

June Ordinances and Resolutions

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-048 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE ARPA FUND BUDGET FOR 2024.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-054 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-44 TO CORRECT AN ERROR; AND, OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-058 AN ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING, AND APPROPRIATING, ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,273.12 IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND FOR 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-059 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY BUDGET FOR 2024, AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-004 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTION CENTER.

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

BECKY LEWALLEN
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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-046

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9 OF THE
INTRODUCTION SECTION OF ORDINANCE 2018-50
– THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE
HANDBOOK.**

WHEREAS, due to changes in applicable state laws, Washington County
desires to amend its Employee Handbook to be in compliance with said laws; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court approves of these changes.

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

ARTICLE 1. Section 9, titled Drug-Free Workplace Act, of the
Introduction Section of the Washington County Employee Handbook is hereby repealed
in its entirety.

ARTICLE 2. The following is hereby added to the Washington
County Employee Handbook:

6.13 DRUG-FREE AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

Washington County is committed to protecting the safety, health, and wellbeing of all
employees and the public in our workplace. The County has established a workplace
program that balances our respect for individuals with the need to maintain an alcohol-
free and drug-free environment. The purpose of this policy is to assure worker fitness
for duty and to protect the County’s employees, passengers, and the public from the risk
posed by misuse of alcohol and use of prohibited drugs. This policy is intended to
comply with all applicable federal regulations governing workplace anti-drug and anti-
alcohol programs.

Testing

To ensure the accuracy and fairness of drug and alcohol testing, all testing will be
conducted in accordance with procedures required by the U.S. Department of
Transportation where applicable, and in compliance with all applicable laws and

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43 regulations. Prohibited controlled substances are those defined by the Federal
44 Controlled Substances Act and applicable Arkansas statutes governing controlled
45 substances. An employee whose initial drug test result is positive and who requests a
46 test of the split sample will be suspended without pay until the County receives the
47 result of the split test. The cost of the split test will be paid by the County, to be
48 reimbursed by the employee. A negative result from the split test will render the first
49 test invalid and the employee will be reinstated with back pay and will waive the
50 reimbursement requirement related to the cost of the split test.

51 **Prescription Drugs, Over-the-Counter Drugs, and Medical Marijuana**

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53 Prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs are not prohibited when taken in
54 standard dosage and/or according to a physician's prescription—however, a safety-
55 sensitive employee who has been prescribed a medication that might cause drowsiness
56 or otherwise impair the employee's ability to safely perform job functions has an
57 affirmative duty to report use of such prescription. Reasonable accommodations that do
58 not create undue hardship or a direct threat, shall be discussed with the employee. A
59 reasonable accommodation is one that would permit the employee to continue to work
60 in a safety-sensitive position, despite the use of the prescription.

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62 When an applicant or employee tests positive on a drug screening test and has a valid
63 prescription or medical marijuana card that would explain the result, the applicant or
64 employee may share this information with the Medical Officer provided through the
65 drug testing process. If the Medical Officer finds that the prescription or medical
66 marijuana card explains the positive drug test within applicable limits, the positive drug
67 test result will not be reported to the employer.

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69 When proper notification is made and the prescribing healthcare practitioner provides a
70 statement that the employee will not pose a direct threat to themselves or others and is
71 otherwise able to perform their essential job duties, despite the use of the prescription
72 medication, the employee may continue working in the same position. If a statement is
73 not provided, or if a provided statement does not certify that the employee's use of the
74 prescription will not impair the employee's ability to safely perform job functions, a
75 reasonable effort will be made to assign the employee to another position, if available.

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77 The illegal or unauthorized use of prescription drugs is prohibited. Medical marijuana
78 usage under the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment is subject to Act 593 of 2017.
79 An employee who holds a safety-sensitive position is not permitted to engage in the
80 current use of medical marijuana while employed in the safety sensitive position. A
81 safety-sensitive employee shall be removed from their position if they test positive for
82 marijuana, or if the employer has a good-faith belief the employee is engaged in the
83 current use of medical marijuana. This applies even if the employee is a qualifying
84 patient under the Amendment and/or holds a registry identification card.

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86 Employees are also subject to discipline, up to and including termination for the
87 following acts related to medical marijuana:
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1. Possession, ingestion, smoking, or otherwise using marijuana while on duty, or on the premises of the County, regardless of duty status; or
 2. Being under the influence of marijuana while on duty, or on the premises of the County, regardless of duty status.

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Post-Offer / Pre-Employment Testing

97 All applicants will be required to take a post-offer/pre-employment drug test. The
98 prospective employee will not be employed until the test results are received by the
99 Human Resources Director. The HR Director will then notify the Elected Official or
100 Department Head whether the employee is hireable. A prospective employee cannot start
101 work until the post-offer / pre-employment test result is received.
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“Safety-Sensitive Positions”

105 Safety-Sensitive positions include, but are not limited to, positions involving a safety-
106 sensitive function pursuant to regulations governing drug and alcohol testing adopted
107 by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Arkansas General Assembly, or
108 identified as safety-sensitive under the Fourth Amendment. Safety-sensitive positions
109 typically involve job duties where impairment may present a clear and present risk to
110 co-workers or other persons. A safety-sensitive position includes any position where a
111 momentary lapse in attention could result in injury or death to another person. A
112 safety-sensitive position includes, but is not limited to, a position in which a drug or
113 alcohol impairment constitutes an immediate and direct threat to public health or
114 safety, such as a position that requires the employee to:
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1. carry a firearm;
 2. perform life-threatening procedures;
 3. work with confidential information or criminal investigations;
 4. work with controlled substances;
 5. maintain a commercial driver’s license;
 6. operate heavy equipment as part of normal duties;
 7. serve as a mechanic on County vehicles;
 8. serve as a dispatcher for law enforcement or emergency services; or
 9. serve as a jailer or detention officer.

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128 In cases where it is not clear whether a position is safety-sensitive, the hiring Elected
129 Official shall determine whether the position is safety sensitive or not, based on all
130 relevant information. Similar positions must be classified consistently.
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- a. In general, County employees are subject to testing to detect the presence of alcohol and controlled substances in the following circumstances:

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1. Post-offer / pre-employment, depending on the position;
2. Reasonable suspicion (including post-accident testing when the County has a reasonable suspicion that controlled substances and/or alcohol were a factor in the accident); or
3. When otherwise permitted under the law.

b. County employees who are subject to DOT regulations are subject to testing to detect the presence of alcohol and controlled substances in the following circumstances:

1. Post-offer / pre-employment testing;
2. DOT reasonable suspicion;
3. DOT random testing;
4. DOT post-accident testing; and
5. DOT "Return-to-Duty" testing and "Follow-Up" Testing. 49 CFR 40

c. Random Testing of Safety-Sensitive Employees

Employees in safety-sensitive positions will be subject to random, unannounced testing. A computerized program shall determine the individual safety-sensitive employees to be randomly tested.

Reasonable-Suspicion Testing

County employees must be free from the effects of drugs or alcohol while on duty or on County property, including off-site County vehicles. An employee who is reasonably suspected of being intoxicated, impaired, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or not fit for duty, shall be suspended from job duties with pay pending an investigation and verification of condition. Only an elected County official or supervisor who has been trained in reasonable-suspicion testing requirements may initiate reasonable-suspicion testing.

Disciplinary Action

The following may result in immediate discharge:

1. Refusal to take a mandated test for drugs or alcohol. Refusal to submit to testing means that the employee fails to provide an adequate urine or breath sample for testing without a valid medical explanation after he/she has received notice of the requirement to be tested, or engages in conduct that clearly obstructs the testing process. Refusal to submit to testing includes, but is not limited to, refusal to execute any required consent forms, refusal to cooperate regarding the

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- collection of samples, and/or submission or attempted submission of an adulterated or substituted urine sample;
- 2. A positive drug test (once the time limit for requesting a split test has expired, or upon receipt of a positive result from the split test); or
- 3. A positive alcohol test;
- 4. Committing a violation of the Arkansas Uniform Controlled Substance Act or the Federal Controlled Substance Act on County property or in a County vehicle; or
- 5. Failure to notify the County within five days of pleading guilty or nolo contendere, or of being found guilty of a violation of the Arkansas Uniform Controlled Substance Act or Federal Controlled Substance Act.

Records

All records regarding the County's Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy shall be confidentially maintained, in a secure location with controlled access, pursuant to A.C.A. § 11-14-109(e). Although records maintained by the County will remain confidential, such records may be used in legal proceedings in defense of the County, its agents, and employees, and such records may be otherwise disclosed as required or allowed by law, except that information on drug or alcohol test results for tests shall not be released or used in any criminal proceeding against the employee or job applicant. Information released contrary to this section is inadmissible as evidence in any such criminal proceeding, pursuant to A.C.A. § 11-14-109(c).



 PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge



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 BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by:	Rios-Stafford
Date of Adoption:	6-20-2024
Members Voting For:	Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Ricker, Pond
Members Voting Against:	Washington, Coger, Dennis
Members Abstaining:	None
Members Absent:	Leming

Committee History: County services 4-1-1024 tabled to 4-29-2024 County services – passed to QC 5-16-2024

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

BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-047

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 AND
APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$228,407.06 IN THE ANIMAL
SHELTER PROJECTS FUND BUDGET FOR 2024.**


WHEREAS, Washington County received a gift of \$228,407.06 from the
Howick Family Trust; and,

WHEREAS, those funds need to be appropriated to the Animal Shelter
Budget for 2024.

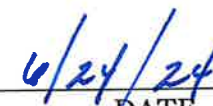
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM
COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby recognized additional revenue in
the amount of \$228,407.06 in the unappropriated reserves in the Animal Shelter Projects
Fund (1825.8755).

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the amount of
\$228,407.06 from the unappropriated reserves in the Animal Shelter Projects Fund
(1825.8755) to the Improvements Other than Buildings line item in the Animal Shelter
Projects Fund Budget (18250529.4003) for 2024.



PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge



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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: Ecke
Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024

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43 **Members Voting For:** Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington,
44 Cogger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
45 **Members Voting Against:**
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50 Committee History: Finance and Budget meeting on 6-11-2024 – sent to 6-20-2024 Quorum Court via
51 consent agenda
52 Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as **ORD 2024-047**

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Item 24-O-053

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

BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-048

**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
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE
ARPA FUND BUDGET FOR 2024.**

WHEREAS, the County Judge desires to create the position
of Commissioner of Public Buildings in compliance with Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 14-
19-101; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is erecting a public
building; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. §§ 14-19-101 requires the County Judge
to appoint a Commissioner of Public Buildings to superintend such construction; and

WHEREAS, both construction projects are funding through
the county's American Rescue Plan Act funds and so shall be the Commissioner of Public
Buildings' compensation.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby created the position of
Commissioner of Public Buildings, PCN 0568002, grade 11 in the ARPA Fund Budget for
2024.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of
\$65,470.38 from the unappropriated reserves in the ARPA Fund (3046) to the following
line items in the ARPA Fund Budget (30460568) for 2024:

Salaries Full Time	30460568.1001	\$ 50,000.00
Social Security Matching	30460568.1006	3,825.00
Employer Retirement Contribution	30460568.1008	7,660.00
Health Insurance	30460568.1009	3,875.28
Workmen's Compensation	30460568.1010	44.10
Life Insurance	30460568.1016	66.00

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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge



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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: Pond
Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington,
Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
Members Voting Against:
Members Abstaining:
Members Absent:

Committee History: Finance and Budget meeting on 6-11-2024 passed on to the 6-20-2024 quorum court via consent agenda

Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as **ORD 2024-048**

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Item 24-O-054

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

BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-049

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 ORDINANCE 2024-10.

WHEREAS, two corrections are needed to Ordinance 2024-10; and,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will correct those errors.

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

ARTICLE 1. Article 1 of Ordinance 2024-10 is hereby corrected
as follows:

ARTICLE 1. There are hereby projected revenues and
carryover totaling \$~~19,739,480.44~~^{19,732,510.08} as detailed in Attachment "A" and
summarized by fund as follows for 2024:

Wheeler Road Bridge Fund	2900	\$ 200,000.00
American Rescue Plan Act	3046	14,683,044.81
CSU Fund	3075	26,451.80
HIDTA	3501	<u>259,550.10</u> 252,579.74
DOJ Mental Health Court	3502	550,000.00
Rural Community Grant Fund	3503	113,750.00
JDC Grant Fund	3510	25,631.26
DEM Grant Fund	3511	880,589.54
Drug Court Grant Fund	3513	534,567.36
Law Enforcement Grant Fund	3514	85,915.78
Animal Shelter Grant Fund	3515	11,328.56
AOC Juvenile Court Grant	3519	43,289.87
Emergency Rental Assistance 1	3525	484,966.23
Emergency Rental Assistance 2	3526	1,485,363.60
Crisis Stabilization Fund	3550	355,031.53

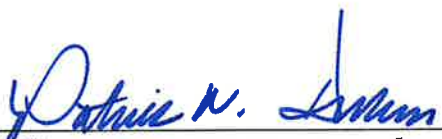
ARTICLE 2. Article 2 of Ordinance 2024-10 is hereby corrected
as follows:

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ARTICLE 2. There are hereby appropriated the amount of \$~~19,739,480.44~~^{19,732,510.08} to various funds and budget line items as detailed in Attachment "B" and summarized by fund as follows for 2024:

Wheeler Road Bridge Fund	2900	\$ 200,000.00
American Rescue Plan Act	3046	14,683,044.81
CSU Fund	3075	26,451.80
HIDTA	3501	<u>259,550.10</u> 252,579.74
DOJ Mental Health Court	3502	550,000.00
Rural Community Grant Fund	3503	113,750.00
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Emergency Rental Assistance 2	3526	1,485,363.60
Crisis		Stabilization
Fund	3550	355,031.53



 PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge



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 BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: Ricker
 Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Cogger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
 Members Voting Against:
 Members Abstaining:
 Members Absent:

Committee History: Finance and Budget meeting on 6-11-2024 sent to the 6-20-2024 Quorum Court meeting via consent agenda
Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as **ORD 2024-049**

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Item 24-O-055

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Requested by: Sheriff Jay Cantrell
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

BECKY LEWALLEN
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-050

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 JAIL BUDGET
FOR 2024; AND, FOR OTHER MATTERS
PERTAINING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires to convert the old dispatch center into
usable office space for the transport division and to add additional security for the front
office personnel; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is requesting \$365,000 for the remodel, which
would come from the previously budgeted, but unused salary turnback required by the
budget controls.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of
\$365,000 from the unappropriated reserves in the Jail Maintenance and Operations
Fund (3017) to the construction in progress line item in the Jail Maintenance and
Operations Budget (30170127.4006) for 2024.



PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge



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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: Simons
Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington,
Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond

Members Voting Against:

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Quorum Court meeting via consent agenda

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Item 24-O-058

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

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CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-051

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, REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,081,999.92 IN THE CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT
(CSU) GRANT FUND FOR 2024.**

WHEREAS, Washington County anticipates receiving the total amount of
\$1,081,999.92 from the State of Arkansas to fund the Northwest Arkansas CSU for 2024-
2025.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby anticipated revenue totaling
\$1,081,999.92 in the CSU Grant Fund (3550.7010) for 2024-2025.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of
\$1,081,999.92 from the CSU Grant Fund (3550.0343) to the Other Professional Services
line item (35500340.3009) in the CSU Grant Fund Budget for 2024.



PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge



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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: Ecke
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Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
Members Voting Against:
Members Abstaining:

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Committee History:

Finance and Budget meeting on 6-11-2024 – passed on to the 6-20-2024
Quorum Court via consent agenda

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Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

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CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-052

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 REVENUE
IN THE DRUG COURT GRANT FUND (3513) FOR
2024.**

WHEREAS, the Accountability Court Funds Grant Committee of the
Specialty Court Program Advisor Committee of the Administrative Office of the Courts
has awarded grant funds to the Washington County Drug Court program for 2024; and,

WHEREAS, these grant funds are reimbursable funds 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 additional revenue in
the amount of \$10,267.35 in the Drug Court Grant Fund (3513.7010) for 2024.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of
\$10,267.35 from the Drug Court Grant Fund (3513) to the following line items in the
following budgets in the Drug Court Grant Fund (3513) for 2024:

Washington County Adult Drug Court (WCADC CY23)

Gift Cards/Incentives	35131403.2017	\$ 628.65
Medical, Dental, and Hospital	35131403.3006	243.60
Common Carrier	35131403.3031	600.00
Meals and Lodging	35131403.3094	1,014.00
Training and Education	35131403.3101	855.00

Madison County Adult Drug Court (MCADC CY23)

Gift Cards/Incentives	35131435.2017	628.65
Medical, Dental, and Hospital	35131435.3006	487.20
Common Carrier	35131435.3031	600.00
Meals and Lodging	35131435.3094	1,014.00

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43	Training and Education	35131435.3101	855.00
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45	<u>Washington County Veteran's Treatment Court (WCVTC CY24)</u>		
46	Gift Cards/Incentives	35131448.2017	\$ 628.65
47	Medical, Dental, and Hospital	35131448.3006	243.60
48	Common Carrier	35131448.3031	600.00
49	Meals and Lodging	35131448.3094	1,014.00
50	Training and Education	35131448.3101	855.00

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Introduced by: Leming
 Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
 Members Voting Against:
 Members Abstaining:
 Members Absent:

Committee History: Finance and Budget meeting on 6-11-2024 – passed to the 6-20-2024 Quorum Court via consent agenda
Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as **ORD 2024-052**

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Item 24-O-062

2024 JUN 25 AM 8: 00

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

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CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-053

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 ANIMAL
SHELTER BUDGET FOR 2024; AND, OTHER
MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Department of Community
Corrections has given notice to Washington County that it will no longer be able to provide
inmate labor at the County's Animal Shelter; and,

WHEREAS, the County will need additional county staff to help maintain
the kennels at the Shelter.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby created three new Kennel
Attendant positions (PCNs 0308013, 0308014, and 0308015), grade 4, in the Animal
Shelter Budget (10000308) for 2024.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of
\$74,925.30 from the unappropriated reserves in the General Fund (1000) to the following
line items in the Animal Shelter Budget for 2024:

Salaries Full Time	10000308.1001	\$ 51,057.59
Social Security Matching	10000308.1006	3,905.91
Employer Retirement Contribution	10000308.1008	7,822.02
Health Insurance Matching	10000308.1009	11,625.84
Workman's Compensation	10000308.1010	315.94
Life Insurance	10000308.1016	198.00



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Introduced by: Ecke
Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Washington, Coger, Dennis, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
Members Voting Against:
Members Abstaining:
Members Absent:

Committee History: Finance and Budget meeting on 6-11-2024 – passed on to 6-20-2024 Quorum Court via consent agenda
Quorum Court History: Removed from consent agenda – Adopted on 6-20-2024 as **ORD 2024-053**

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Item 24-O-052

2024 JUN 25 AM 8: 00

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

BECKY LEWALLEN
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WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-054

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-44
TO CORRECT AN ERROR; AND, OTHER MATTERS
PERTAINING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Washington County Quorum Court passed Ordinance 2019-44 at its regular meeting on June 20, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the life insurance policy available for purchase to Washington County employees is not available to Quorum court members because they are not part of our plan documentation and cannot be added; and,

WHEREAS, Quorum court members are paid a per diem and not a salary, making potential deductions for payment irregular and difficult to collect when in arrears; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court desires to correct these omissions and, therefore, Ordinance 2019-44 must be amended.

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

ARTICLE 1. Ordinance 2019-44 is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE 1. The Quorum Court hereby authorizes its members to purchase vision ~~and life insurance~~ coverage that ~~is are~~ available for purchase by ~~all~~ county employees.

ARTICLE 2. Payment for vision insurance shall be paid by the Quorum Court member on the first of each month, or quarterly or annually, if preferred. Payment shall be made in cash to the Washington County Treasurer.



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Introduced by: Lyons
Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Coger, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
Members Voting Against: None
Members Abstaining: None
Members Absent: Washington, Dennis

Committee History: County services 6-3-2024. Passed on to 6-20-2-24 QC
Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as ORD 2024-054

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Item 23-O-063

2024 JUN 25 AM 8:00

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

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5 **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN**
6 **ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

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8 **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE**
9 **PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE**
10 **PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE**
11 **ROUND MOUNTAIN FIRE STATION.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, at the June 6, 2024 meeting of the Planning Board of
14 Adjustments, the board was presented with a Conditional Use Permit request for the
15 Round Mountain Fire Station project; and,

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

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20 **WHEREAS**, after reviewing the information provided by the Planning
21 Department, the applicant, and members of the community, the Quorum Court desires to
22 ratify the Conditional Use Permit recommended for approval by the Planning Board of
23 Adjustments.

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

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28 **ARTICLE 1.** That the Conditional Use Permit for the **Round**
29 **Mountain Fire Station** is hereby ratified.

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44 Introduced by: Pond
45 Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
46 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Coger, Highers,
47 Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
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49 Members Voting Against: None
50 Members Abstaining: None
51 Members Absent: Washington, Dennis
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54 Committee History:
55 Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as ORD 2024-055

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Item 23-O-064

2024 JUN 25 AM 8: 00

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

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ORDINANCE NO. ²⁰²⁴~~2023~~-056

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5 **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN**
6 **ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

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8 **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE**
9 **PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE**
10 **PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE**
11 **SCHLINKER WEDDING & EVENT VENUE.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, at the June 6, 2024 meeting of the Planning Board of
14 Adjustments, the board was presented with a Conditional Use Permit request for the
15 Schlinker Wedding & Event Venue project; and,

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

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20 **WHEREAS**, after reviewing the information provided by the Planning
21 Department, the applicant, and members of the community, the Quorum Court desires to
22 ratify the Conditional Use Permit recommended for approval by the Planning Board of
23 Adjustments.

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

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28 **ARTICLE 1.** That the Conditional Use Permit for the **Schlinker**
29 **Wedding & Event Venue** is hereby ratified.

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44 **Introduced by:** Taylor
45 **Date of Adoption:** 6-20-2024
46 **Members Voting For:** Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Coger, Dennis,
47 Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
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49 **Members Voting Against:** None
50 **Members Abstaining:** None
51 **Members Absent:** Washington
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54 **Committee History:**
55 **Quorum Court History:** Adopted on 6-20-2024 as ORD 2024-056

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Item 23-O-065

2024 JUN 25 AM 8:00

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

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6 **ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

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8 **AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A CONDITIONAL USE**
9 **PERMIT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE**
10 **PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE**
11 **BELLE VUE VENUE & GROUNDS.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, at the June 6, 2024 meeting of the Planning Board of
14 Adjustments, the board was presented with a Conditional Use Permit request for the Belle
15 Vue Venue & Grounds project; and,

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

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20 **WHEREAS**, after reviewing the information provided by the Planning
21 Department, the applicant, and members of the community, the Quorum Court desires to
22 ratify the Conditional Use Permit recommended for approval by the Planning Board of
23 Adjustments.

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

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28 **ARTICLE 1.** That the Conditional Use Permit for the **Belle Vue**
29 **Venue & Grounds** is hereby ratified.

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44 Introduced by: Ricker
45 Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
46 Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Coger, Dennis,
47 Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
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49 Members Voting Against: None
50 Members Abstaining: None
51 Members Absent: Washington
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54 Committee History:
55 Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as ORD 2024-057

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Item 24-O-059

2024 JUN 25 AM 8: 00

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

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CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-058

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 REVENUE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$122,273.12 IN THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND FOR 2024.**

WHEREAS, under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice financial assistance to eligible local governments that incur costs associated with the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law and are incarcerated for at least four days; and,

WHEREAS, the additional burden to the taxpayers that is created by the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens in Washington County is offset by the financial assistance provided by the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County anticipates a SCAAP FY2024 Grant award in the amount of \$122,273.12.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby anticipated additional revenue in the amount of \$122,273.12 in the Other Federal Grants Revenue line item of the Law Enforcement Grant Fund (3514.7109) for 2024.

ARTICLE 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$122,273.12 from the Law Enforcement Grant Fund to the following line items in the SCAAP FY2024 Budget (35141443) for 2024:

General Supplies	35141443.2001	\$ 72,273.12
Small Equipment	35141443.2002	50,000.00

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by:	Leming
Date of Adoption:	6-20-2024
Members Voting For:	Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Dennis, Leming, Ricker, Pond
Members Voting Against:	Coger, Highers, Rios-Stafford
Members Abstaining:	
Members Absent:	Washington
<u>Committee History:</u>	Finance and Budget meeting 6-11-2024 passed on to the June quorum court meeting
<u>Quorum Court History:</u>	Adopted on 6-20-2024 as ORD 2024-058

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Item 24-O-061

2024 JUN 25 AM 8: 00

Requested by: Quorum Court
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

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CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-059

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 2024, AND OTHER
MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, Washington County was recently sued over its decisions regarding the use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds provided by the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court stands behind its decisions and is committed to vigorously defend those decisions; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court desires to appropriate adequate funding to ensure that its representation in the defense of its actions are robust by outside counsel, chosen by the County Judge, who specializes, or has experience, in the use of ARPA funds.

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

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby appropriated \$100,000 from the unappropriated reserves in the General Fund (1000) to the Special Legal line item in the County Attorney's Budget (10000122.3005) for 2024.



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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: Ecke
Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024

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42 **Members Voting For:** Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Dennis, Leming, Ricker,
43 Pond
44 **Members Voting Against:** Taylor, Coger, Highers, Rios-Stafford
45 **Members Abstaining:** None
46 **Members Absent:** Washington
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49 Committee History: Finance and Budget 6-11-2024 and passed on to the 6-20-2024 Quorum Court
50 Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as **ORD 2024-059**

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Item 24-R-004

2024 JUN 25 AM 8:00

Requested by: JPs Coleman Taylor, David Wilson, Sean Simons, Ed Bowerman, Kyle Lyons, Lisa Ecke, Charles Dean, Shawndra Washington, Beth Coger, Robert Dennis, Suki Highers, Evelyn Rios, Stafford, Willie Leming, Gary Ricker, and Butch Pond
Drafted by: County Attorney Brian R. Lester

RESERVED FOR THE CLERK
CO. & PROBATE CLERK
WASHINGTON CO. AR

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-004

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTION CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Community Correction Center (hereinafter "NWA CCC") has been instrumental in providing critical care and support to incarcerated women struggling with substance abuse, addiction, mental health, lack of educational opportunities and resources; and,

WHEREAS, the closing of this facility would have detrimental effects on the health and well-being of our community and of the women incarcerated there, potentially leading to higher rates of recidivism and crime, more women being housed in our county jail, and increased jail operation costs to Washington County taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the NWA CCC had the lowest reincarceration rate by facility at 20.45% compared to the other five Arkansas Community Corrections centers across the state in an April 2021 study released by the Arkansas Department of Corrections and is a beacon of hope and healing for many women and their families, offering a safe and supportive environment for recovery and rehabilitation, while also teaching parenting skills and reuniting families; and,

WHEREAS, the services provided by the NWA CCC align with our Christian community's values of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, transforming lives as evidenced by the NWA CCC non-profits, compassion, support, and inclusivity, and contribute to the overall health and stability of the women incarcerated there and their families.

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

ARTICLE 1. The Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas hereby expresses its full support for maintaining the NWA CCC in our community and calls upon the Arkansas Department of Corrections and all other appropriate decision makers, to take all necessary actions to ensure its continued operations.

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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge


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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by: JP Beth Coger
Date of Adoption: 6-20-2024
Members Voting For: Taylor, Wilson, Simons, Bowerman, Lyons, Ecke, Dean, Coger, Highers, Rios-Stafford, Leming, Ricker, Pond
Members Voting Against: Dennis
Members Abstaining: None
Members Absent: Washington

Committee History: Approved at the 6-3-2024 County Services meeting and sent on to the 6-20-2024 regular quorum court meeting

Quorum Court History: Adopted on 6-20-2024 as **RES 2024-004**

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