

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

February 4, 2025

THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT WILL MEET FOR REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 AT 5:30 PM IN THE 2ND FLOOR COURTROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE, WITH JUDGE KEVIN LITTY PRESIDING.

- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE
- ROLL CALL
- DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
- TREASURER'S REPORT
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
- PRESENTATION – Hap Myers – Community Relations
Airport Advisory Board Candidates

OLD BUSINESS

1. (2nd Reading) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 911 ADVISORY BOARD.

- NEW BUSINESS

1. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,424.63 IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET.
2. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,000.00 FROM SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (#3017) AND \$10,000.00 FROM DETENTION FACILITY FUND (#3018) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FUND (#3401) BUDGET.
3. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 INTO THE GALATIA COMMUNITY BUILDING ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND.
4. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2025 BUDGET TO PROVIDE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR AIRPORT FUND #3037 AND AIRPORT GRANTS FUND #3537.
5. AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BAXTER COUNTY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH GENERAL WATER CONDITIONING OWNED BY LISA HOUSE.
6. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT TAVEGIA TO THE BAXTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.
7. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLBY PICKENS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.
8. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF LINDLEY REUBEN AND GARY SMITH BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GROVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
9. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF TOM TELFORD AND JIM JESTADT BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORTHEAST LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 –

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A 911 ADVISORY BOARD

Article 1: Affirmation The Baxter County Quorum Court finds it necessary to establish a 911 Advisory Board due to cities contributing funds to 911 and to provide alternative and more cost-effective methods for 911 services.

Section 1. For Baxter County to efficiently provide 911 services, the County will establish a 911 Advisory Board to assist the County Judge in furnishing advice, gathering information, and making recommendations.

Article 2. Terms

Section 1. The 911 Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members.

Section 2. The term for members of the 911 Advisory Board shall be three (3) years.

Section 2. The County Judge shall serve as an ex-officio member of said Board.

Article 3: Effective Date This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Quorum Court.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: E. Griffin – JP - 8

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - _____

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 \$8,424.63 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 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 December 2024:

- \$ 45.00 received from DWI Fines from District Court
- \$ 1,836.00 received from Act 770 Fees
- \$ 3,186.39 received for Installment Fees
- \$ 75.00 received VIN Checks
- \$ 400.00 received Inmate Social Security
- \$ 20.00 received Animal Adoption (Cash)
- \$ 1,616.25 received Donation (Check)
- \$ 50.00 received Donation (Check)
- \$ 493.13 reimbursement Inmates' Medical
- \$ 679.68 reimbursement Inmate Prescriptions (Sent from BXSO to Treasurer's Office)
- \$ 23.18 reimbursement Court Ordered Restitution (Extradition - Prisoner Transport) (Check)

Article 2: Appropriation. It is necessary to appropriate said monies totaling **\$8,424.63** to the appropriate line items in the Sheriff's Office 2025 budgets.

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 County General Fund (#1000) **\$1,979.18** for the following designated expenditures:

- \$ 1,911.00 to GL# 1000-0400-2001 (Sheriff: General Supplies)
- \$ 68.18 to GL# 1000-0400-2007 (Sheriff: Fuel, Oil & Lubricants)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 Animal Control Fund (#1800) **\$1,686.25** for the following designated expenditures:

- \$ 20.00 to GL #1800-0191-2001 (Animal Control: General Supplies)
- \$ 50.00 to GL #1800-0191-2052 (Animal Control: Vet Services)
- \$ 1,616.25 to GL #1800-0191-3012 (Animal Control: Special Projects)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 Sheriff's Special Projects Fund (#3400) \$3,186.39 for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 3,186.39 to GL# 3400-0400-3003 (Sheriff's Projects: Computer Services)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 County Jail Fund (#3401) \$1,572.81 the following designated expenditures:

\$ 679.68 to GL# 3401-0418-2004 (Jail: Medicine & Drugs)

\$ 893.13 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. 2025 - _____

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 \$54,000.00 FROM SPECIAL JAIL FEES FUND (#3017) AND \$10,000.00 FROM DETENTION FACILITY FUND (#3018) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FUND (#3401) 2025 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: The Sheriff's Office is requesting an allocation of funds within the 2025 budget for the purpose of appropriate assignment of expenditures.

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

Article 3. Appropriation: The County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$54,000.00 from Special Jail Fees Fund (#3017) and \$10,000.00 from Detention Facility Fund (#3018) into the Jail Maintenance & Operations Fund (#3401).

The Quorum Court authorizes the Clerk's Office to make the following appropriations into the designated line items:

\$ 4,000.00 from Special Jail Fees Fund #3017 to GL #3401-0418-2020 (Building Materials)

\$40,000.00 from Special Jail Fees Fund #3017 to GL #3401-0418-3009 (Other Prof Srvs)

\$10,000.00 from Special Jail Fees Fund #3017 to GL #3401-0418-4003 (Improvements other than buildings)

\$10,000.00 from Detention Facility Fund #3018 to GL #3401-0418-4004 (Mach & Equip)

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. 2025 –

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 \$15,000.00 INTO GALATIA BUILDING COMMUNITY ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT 2025 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: It is necessary to appropriate local matching funds received in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Galatia Building Community Arkansas Rural Community Grant 2025 Budget.

Article 2. Appropriation: The Quorum Court authorizes the Clerk's Office to make the following appropriation into the designated line item:

\$15,000.00 to #3511-0116-3103 (Galatia Building Community Arkansas Rural Community Grant Fund)

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. 2025 - _____

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 TO PROVIDE PROJECTED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR BAXTER COUNTY AIRPORT FUND #3037 AND AIRPORT GRANTS FUND #3537

Article 1. Affirmation: **ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.** The annual budget for calendar year 2025 identified as "2025 ANNUAL BUDGET, BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS" dated December 3, 2024, is hereby adopted by reference. A copy of said budget shall be filed in the office of the Circuit/County Clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal business hours.

Article 2. Adoption: The annual budget for calendar year 2025, identified as Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-61 An Ordinance to Repeal Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-51 (An Ordinance to Appropriate Funds in the Amount of \$75,000.00 into the Baxter County Coroner's 2025 Budget) and Appropriation Ordinance 2024-53 (An Ordinance Providing for and Adopting a Budget for Baxter County, Arkansas for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025) and to Combine and Adopt a Corrected Budget for Baxter County, Arkansas for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and the County Treasurer has provided Projected Revenues in the amount of \$260,000.00 and Appropriations for Baxter County Airport Fund #3037 and Revenues in the amount of \$1,368,000.00 and Appropriations for Airport Grants Fund #3537.

Section 1. Revenue Projections:

Baxter County Airport Fund #3037	\$260,000.00
3037-5000 Projected Carryover	110,000.00
3037-8760 Hangar Fees	130,000.00
3037-8761 Fuel Flowage Fees	20,000.00
Airport Grants Fund #3537	\$1,368,000.00
3537-7010 State Grants	576,900.00
3537-7109 Other Federal Grants	791,100.00

Article 3. Designation: Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-61, the "Annual Budget Ordinance for the calendar year 2025", is hereby amended and the respective sums shall be expended from the appropriate GL line items.

Article 4. Appropriation: Ordinance #2024-61 the 2025 Budget is hereby amended by appropriating the following:

Fund 3037-0900 Baxter County Airport:		\$135,000.00
3037-0900-2001	General Supplies	\$25,000.00
3037-0900-2007	Fuel, Oil, & Lubricants	3,500.00
3037-0900-2023	Parts & Repairs	25,000.00
3037-0900-3009	Other Professional Services	18,380.00
3037-0900-3020	Telephone	120.00
3037-0900-3021	Postage	500.00
3037-0900-3023	Internet	1,100.00
3037-0900-3030	Travel	3,500.00
3037-0900-3090	Dues & Memberships	500.00
3037-0900-3094	Meals & Lodging	3,500.00
3037-0900-3060	Utilities - Electric	16,000.00
3037-0900-3061	Utilities - Gas	3,600.00
3037-0900-3062	Utilities - Water	4,500.00
3037-0900-3063	Utilities – Waste	2,500.00
3037-0900-3101	Training & Education	1,000.00
3037-0900-3102	Computer Software & Maintenance	6,300.00
3037-0900-4003	Improvements Other than Buildings	10,000.00
3037-0900-4004	Machinery & Equipment	10,000.00

Fund 3537-0900 Airport Grants:		\$1,368,000.00
3537-0900-3105	Box Hanger Grant	\$786,000.00
3537-0900-3106	PAPI Grant	93,000.00
3537-0900-3107	Clear Span 80x60 Grant	489,000.00

Article 5. Severability: If any of the provisions of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

Article 6. 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: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 –

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

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BAXTER COUNTY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH GENERAL WATER CONDITIONING OWNED BY LISA HOUSE.

Article 1. Affirmation: Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1202 states that all quorum court members, county officers and county employees refrain from benefiting economically, either directly or indirectly, from doing business with any vendor paid by the County, except when it is determined to be in the County's best interest. In such circumstances, subsection (2) (A) (i) states that the quorum court may permit the county by ordinance to purchase goods or services directly or indirectly from quorum court members, county officers or county employees; and

Article 2. Appropriation: It has been determined that it is in the County's best interest to permit the purchase of goods or services from General Water Conditioning.

Section 1. Lisa House, Justice of the Peace District #6 and owner of General Water Conditioning provides water services to Baxter County and surrounding areas.

Article 3. Effective Date: The Baxter County Quorum Court authorizes the County to transact business with the above vendor, effective immediately and in the manner prescribed by ACA § 14-14-1202.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT TAVEGIA TO THE BAXTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.

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

Section 1. The following member of the Baxter County Library Board, having been appointed by the County Judge for a term of five (5) years to expire February 2030, is hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court:

SCOTT TAVEGIA

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: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLBY PICKENS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE BAXTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.

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

WHEREAS, a member of the Baxter County Planning Board, Eric Payne, is unable to complete his four-year term on the Board.

Section 1. The Quorum Court hereby confirms the following person to complete the four-year term on the Baxter County Planning Board, set to expire January 2026:

COLBY PICKENS

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: _____
Date Adopted: _____
Votes: For: _____ Against: _____
Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF LINDLEY REUBEN AND GARY SMITH BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE GROVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

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

LINDLEY REUBEN

GARY SMITH

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: D. Frank, JP-1

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF TOM TELFORD AND JIM JESTADT BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE NORTHEAST LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

Section 1. The following members of the Northeast Lakeside Fire Department Board of Commissioners, having been re-appointed by the County Judge for terms of three (3) years to expire February 2028, are hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court:

TOM TELFORD

JIM JESTADT

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 and C. Davis – JP - 9

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____