

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

AUGUST 6, 2024

THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT WILL MEET FOR REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 AT 6:00 PM IN THE 2ND FLOOR COURTROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE, WITH JUDGE KEVIN LITTY PRESIDING.

- CALL TO ORDER
- DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
- TREASURER REPORT
- COMMITTEE REPORTS: Economic Development Committee – Cameron Davis
- PRESENTATION:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
 1. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,700.09 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JUNE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET.
 2. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND (#2000) TO ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT 2024 BUDGET.
 3. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 RECEIVED FROM THE ARKANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (ADEM) FOR DISASTER RELIEF NEEDS TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2024 BUDGET.
 4. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET.
 5. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,600.00 FROM CIRCUIT COURT AUTOMATION FUND (#3002) INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2024 BUDGET.
 6. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2024 BUDGET.
 7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COTTER-GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.
 8. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE GALATIA COMMUNITY.
 9. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 BAXTER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.
 10. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ERICH WOLF AND TONY CHAMBERLAIN BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GAMALIEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
 11. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CARYL RICHARDS AND JOHN BOLDING BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE TRACY AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- ADJOURNMENT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,700.09 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JUNE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET.

Article 1: Affirmation. This court affirms that the Baxter County Sheriff's Office has collected the following fees, reimbursements and donations in excess of the anticipated budgeted revenue amount in the month of June 2024:

- \$ 126.75 received from DWI Fines from District Court
- \$ 3,304.26 received from Act 770 Fees
- \$ 3,178.75 received for Installment Fees
- \$ 600.00 received Donation (Cash and Check)
- \$ 25.00 received Animal Adoption
- \$ 100.00 received VIN Checks
- \$ 3,181.00 received Auction Proceeds (Check)
- \$ 120.00 received Court Ordered Restitution (Extradition – Reserve Per Diem) (Checks)
- \$ 611.10 reimbursement Inmates' Medical
- \$ 988.23 reimbursement Inmate Prescriptions (Sent from BXSO to Treasurer's Office)
- \$ 200.00 reimbursement Court Ordered Restitution (Extradition - Prisoner Transport) (Check)
- \$ 265.00 reimbursement Court Ordered Restitution (Extradition – Drug Buy Fund) (Check)

Article 2: Appropriation. It is necessary to appropriate said monies totaling **\$12,700.09** to the appropriate line items in the Sheriff's Office 2024 budget.

There is hereby appropriated from the 2024 County General Fund (#1000) **\$3,996.01** for the following designated expenditures:

- \$ 3,404.26 to GL# 1000-0400-2001 (Sheriff: General Supplies)
- \$ 326.75 to GL# 1000-0400-2007 (Sheriff: Fuel, Oil & Lubricants)
- \$ 265.00 to GL# 1000-0400-3093 (Sheriff: Misc Law Enforcement)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2024 Animal Control Fund (#1800) **\$625.00** for the following designated expenditures:

- \$ 625.00 to GL #1800-0191-2001 (Animal Control: General Supplies)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2024 Sheriff's Special Projects Fund (#3400) \$6,359.75 for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 3,181.00 to GL# 3400-0400-2001 (Sheriff's Projects – General Supplies)

\$ 3,178.75 to GL# 3400-0400-3003 (Sheriff's Projects – Computer Services)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2024 County Jail Fund (#3401) \$1,719.33 the following designated expenditures:

\$ 120.00 to GL# 3401-0418-1099 (Jail: Transport for Prisoners)

\$ 988.23 to GL# 3401-0418-2004 (Jail: Medicine & Drugs)

\$ 611.10 to GL# 3401-0418-3006 (Jail: Med, Den & Hosp)

Article 3: Effective Date. This appropriation ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the quorum court.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – _____

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND (#2000) INTO THE ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT 2024 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: It is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 from Road and Bridge Fund into the Road & Bridge Dept. 2024 Budget for the purchase of a refurbished road grader.

Article 2. Appropriation: The Quorum Court authorizes the IT Manager to make the following appropriation into the designated line item:

\$ 200,000.00 to #2000-0200-4004 (Machinery & Equipment)

Article 3. Effective Date: This appropriation ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the quorum court.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – _____

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-76 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Article 1. Affirmation: This Court affirms the receipt of \$10,000.00 for the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program, an Arkansas Income Tax check-off program. These grant funds were awarded to the county by the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) for individual assistance to qualified applicants affected by the current declared tornado disaster of May 2024. All individual assistance disbursements shall be made in compliance with the county policies and procedures established for this program and filed with this ordinance as public information.

Article 2. Amendment/Appropriation: The following is an amendment to the 2024 Baxter County Budget Ordinance No. 2023-76 making an appropriation to the Arkansas Disaster Relief Grant Fund budget.

The County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$10,000.00 from County General Fund (#1000) into the Arkansas Disaster Relief Grant Fund (#3506).

The Quorum Court authorizes the IT Manager to make the following appropriation into the designated line item:

\$ 10,000.00 to GL #3506-0803-3103 (Disaster Relief)

This amendment increases the amount appropriated for the Arkansas Disaster Relief Grant Fund by \$10,000.00 making the total 2024 Arkansas Disaster Relief Fund appropriation \$10,000.00

Article 3. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of the Baxter County Quorum Court that the appropriation contained in this ordinance is only an amendment to the 2024 operating budget. All other appropriations and policy statements of the county budget ordinance shall remain in full force and affect. This appropriation, unlike other county appropriations, is for individual assistance which is the goal of the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program as established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 26-51-2502 and the ADEM grant award letter of June 2024. The maximum amount to be awarded per claim is \$2,000.00.

Article 4. Effective Date: This appropriation ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the Quorum Court and approval by the County Judge in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §14-14-907(f).

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 2024 BUDGET.

Article 1: Affirmation. The Assessor's Office is requesting funds be moved into the Assessor's Office 2024 Budget, for the purpose of a professional recognition payment.

Article 2: Designation. There are funds available in the County General Fund #1000 for said transfer.

Article 3: Appropriation. The IT Manager is hereby authorized to make the following appropriation to the following designated budget line item:

\$ 500.00 to GL #1000-0105-1022 (Assessor's Professional Recognition)

Article 4: Effective Date. This appropriation ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the quorum court.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,600.00 FROM CIRCUIT COURT AUTOMATION FUND (#3002) INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2024 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: The Building and Grounds Department is requesting an allocation of funds within the 2024 budget for the purpose of appropriate assignment of expenditures.

Article 2. Designation: There are sufficient funds available for said transfer.

Article 3. Appropriation: The County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$20,600.00 from Circuit Court Automation Fund (#3002) into County General Fund (#1000).

The Quorum Court authorizes the IT Manager to make the following appropriation into the designated line item:

\$ 20,600.00 to GL #1000-0111-3009 (Other Professional Services)

Article 4. Effective Date: This appropriation ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the quorum court.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (#1000) INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2024 BUDGET.

Article 1: Affirmation. The Building and Grounds Department is requesting funds received from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Grant be moved into the Building and Grounds 2024 Budget for HVAC upgrade expense for the Baxter County Courthouse.

Article 2: Designation. There are funds available in County General Fund for said transfer.

Article 3: Appropriation. The IT Manager is hereby authorized to make the following appropriation to the following designated budget line item:

\$ 50,000.00 to GL #1000-0111-3009 (Other Professional Services)

Article 4: Effective Date. This appropriation ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the quorum court.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COTTER-GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Baxter County Quorum Court has determined that Cotter-Gassville Rural Fire Protection District meets the eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cotter-Gassville Rural Fire Protection District has presented plans to purchase misc. equipment including (1) Tires for 3 vehicles; a tanker, an engine and a brush truck (2) 600 feet of 3-inch hose (3) Rapid attack monitor, nozzle, and mounting bracket (4) Combi (cutter and spreader) extrication tool compatible with current equipment (5) 2 rope bags with carabiners; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Baxter County recognizes the need for the project, concurs its importance, and supports the Cotter-Gassville Rural Fire Protection District in its efforts to proceed with the same; and

WHEREAS, the Cotter-Gassville Rural Fire Protection District has furnished proof that they have raised \$14,413.82 through community cash and/or in-kind donations to be applied to the project as a local match.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Baxter County Judge is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for purpose of securing state grant funds in the amount of \$14,413.82 to aid and assist the Cotter-Gassville Rural Fire Protection District in executing the proposed project described herein and that the County Judge or County Treasurer is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: T. Albright JP-6 / S. Walker JP-10

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE GALATIA COMMUNITY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Baxter County Quorum Court has determined that the Galatia Community meets eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Galatia Community has presented plans to renovate and make necessary repairs to the Galatia Community Building including spray foam insulation, installation of tongue and groove to the walls, ceiling, window, door trim, and paint.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Baxter County recognizes the need for the project, concurs its importance, and supports the Galatia Community in its efforts to proceed with the same; and

WHEREAS, the Galatia Community has furnished proof that they have raised \$15,275.00 through community cash and/or in-kind donations to be applied to the project as a local match;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Baxter County Judge is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for the purpose of securing state grant funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 to aid and assist the Galatia Community in executing the proposed project described herein and that the County Judge or County Treasurer of Baxter County is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 BAXTER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Baxter County, Arkansas, recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Baxter has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2024 Baxter County Hazard Mitigation Plan update in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, 2024 Baxter County Hazard Mitigation Plan update identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in its jurisdiction from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Quorum Court of Baxter County demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2024 Baxter County Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Baxter adopts the 2024 Baxter County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. While content related to the County of Baxter may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require the County of Baxter to re-adopt any further iterations of the plans. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ERICH WOLF AND TONY CHAMBERLAIN BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GAMALIEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The following members of the Gamaliel Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners, having been re-appointed by the County Judge for a term of three (3) years to expire August 2027, are hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court:

ERICH WOLF

TONY CHAMBERLAIN

Section 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVAL:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

Sponsor: R. Steiner, JP- 3

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CARYL RICHARDS AND JOHN BOLDING BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE TRACY AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

Section 1. The following members of the Tracy Area Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners, having been re-appointed by the County Judge for a term of three (3) years to expire June 2027, are hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court.

CARYL RICHARDS

JOHN BOLDING

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVAL:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

Sponsors: R. Steele – JP - 8

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____