimize public and private losses due to flooding events in identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). This ordinance advances the stated purpose through provisions designed to:

- A. Protect human life and health;
- B. Protect natural floodplains against unwise development;
- C. Eliminate adverse impacts of necessary floodplain development;
- D. Minimize expenditure of public monies on flood control projects;
- E. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- F. Minimize prolonged business interruptions due to flooding events;
- G. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in Special Flood Hazard Areas;
- H. Minimize future flood blight areas to help maintain a stable tax base; and
- I. Provide for notice to potential buyers when property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM**  
44 **COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**  
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46 **ARTICLE 1. Lands to which this Ordinance Applies.** This  
47 ordinance shall apply to all Special Flood Hazard Areas within the jurisdiction of  
48 Washington County.  
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50 **ARTICLE 2. Methods of Reducing Flood Losses.** This  
51 ordinance uses the following methods to accomplish the stated purpose:  
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- 53 A. This ordinance restricts or prohibits structures or uses in Special Flood Hazard  
54 Areas that adversely impact health, safety, or property during flooding events;  
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- 56 B. This ordinance requires protection against flood damage for structures or uses  
57 vulnerable to floods at the time of initial construction, or after substantial  
58 improvement of the structure, or after substantial damage has occurred;  
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- 60 C. This ordinance controls the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and  
61 natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation and transport  
62 of flood water;  
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- 64 D. This ordinance controls floodplain development (structural development,  
65 placement of manufactured structures, clearing, grading, mining, drilling,  
66 dredging, placement of fill, excavating, watercourse alteration, drainage  
67 improvements, roadway or bridge construction, individual water of sewer  
68 installations and other activities) which may increase flood damage by increasing  
69 flood elevations, flood water velocities, or flood discharge patterns;  
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- 71 E. This ordinance regulates the construction of flood barriers which unnaturally  
72 divert floodwaters or which may adversely impact other lands.  
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74 **ARTICLE 3. Flood Damage Prevention Code Adopted by**  
75 **Reference.** There is hereby adopted by reference a “Flood Damage Prevention Code for  
76 Washington County, Arkansas,” dated January 25, 2024. The code shall include:  
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78 ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

79 ARTICLE 2: ADMINISTRATION

80 ARTICLE 3: PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION  
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82 A copy of the referenced code shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk and shall be  
83 available for inspection and copying by any person during normal office hours.  
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85 **ARTICLE 4. Findings of Facts.**  
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- 87 A. FEMA has identified Special Flood Hazard Areas of Washington County in the

88 current scientific and engineering report entitled “The Flood Insurance Study  
89 (FIS) for Washington County, Arkansas,” dated January 25, 2023, with an effective  
90 Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated January 25, 2024.

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- 92 B. These SFHA are subject to periodic flooding events that result in loss of life and  
93 property, pose health and safety hazards, disrupt commerce and governmental  
94 services, and cause extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and  
95 relief, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.
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- 97 C. These periodic events are exacerbated by the cumulative effect of floodplain  
98 developments which cause an increase in flood heights and velocities, and by the  
99 placement of inadequately elevated, inadequately floodproofed or otherwise  
100 unprotected structures or uses vulnerable to floods into Special Flood Hazard  
101 Areas. Such structures or uses are inherently hazardous to other lands because of  
102 their adverse impact on flooding events.
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105 **ARTICLE 5. Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.** This  
106 ordinance does not repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed  
107 restrictions. Whenever there is a conflict or overlap between this ordinance and another  
108 ordinance, easement, covenant, or deed restriction, the instrument with the more  
109 stringent restrictions applies.

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111 **ARTICLE 6. Interpretation.** In the interpretation and  
112 application of this ordinance, all provisions must:

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- 114 A. Be considered as minimum requirements;
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- 116 B. Be liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
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- 118 C. Be deemed to neither limit nor repeal any other powers granted under State  
119 statutes.
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121 **ARTICLE 7. Warning and Disclaimer of Liability.** The  
122 degree of flood protection required by this ordinance is considered reasonable for  
123 regulatory purposes. Documented scientific and engineering data form the basis for these  
124 requirements. On rare occasions, flooding events greater than those considered for this  
125 ordinance will occur. In addition, flood heights may increase over time due to man-made  
126 or natural causes. This ordinance does not imply that land outside Special Flood Hazard  
127 Areas will be free from flooding, nor that strict adherence to this ordinance protects uses  
128 permitted within Special Flood Hazard Areas from all flood damages. This ordinance  
129 specifically does not create liability on the part of the community, nor any official or  
130 employee of the community, for any flood damages that result while strictly following this  
131 ordinance, or from any lawful administrative decision made under the provisions of this  
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**ARTICLE 8. Compliance.** Constructing, locating, substantially altering or changing the use of any structure or land after the effective date of this ordinance requires full compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and all other applicable regulations.

**ARTICLE 9. Penalty and Non-Compliance.** Flood hazards are reduced by compliance with the provisions of this code. Accordingly, enforcement of this ordinance discourages non-compliance and is a recognized mechanism for flood hazard reduction.

- A. The Floodplain Administrator must enforce the provisions of this ordinance; to request that FEMA file a 1316 Action (Denial of Flood Insurance) against non-compliant properties; and
- B. Take any other lawful action necessary to prevent or remedy and instance of non-compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.
  - 1. It is a misdemeanor to violate or fail to comply with any provision of this ordinance.
  - 2. Any person found, in a court of competent jurisdiction, guilty or violating this ordinance is subject to fines of not more than \$500 per day for each violation; in addition, the defendant is subject to payment of all associated court costs and costs involved in the case.

**ARTICLE 10. Severability.** If any court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, that finding in no way affects the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**ARTICLE 11. Emergency Clause.** It is hereby found and declared by Washington County, Arkansas that severe flooding has occurred in the past within its jurisdiction and will certainly occur within the future; that flooding is likely to result in infliction of serious personal injury or death, and is likely to result in substantial injury or destruction of property within its jurisdiction; in order to effectively comply with minimum standards for coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program; and in order to effectively remedy the situation described herein, it is necessary that this ordinance become effective immediately.

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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: JP Kyle Lyons  
Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Cogger, Dennis,  
Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, and Pond  
Members Voting Against: None  
Members Abstaining: None  
Members Absent: None

Committee History: County Services 10/02/23-passed on to October QC  
Quorum Court History: QC 10/19/23 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings; adopted as ORD 2023-121.

Requested by: Circuit Judge Cristi Beaumont  
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-122**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

**AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS IN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, Washington County has received notice that it has been approved for 3 additional peer support specialists for the Drug Court program; and,

**WHEREAS**, additional slots and funding are needed for the added positions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court approves of the additional positions.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby anticipated an additional amount of \$150,000 in the Drug Court Grant Fund (3513) for 2023.

**ARTICLE 2.** There are hereby created the positions of Peer Support Specialists, position numbers 1423004, 1423005, and 1423006, in the Peer Support Budget (35131423) for 2023.

**ARTICLE 3.** There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$150,000 from the unappropriated reserves of the Drug Court Grant Fund (3513) to the following line items in the Peer Support Budget (35131423) for 2023:

Salary Full-Time	35131423.1001	\$106,429.80
Social Security Matching	35131423.1006	8,141.88
Employer Retirement Contribution	35131423.1008	16,305.06
Health Insurance Matching	35131423.1009	18,640.08
Workmen's Compensation	35131423.1010	87.18
Life Insurance	35131423.1016	396.00

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Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, and Pond  
Members Voting Against: None  
Members Abstaining: None  
Members Absent: None

Committee History: County Services 10/02/23: passed on to October QC  
Quorum Court History: Quorum Court 10/19/2023; Adopted as ORD 2023-122.

Item 23-O-136

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-123**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

**AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING PREVIOUSLY UN-ALLOCATED FUNDS IN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND 3513 TOTALING \$129,433.57 TO THE SAMHSA BUDGET FOR 2023.**

**WHEREAS,** Washington County holds previously un-allocated funds totaling \$129,433.57 provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through a reimbursable grant program to help provide substance abuse treatment for participants in the Washington/Madison County Drug Court Program.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby allocated the additional amount of \$129,433.57 to the following line items in the SAMHSA 2023/2024 Grant Budget for 2023:

General Supplies	35131489.2001	\$ 15,000.00
Medicine and Drugs	35131489.2004	5,000.00
Medical/Dental/Hospital	35131489.3006	70,000.00
Other Professional Services	35131489.3009	39,433.57

  
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43 Introduced by: JP Gary Ricker  
44 Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
45 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Coger, Dennis,  
46 Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, and Pond.  
47 Members Voting Against: None  
48 Members Abstaining: None  
49 Members Absent: None  
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52 Committee History: Finance and Budget Committee 10/10/23; passed to Oct QC  
53 Quorum Court History: Quorum Court 10/19/2023; Adopted as ORD 2023-123.

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-124**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

**AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,520 IN THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT FUND FOR 2023 AND FOR OTHER MATTERS.**

**WHEREAS,** Washington County has received a reimbursable grant in the amount of \$77,520 from the US Department of Energy; and,

**WHEREAS,** Quorum Court desires to set up a fund for said grant.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby created the U.S. Department of Energy Grant Fund, fund number 3530, in Washington County.

**ARTICLE 2.** There is hereby recognized revenue in the amount of \$77,520 in the U.S. Department of Energy Grant Fund (3530) for 2023.

  
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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge

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Item 23-O-140

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-125**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

**AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000; APPROPRIATING SAID \$550,000 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR 2023; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Washington County received notification that it will be awarded \$550,000 from the United States Department of Justice to establish a Mental Health Court in Washington County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court desires to establish the Mental Health Court Grant Fund (3502) to facilitate funding for the Mental Health Court; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court desires to appropriate the \$550,000 grant award to the Mental Health Grant Fund Budget for 2023.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby established in Washington County the Mental Health Court Grant Fund with a fund number of 3502.

**ARTICLE 2.** There is hereby anticipated additional revenue in the amount of \$550,000 in the Mental Health Court Grant Fund (3502.7109) for 2023.

**ARTICLE 3.** There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$550,000 from the Mental Health Court Grant Fund (3502) to the following line items in the Mental Health Court Grant Fund Budget (35021460) for 2023:

Salaries Full-Time	35021460.1001	\$ 88,478.00
Social Security Matching	35021460.1006	6,768.57
Employer Retirement Contribution	35021460.1008	13,554.83
Health Insurance Matching	35021460.1009	12,386.92

43	Workmen's Compensation	35021460.1010	72.55
44	Life Insurance	35021460.1016	265.43
45	General Supplies	35021460.2001	22,855.90
46	Computer/IT Equipment	35021460.2009	2,800.00
47	Other Professional Services	35021460.3009	366,701.20
48	Common Carrier	35021460.3031	3,400.00
49	Mileage	35021460.3032	14,133.60
50	Meals and Lodging	35021460.3094	14,733.00
51	Training and Education	35021460.3101	3,850.00

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 PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge DATE

  
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Introduced by: JP Gary Ricker  
 Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, and Pond  
 Members Voting Against: None  
 Members Abstaining: None  
 Members Absent: None

Committee History: Finance and Budget Committee 10/10/23; passed to Oct QC  
Quorum Court History: Quorum Court 10/19/2023; Adopted as ORD 2023-125.

Item 23-O-141

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-126**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

**AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL  
REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,878.88 IN THE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND; AND,  
APPROPRIATING \$2,878.88 FROM THE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE LEAHY  
BULLET PROOF VEST BUDGET FOR 2023.**

**WHEREAS,** Washington County has been notified of a grant award in the amount of \$2,878.88 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Patrick Leahy Bullet Proof Vest Program; and,

**WHEREAS,** this grant fund is a non-matching, reimbursable fund that, once spent, will be reimbursed to the County.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby anticipated the amount of \$2,878.88 in the Law Enforcement Grant Fund (3514.7109) for 2023.

**ARTICLE 2.** There is hereby appropriated \$2,878.88 from the Law Enforcement Grant Fund (3514) to the Bullet Proof Vests line item in the Leahy Bullet Proof Vest Budget (35141450.2012) for 2023.

  
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44 Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
45 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Cogger, Dennis,  
46 Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, and Pond  
47 Members Voting Against: None  
48 Members Abstaining: None  
49 Members Absent: None  
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52 Committee History: Finance and Budget Committee 10/10/23; passed to Oct QC  
53 Quorum Court History: Quorum Court 10/19/23; Adopted as ORD 2023-126.

Item 23-O-135

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

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CO. & PROBATE CLERK  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-127**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

**AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,820 IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND; AND, APPROPRIATING SAID \$101,820 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND TO THE SCAPP FY2022 BUDGET FOR 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice awards grant money to eligible local governments that incur certain types of costs due to the incarceration of illegal aliens; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington County received a SCAAP FY2022 Grant award in the amount of \$101,820.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby recognized additional revenue in the amount of \$101,820 in the Other Federal Grants Revenue line item of the Law Enforcement Grant Fund (35147109) for 2023.

**ARTICLE 2.** There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$101,820 from the Law Enforcement Grant Fund to the following line items in the SCAAP FY2022 Budget (35141441) for 2023:

Small Equipment	35141441.2002	\$ 50,000
Training and Education	35141441.3101	51,820

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Introduced by: JP Lisa Ecke  
Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Dennis, Leming, Ricker, & Pond  
Members Voting Against: Washington, Cogger, Highers, & Rios Stafford.  
Members Abstaining: None  
Members Absent: None

Committee History: Finance and Budget 10/10/23-passed to Oct QC  
Quorum Court History: Quorum Court 10/19/23; Adopted as ORD 2023-127.

Item 23-R-011

Requested by: Justice of the Peace Evelyn Rios Stafford  
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

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WASHINGTON CO. AR

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12**

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

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ARKANSAS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act of 1967 is to ensure an open government by elevating transparency so that citizens may be fully informed of the workings of their government and the actions of their public officials; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act covers open records and open meetings for the benefit of all Arkansas citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas supports the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** by the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas supports ongoing and periodic FOIA training and education, either mandatory or voluntary, by all county staff and elected officials who are custodians of records.

  
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42 Introduced by: JP Evelyn Rios Stafford  
43 Date of Adoption: 10/19/2023  
44 Members Voting For: Taylor, Simons, Dean, Washington, Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios Stafford,  
45 Ricker, and Pond  
46 Members Voting Against: Wilson, Lyons, and Ecke  
47 Members Abstaining: None  
48 Members Absent: Leming  
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52 Committee History: County Services 10/02/23: Passed on to the October QC Meeting  
53 Quorum Court History: Quorum Court 10/19/23: Adopted as RES 2023-12