BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

OCTOBER 6, 2026

THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT WILL MEET FOR REGULAR SESSION ON **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026 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 – JENAY MIZE
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- PRESENTATION: DEMX – CORONER'S BUILDING
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS

1. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,802.19 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2026 BUDGET.
2. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,435.88 INTO JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 2026 BUDGET.
3. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $22,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE CIRCUIT COURT DIV 3 2026 BUDGET.
4. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE SHOP 2026 BUDGET.
5. AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION AND INSTALLATION OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS IN THE COUNTY OF BAXTER.
6. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF DALE WHEELER AND SHERRY MILHON BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HENDERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
7. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIE WOOD BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER / GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: REMINDER NOVEMBER QUORUM COURT MEETING WAS MOVED TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026.
- ADJOURNMENT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - _____

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 $8,802.19 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2026 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 August 2026:

$ 29.75	received from DWI Fines from District Court
$ 1,800.50	received from Act 770 Fees
$ 2,674.97	received for Installment Fees
$ 25.00	received VIN Checks
$ 25.00	received VIN Check
$ 2,000.00	received for Donation (Check)
$ 225.00	received for Animal Adoption (Cash & Check)
$ 50.00	received for Donation (Cash)
$ 335.00	received for Animal Claim (Cash)
$ 462.78	reimbursement Inmates' Medical
$ 469.22	reimbursement Inmate Prescriptions (Sent from BXSO to Treasurer's Office)
$ 424.97	reimbursement (Check)
$ 280.00	reimbursement (Check)

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

Article 3. Appropriation: It is necessary for the Clerk's Office to appropriate said monies totaling **$8,802.19** to the appropriate line items in the Sheriff's Office 2026 budgets.

There is hereby appropriated from the 2026 County General Fund (#1000) **$1,880.25** for the following designated expenditures:

$ 1,850.50 to GL# 1000-0400-2001 (Sheriff: General Supplies)

$ 29.75 to GL# 1000-0400-2007 (Sheriff: Fuel, Oil & Lubricant)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2026 Animal Control Fund (#1800) **$610.00** for the following designated expenditures:

$ 610.00 to GL# 1800-0191-2001 (Animal Control: General Supplies)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2026 Sheriff's Special Projects Fund (#3400) **$4,674.97** for the following designated expenditures:

$ 2,000.00 to GL# 3400-0400-2001 (Sheriff's Projects: General Supplies)

$ 2,674.97 to GL# 3400-0400-3003 (Sheriff's Projects: Computer Services)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2026 County Jail Fund (#3401) **$1,636.97** the following designated expenditures:

$ 469.22 to GL# 3401-0418-2004 (Jail: Medicine & Drugs)

$ 424.97 to GL# 3401-0418-2005 (Jail: Food)

$ 462.78 to GL# 3401-0418-3006(Jail: Medical, Dental & Hosp)

$ 280.00 to GL# 3401-0418-3220 (Jail: Adult Detention)

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

APPROVED:

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KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

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CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -_____

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,435.88 INTO JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 2026 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: This Court affirms that the Baxter County Juvenile Services Department has collected the following reimbursements in the month of September.

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

$ 435.88 to GL #1000-0415-2007 (Fuel Oils and Lubricants)

$10,000.00 to GL #1000-0415-3009 (Other Professional Services)

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

APPROVED:

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KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

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CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present: Absent:_____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

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 $22,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE CIRCUIT COURT DIV 3 2026 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: It is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of $22,000.00 into the Circuit Court Div 3 2026 Budget to process jury payments for the remainder of 2026.

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

$ 22,000.00 to GL #1000-0401-3092 (Jurors and Witnesses)

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

APPROVED:

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KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

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CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

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 $250,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE SHOP 2026 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: It is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of $250,000.00 into the County Maintenance Shop 2026 Budget for proper expenditures.

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

$ 250,000.00 to GL #1000-0151-2007 (Fuel, Oil, & Lubricants)

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

APPROVED:

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KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

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CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____

(1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____

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

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION AND INSTALLATION OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS IN THE COUNTY OF BAXTER.

WHEREAS, Virtual Currency Kiosks or Virtual Currency Automated Teller Machines ("Virtual Currency ATMs") allow individuals to purchase and send a variety of Virtual Currency and other blockchain-based tokens; and

WHEREAS, Virtual Currency Kiosks or Virtual Currency ATMs have been deployed nationwide with the rise in popularity and usage of Virtual Currency; and

WHEREAS, Virtual Currency transactions allow for anonymity between transacting parties and for virtual currencies to be sent directly and irreversibly to one party's digital wallet or other account, making these transactions desirable for facilitating criminal enterprises and fraudulent activities; and

WHEREAS, Virtual Currency Kiosks and Virtual Currency ATMs are increasingly used to facilitate criminal enterprises and fraudulent schemes that target vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has documented a rapid and sustained increase in fraud facilitated through Virtual Currency Kiosks or Virtual Currency ATMs, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in reported consumer losses nationwide, with older adults suffering a disproportionate share of those losses; and

WHEREAS, federal law enforcement and financial regulators have reported that criminals increasingly direct victims to transmit funds through Virtual Currency Kiosks or Virtual Currency ATMs as a preferred payment method because transactions are quickly completed and irreversible once completed; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission described Virtual Currency Kiosks and Virtual Currency ATMs as "a payment portal for scammers" in a September 2024 report, finding that fraud losses at these machines rose nearly tenfold from 2020 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, IC3 received more than 13,400 complaints reporting over $388 million in fraudulent losses related to virtual currency kiosks; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the complaints involve individuals over the age of 50, with losses estimated to be over $302 million; and

WHEREAS, virtual currency kiosks are the preferred method of scammers due to the exorbitant fees charged through the kiosks and the anonymity and irreversibility of the transactions; and

WHEREAS, regulated exchanges and brokers exist for those that wish to purchase virtual currency through legitimate means, while virtual currency kiosks are favored by scammers due to the speed, low visibility, and little oversight of the transactions; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Texas reported 1,179 complaints and a loss of $56,802,1197 related to virtual currency kiosks and is now considering legislation to ban virtual currency kiosks; and

WHEREAS, Indiana, after residents suffered the loss of $6,114,195 related to virtual currency kiosks in 2025, banned the operation and installation of such kiosks in 2026, becoming the first state to do so; and

WHEREAS, adopted regulations, in Arkansas and other states, are inadequate to fully protect vulnerable and targeted populations, as scammers adjust to work around or with the regulations, allowing fraudulent and detrimental activity to occur; and

WHEREAS, states that have previously regulated this area, have recognized that regulations are not enough to prevent fraudulent activity, as their residents continued to be targeted by scammers, therefore states have implemented bans on virtual currency kiosks, allowing only legitimate avenues for the purchase of virtual currency to operate; and

WHEREAS, following Indiana's ban, Tennessee became the second state to ban virtual currency kiosks, followed by Minnesota and Vermont, with many other states looking to ban virtual currency kiosks; and

WHEREAS, fraudulent activity involving Virtual Currency Kiosks and Virtual Currency ATMs has occurred and continues to occur in Baxter County, with 11 reported incidents in the last year; and

WHEREAS, The FBI's IC3 center details that Arkansans lost $1.4 million to Virtual Currency Kiosks and Virtual Currency ATM fraud in 2025; and

WHEREAS, 102 complaints involving Virtual Currency Kiosks and Virtual Currency ATMs fraud were reported to IC3 from Arkansans in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 55, § 1 of the Arkansas Constitution states that a quorum court may exercise local legislative authority not denied by the Constitution or by law; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-14-801 states that a county government, acting through the quorum court, may exercise local legislative authority not expressly prohibited by the Arkansas Constitution or by law; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-14-809 provides that a county government may regulate an area also regulated by state law or administrative rule; and

WHEREAS, the County of Baxter desires to protect its inhabitants from the kind of criminal enterprises and fraud facilitated and enabled by Virtual Currency Kiosks and Virtual Currency ATMs.

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

Article 1. Title: This ordinance shall be known as the "Baxter County Virtual Currency Kiosk Moratorium Ordinance."

Article 2. Authority: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to:

a. Arkansas Constitution Amendment 55;

b. Arkansas Code § 14-14-801;

c. Arkansas Code § 14-14-809; and

d. all other applicable authority.

This Ordinance is intended to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare while Baxter County evaluates permanent regulations governing virtual currency kiosks.

Article 3. Purpose: The purposes of this Ordinance are to:

a. Adopt a one (1) year moratorium on the operation or installation of virtual currency kiosks in the unincorporated areas of Baxter County;

b. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of Baxter County residents; and

c. Prevent fraudulent activities conducted through Virtual Currency Kiosks from harming Baxter County inhabitants while the Quorum Court studies and evaluates proper regulations regarding such machines.

Article 4. Definitions:

a. "Host" means any person or entity that owns, leases, manages, operates, controls, or otherwise permits the use of a physical location where a Virtual Currency Kiosk is installed or made available to the public;

b. "Virtual Currency" means a digital representation of value used as a medium of exchange, a unit of account, or a store of value, but does not have legal tender status as recognized by the United States Department of the Treasury;

c. "Virtual Currency Kiosk" means an automated, unstaffed electronic machine that allows users to exchange fiat currency for virtual currency;

d. "Virtual Currency Kiosk Operator" means a person that engages in virtual currency business activity through a Virtual Currency Kiosk or a person that owns, hosts, operates, or manages a Virtual Currency Kiosk

Article 5. Moratorium:

a. During the term of this Ordinance, no virtual currency kiosks shall be installed, operate in, or be used for virtual currency exchange in the unincorporated areas of Baxter County;

b. Upon the passage and effective date of this Ordinance, all virtual currency kiosks in the unincorporated areas of Baxter County shall immediately cease operations;

c. All virtual currency kiosk operators and hosts shall immediately cease the operations of virtual currency kiosks by disconnecting the kiosks from all power sources, and by disconnecting the kiosks from any internet, wireless internet, or other networking sources, rendering the kiosks incapable of completing a virtual currency transaction;

d. Local law enforcement shall periodically inspect virtual currency kiosks to ensure compliance with this Ordinance; and

e. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit virtual currency transfers that are conducted without the use of a virtual currency kiosk and does not intend to interfere with other types and methods of virtual currency transfers.

Article 6. Penalties and Remedies:

a. A violation of this ordinance shall result in a fine of $1,000 for a specified offense or violation, or double that sum for repetition of the offense or violation; or

b. If the act or violation is in its nature continuous in respect to time, the fine for allowing the continuance of the prohibited, unlawful act, in violation of this Ordinance, shall be $500 a day for each day that the violation continues; and

c. An injunction may be sought by the county judge, sheriff, or prosecuting attorney to have the one (1) year moratorium enforced by the Circuit Court of Baxter County.

Article 7. Study and Regulatory Development: During the moratorium period, Baxter County shall:

a. Evaluate and develop:

1. A permitting process for virtual currency kiosks;

2. Procedures for safeguarding the public safety, health, and welfare of inhabitants from fraudulent activities inherent with virtual currency kiosks;

b. Provide progress reports to the Quorum Court, including, but not limited to:

1. Virtual currency kiosks locations in Baxter County;

2. Documented occurrences of fraud perpetrated through virtual currency kiosks in Baxter County;

3. The adequacy of existing state and federal regulations regarding virtual currency kiosks; and

c. Call upon the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas to ban the operation and installation of virtual currency kiosks.

Article 8. Duration: This moratorium shall remain in effect for one (1) year from the effective date of this Ordinance unless repealed earlier by the Quorum Court.

Article 9. Severability: If any provision or application of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid portion.

APPROVED:

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KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

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CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: R. Steiner – JP – 3; M. Edge – JP – 5; C. Davis – JP - 9

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF DALE WHEELER AND SHERRY MILHON BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE HENDERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

Section 1. The following members of the Henderson Volunteer Fire Department Board of Commissioners, having been re-appointed by the County Judge for term of three (3) years to expire October 2029, are hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court:

DALE WHEELER

SHERRY MILHON

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

APPROVAL:

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KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

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CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

Sponsors: R. Steiner – JP #3

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIE WOOD BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER / GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

Section 1. The following member of the Cotter / Gassville Rural Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners, having been appointed by the County Judge to fill the vacant seat left by the resignation of Danielle Pugsley, set to expire in February 2027 is hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court.

JULIE WOOD

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

APPROVAL:

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KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:_____

ATTEST:

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CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

Sponsors: L. House – JP – 6; S. Walker – JP - 10

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For:_____ Against:_____

Abstain:_____ Present:_____ Absent:_____