



SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

DATE-----August 17, 2026

PLACE-----Saline County Courthouse, Courtroom #3

6:00 P.M.-----Call meeting to Order

Public Comment:

Comments by the public will be allowed for items on the agenda and will take place individually for each item as the quorum court works through the agenda to allow individuals an opportunity to provide input prior to the court's final decision.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLERK: Call the Roll

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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| Exhibit A: | SECOND READING: Ordinance regulating animal control within the unincorporated boundaries of Saline County (Includes Exhibit A-1) |
| Exhibit B: | Emergency Ordinance repealing Ord. 2005-25 and amending Ord. 87-32 to conform to Ark. Code Ann. § 27-101-111 |
| Exhibit C: | Ordinance to amend the 2026 Saline County Budget for 2026 Professional Development Recognition Payments for the Assessor's Office |
| Exhibit D: | Resolution expressing the willingness of Saline County to utilize CPRG grant funds for the Southwest Trail Trailhead project |
| Exhibit E: | Ordinance to amend the 2026 Saline County Budget for the 2026 Court Security Grant |

Exhibit F: Ordinance to amend the 2026 Saline County Budget for various purposes

Action Items: Request to increase 911 Emergency Communications Dispatcher to budgeted amount due to experience the employee brings to the position. No additional funds are needed. Approved on July 20 by HR Committee.

Request for bilingual pay for Juvenile Probation Officer who has passed the oral, written and reading Spanish exams with advanced certifications. Request to start the bilingual pay on the employee's hire date of July 20, 2026. The exam was taken prior to hiring because the employee attended Juvenile Certification classes immediately after being hired. No funds needed.

ADD-ON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
July 20, 2026

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Courtroom #3 at the Saline County Courthouse. County Judge Matt Brumley called the meeting to order. Justice of the Peace Jim Whitley gave the invocation and Justice of the Peace Carlton Billingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call taken with 11 members present.

Motion by Rick Bellinger and second by Carlton Billingsley to approve the Minutes from the June 15, 2026 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit A: Motion by Rick Bellinger and second by Clint Chism to suspend the rules and read by title only. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion by Jim Whitley and second by Carlton Billingsley to suspend the rules and move to a third and final reading. Rick Bellinger recommended postponing the vote until next month to allow Benton Animal Services time to settle into its new facility under its new director since they will be helping with boarding the animals. Judge Brumley agreed and added that he would be more comfortable presenting this strictly as a first reading rather than rushing to a final vote. Jim Whitley withdrew his motion. The second reading will take place during the August Quorum Court meeting.

Exhibit B: Motion by Carlton Billingsley and second by Keith Kellum to appoint Maddison Schuller to the Saline County Public Library Board. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Appointment successful.

Exhibit C: Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only by CJ Engel and second by Rick Bellinger. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion by CJ Engel and second by Rick Bellinger to approve "Exhibit C" Ordinance to amend the 2026 Saline County Budget for various purposes. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2026-12

Exhibit D: Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only by Carlton Billingsley and second by Karen Crowson. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion by Rick Bellinger and second by Clint Chism to approve "Exhibit D" Ordinance to establish a special revenue fund to be called "SCSO Task Force Enforcement Fund". Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2026-13.

Announcements: Karen Crowson thanked Saline County for the services and support received during the July 4 Celebration in Hot Springs Village. Carlton Billingsley thanked Judge Brumley and Admin team for their leadership and hard work on the animal control ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Jim Whitley and second my CJ Engel. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____

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

"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THAT PORTION OF THE UNINCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF SALINE COUNTY; PRESCRIBING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS THEREOF; MAKING VIOLATIONS THEREBY A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE AND SENTENCING UP TO THE MAXIMUM LIMITS OF ARKANSAS LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, Saline County, Arkansas has a problem involving at large dogs, vicious dogs, and dogs that are not under the appropriate control of responsible owners; and

WHEREAS, the current animal control ordinances within the County are ineffective for enforcement and control of the problems facing the County; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Saline County, Arkansas, hereby wishes to enact a law allowing for better enforcement of violations from irresponsible dog owners; and

WHEREAS, The Saline County Judge formed the Animal Control Temporary Committee to hold public meetings to discuss proposed revisions to Saline County Ordinance No. 2010-64; and

WHEREAS, The Animal Control Temporary Committee has met, discussed, taken public comment, and ultimately unanimously approved to recommend this proposed ordinance for consideration of the Saline County Public Works and Safety Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: APPLICABILITY.

(a) This ordinance shall apply only within the unincorporated boundaries of Saline County, Arkansas, excluding the area within the geographical boundaries of Hot Springs Village.

(b) This ordinance shall be applied in addition to, or in conjunction with, any other state or federal laws concerning restitution, civil or criminal liability, or any other laws applicable under the circumstances.

(c) Saline County Ordinance No. 2010-64 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS.

(a) **At Large.** Any dog shall be deemed to be at large when:

(1) The dog is off the property of its owner, regardless of whether the owner had actual notice or knowledge that the dog had left the owner's premises or real property;

(2) There is no owner or other person present with the ability to control or restrain the animal; and

(3) The dog's behavior or presence is creating a nuisance or other unsafe condition.

(b) **Dogs.** When used herein shall include animals of all ages which are domesticated dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) or any hybrid of such.

(c) **Level Three Dog Bite.** A level three dog bite shall be defined by the Dunbar Dog Bite Scale, attached hereto as Exhibit A-1 and incorporated by reference.

(d) **Owner.** Every person, firm, partnership or corporation, owning, keeping or harboring a dog within the geographical boundaries of the unincorporated areas of Saline County, Arkansas. Ownership is also established by a person whose name appears on the identification tag affixed to the collar or harness of the dog.

(e) **Stray.** Any dog that is at large and does not have a tag containing the information required under Section 3(c) herein.

(f) **Vicious Dog.** A vicious animal is any animal which causes a wound or a level three or above dog bite to any person without provocation on public or private property, or which, while off the property of its owner, causes a level three or above dog bite to a domesticated animal or livestock, or which unprovoked chases or approaches persons upon the streets or any public or private property other than the owner's property in an apparent attitude of attack.

SECTION 3: CONTROL OF DOGS.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner to intentionally abandon any dog in Saline County. The offense of abandonment of a dog shall be a misdemeanor and may subject the offender to a penalty of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than the maximum allowable penalty pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-805(6) per dog abandoned and the offender may be sentenced up to one (1) year in jail.

(b) No owner of any dog may allow a dog to run at large, as defined herein, intentionally or unintentionally, within the unincorporated boundaries of Saline County, Arkansas. The offense of allowing a dog to run at large shall be a misdemeanor and may subject the offender to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than the maximum allowable penalty pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-805(6) per offense.

(c) All dogs within the unincorporated boundaries of Saline County shall have a collar or harness, and upon the collar or harness shall be a securely fastened metal plate or tag that legibly and permanently inscribes the name, address, and phone number of its owner and verification that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies as required by state law. Failure to maintain legally compliant identification as described herein shall be a misdemeanor and may subject the offender to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per offense. Penalties assessed for failure to maintain legally compliant identification may be waived in full if the owner can prove that the dog has been microchipped and the dog has been registered with the owner's current contact information.

(d) Dogs running at large may be subject to seizure by law enforcement authorities. Stray dogs that are seized will be held at a facility approved by the Saline County Judge. If the dog has a tag indicating the owner's current contact information, or the dog has been microchipped and registered with the owner's current contact information, the Animal Control Officer or the person responsible for the facility shall, as soon as possible, give the dog's owner notice by telephone, email, or certified mail, or by any other means effective to put the owner on notice. No action may be taken against the dog before the expiration of four (4) business days following

the delivery of such notice. In the event the dog does not have a tag indicating the owner's current information, the Saline County Sheriff's Office shall post a picture and description of the dog on its website. In either event, if the owner does not claim the dog within four (4) business days, the facility shall have the right to release the dog for adoption or to humanely euthanize the dog.

(e) Stray dogs may be reclaimed by the owner upon payment by the owner of any and all applicable fees charged by the facility holding the dog and upon a showing that a compliant tag and collar or harness has been obtained. However, if the dog was deemed vicious by a law enforcement officer or if the dog is suspected to be infected with rabies, the dog may be released only in accordance with the terms of this ordinance as it pertains to vicious or potentially rabid dogs. The reclaiming and boarding fee is in addition to any other penalties incurred for other violations of this ordinance.

(f) Injured, diseased, or contagious dogs may be subject to immediate euthanasia if the dog is in pain, ill, or contagious to humans or other animals.

SECTION 4: EXCEPTIONS TO RESTRAINT AND CONTROL REGULATIONS.

(a) No person shall be subjected to penalty for failure to restrain or control a dog in the following circumstances:

(1) Dogs officially entered in shows or competitions requiring completion of entrance forms and taking place on land designated for the purpose of said dog show or competition.

(2) Dogs on the private property of the owner or others with the actual, implied, customary or constructive consent of the owner of such private premises.

(3) Dogs used for official business or official purposes by any law enforcement agency or disabled person and the animal is actively performing or training for such task.

(4) Dogs, while within the enclosed portion of a vehicle, being driven or parked and outside the property limits of its owner and keeper.

(5) Dogs under the control of their owner or responsible keeper physically within a dog park or other similar area designated for dogs, so long as the area is constructed to ensure the animals remain secured and to mitigate risk to individuals inside and outside the designated area.

(6) Dogs which are actively taking part in or returning from lawful hunting activities or training for such activities and are not creating a nuisance or other unsafe condition.

(b) The owner shall have the burden of proving the applicability of any one or more exceptions.

SECTION 5: VICIOUS DOGS.

(a) It shall be unlawful to harbor or own a vicious dog. Harboring or owning a vicious dog shall be a misdemeanor and may subject the offender to a penalty of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than the maximum allowable penalty pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-805(6) per offense and may be sentenced to up to one year in jail.

(b) Upon investigation, if a law enforcement officer has reasonable suspicion that a dog meets the definition of a "vicious dog," as herein defined, the law enforcement officer shall apprehend the dog as soon as practically possible and contain the dog until the law enforcement officer makes a final determination as to the viciousness of the dog. Dogs shall be presumed vicious if there is probable cause to believe that the dog has caused a level three bite or above to a human. The officer shall impound the dog if the officer has probable cause that the dog is vicious as herein defined. If there is no probable cause that the dog is vicious, the dog shall be released to its owner.

(c) If a dog that has proper identification is deemed vicious by a law enforcement officer, the law enforcement officer shall notify the owner as soon as practical that the dog has been deemed vicious by delivering notice by hand, by posting at the address of the owner, or by certified mail to the owner. Any owner of a dog impounded under this paragraph who believes that the dog was incorrectly deemed vicious may appeal the decision by following the procedure set forth in Section 7, below. If no appeal has been timely filed, the dog shall be humanely destroyed.

(d) The owner of a dog deemed vicious by a law enforcement officer may waive their right to appeal by expressly forfeiting the dog to be humanely destroyed without the holding periods otherwise required by this ordinance.

(e) Any dogs that do not have proper identification and are deemed vicious by a law enforcement officer shall be impounded. If no person claims ownership of the dog within ten (10) days, the dog shall be considered abandoned and the dog shall be humanely destroyed. Any owner who appears and claims ownership of a dog impounded under this paragraph and believes that the dog was incorrectly deemed vicious may appeal the decision by following the procedure set forth in Section 7, below.

(f) All dogs impounded pursuant to this Ordinance shall be posted on the Saline County Sheriff's Office website.

(g) The owner of any such dog impounded shall be responsible for the reasonable expenses incurred in the apprehending and impounding of a vicious dog.

SECTION 6: RABIES.

(a) All dogs four (4) months of age or older in Saline County shall be vaccinated against rabies, and at all times shall have on his or her collar or harness a metal plate or tag verifying that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies. The owner of any dog found without legally compliant tags as described herein may be penalized not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per offense.

(b) If, upon investigation, a law enforcement officer determines that a dog may be rabid, the law enforcement officer shall apprehend and impound the dog.

(c) If a dog that is apprehended and impounded under Section 6(b) has proper identification, the law enforcement officer shall notify the owner as soon as practical that the dog has been impounded for suspicion of rabies infection by delivering notice by hand, by posting at the address of the owner, or by certified mail to the owner.

(d) Dogs thought to be infected with rabies shall be confined and quarantined for the legally required confinement period.

(e) At the end of the legally required confinement period, if the dog is determined not to be infected with rabies, the dog may be released to the dog's owner. If the dog's owner fails to retrieve the animal within the longer of ten (10) days of receiving the notice or upon expiration of the legally required confinement period, the dog shall be considered stray and may be subject to adoption or humane destruction.

(f) If a dog that is apprehended and impounded under Section 6(b) does not have proper identification and no person appears within the longer of ten (10) days or upon expiration of the legally required confinement period to claim ownership of the dog, the dog shall be considered a stray and may be subject to adoption or humane destruction.

SECTION 7: APPEAL.

(a) If an owner who has received notice that his or her dog has been deemed vicious by a law enforcement officer and feels that such a determination was made in error, the owner may appeal the officer's decision within ten (10) days after receiving the notice by filing a petition with the Saline County District Court.

(b) If a petition is timely filed, the district court shall have the authority to determine whether the dog shall be humanely euthanized or returned to its owner.

(c) During the time in which a petition for appeal is pending, the dog or dogs that are the subject of the pending appeal shall remain impounded and shall not be subject to adoption or euthanasia.

(d) The owner of a dog that is the subject of a petition for appeal shall be responsible for any and all costs of the dog's impoundment in addition to any reclaiming or boarding fees charged by the facility holding the dog.

(e) If the district court determines that the dog is not vicious and shall be returned to its owner, the district court may put in place reasonable guidelines to ensure community safety.

(f) If the district court determines that a dog is vicious but has not caused a level three or above dog bite, the district court may order that the dog can be returned to its owner and the court may put in place reasonable guidelines to ensure community safety.

(g) If a dog commits a level three bite or above to a human, a domesticated animal, or livestock, there shall be a presumption that the dog is to be humanely euthanized. The appellant must rebut this presumption by a preponderance of the evidence.

(h) Any owner who files an appeal from district court to circuit court shall post a bond in the amount to be determined by the district court.

(i) If the district or circuit court makes a final determination that a dog is not vicious, the dog shall be released to the owner. The court shall have the discretion to determine whether to waive the requirement that the owner pay the costs set forth in Section 7(d). If the dog's owner fails to retrieve the animal within four (4) business days of the court's final determination that the

dog is not vicious, the dog shall be considered stray and may be subject to adoption or to humane destruction.

SECTION 8: RESTITUTION

Victims of offenses created by this ordinance may be eligible for restitution as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction as provided under Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-4-205.

SECTION 9: UTILIZATION OF FINES COLLECTED

All fines received pursuant to enforcement of this Ordinance shall be used solely for animal control services for the County, including but not limited to payment of salaries for animal control enforcement officers, defraying the expense to the County of housing animals seized pursuant to this Ordinance, and any other use necessary for animal control within this County.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereto to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Date: August 17, 2026

Approved: _____
Matt Brumley
Saline County Judge

Attest: _____
Doug Curtis
Saline County Clerk

Sponsors: Carlton Billingsley, JP Dist. 3
Wilson Hatcher, JP Dist. 2
Jim Whitley, JP Dist. 10
Rick Bellinger, JP Dist. 6
(Approved by unanimous vote of the
Animal Control Temporary Committee)



Dr. Ian Dunbar's Dog Bite Scale (Official Authorized Version)

An assessment of the severity of biting problems based on an objective evaluation of wound pathology

Level 1. Obnoxious or aggressive behavior but no skin-contact by teeth.

Level 2. Skin-contact by teeth but no skin-puncture. However, may be skin nicks (less than one tenth of an inch deep) and slight bleeding caused by forward or lateral movement of teeth against skin, but no vertical punctures.

Level 3. One to four punctures from a single bite with no puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth. Maybe lacerations in a single direction, caused by victim pulling hand away, owner pulling dog away, or gravity (little dog jumps, bites and drops to floor).

Level 4. One to four punctures from a single bite with at least one puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth. May also have deep bruising around the wound (dog held on for N seconds and bore down) or lacerations in both directions (dog held on and shook its head from side to side).

Level 5. Multiple-bite incident with at least two Level 4 bites or multiple-attack incident with at least one Level 4 bite in each.

Level 6. Victim dead.

The above list concerns unpleasant behavior and so, to add perspective:

Levels 1 and 2 comprise well over 99% of dog incidents. The dog is certainly not dangerous and more likely to be fearful, rambunctious, or out of control. Wonderful prognosis. Quickly resolve the problem with basic training (control) — especially oodles of Classical Conditioning, numerous repetitive Retreat n' Treat, Come/Sit/Food Reward and Back-up/Approach/Food Reward sequences, progressive desensitization handling exercises, plus numerous bite-inhibition exercises and games. Hand feed only until resolved; do NOT waste potential food rewards by feeding from a bowl.

Level 3: Prognosis is fair to good, provided that you have owner compliance. However, treatment is both time-consuming and not without danger. Rigorous bite-inhibition exercises are essential.

Levels 4: The dog has insufficient bite inhibition and is very dangerous. Prognosis is poor because of the difficulty and danger of trying to teach bite inhibition to an adult hard-biting dog and because absolute owner-compliance is rare. Only work with the dog in exceptional circumstances, e.g., the owner is a dog professional and has sworn 100% compliance. Make sure the owner signs a form in triplicate stating that they understand and take full responsibility that: 1. The dog is a Level 4 biter and is likely to cause an equivalent amount of damage WHEN it bites again (which it most probably will) and should therefore, be confined to the home at all times and only allowed contact with adult owners. 2. Whenever, children or guests visit the house, the dog should be confined to a single locked-room or roofed, chain-link run with the only keys kept on a chain around the neck of each adult owner (to prevent children or guests entering the dog's confinement area.) 3. The dog is muzzled before leaving the house and only leaves the house for visits to a veterinary clinic. 4. The incidents have all been reported to the relevant authorities — animal control or police. Give the owners one copy, keep one copy for your files and give one copy to the dog's veterinarian.

Level 5 and 6: The dog is extremely dangerous and mutilates. The dog is simply not safe around people. I recommend euthanasia because the quality of life is so poor for dogs that have to live out their lives in solitary confinement.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORD. 2005-25 AND AMENDING ORD. 87-32 TO CONFORM TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 27-101-111."

WHEREAS, Saline County receives boating safety and enforcement fee funds pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-101-111;

WHEREAS, The County is required by Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-101-111 to deposit the funds to the credit of the boating safety and enforcement fund if the county sheriff has established a patrol on the waterways within the county;

WHEREAS, Prior to the Saline County Sheriff's Office establishing a patrol on waterways, the boating safety and enforcement funds were divided evenly among 20 fire departments in Saline County, with each fire department receiving 1/20th of the funds annually, as established by Saline County Ord. 2005-25;

WHEREAS, now that the Saline County Sheriff's Office has established a patrol on waterways, the Saline County Sheriff's Office is required by Arkansas law to receive the boating safety and enforcement funds, but SCSO recognizes the important services provided by fire departments for water rescue in Saline County;

WHEREAS, it is legally necessary to repeal Ord. 2005-25 to comply with Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-101-111, but the Saline County Quorum Court desires to authorize the Saline County Sheriff's Office to continue providing the fire departments that contribute to water patrol and rescue operations within Saline County a portion of boating safety and enforcement funds in recognition of their services and continued cooperation with water rescue response services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Saline County, Arkansas that:

Article 1. Saline County Ord. 2005-25 is hereby repealed.

Article 2. The fee funds received pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-101-111 shall be deposited as required by Arkansas law.

Article 3. The Saline County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into agreements with entities including volunteer fire departments within Saline County that cooperate with the Saline County Sheriff's Office for water rescue response services to reimburse said entities for purchases and maintenance of equipment used for water rescue response services.

Article 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Article 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. There now exists an immediate need to amend the repeal Ord. 2005-25 to comply with Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-101-111. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its date of passage.

DATE: August 17, 2026

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: CJ Engel, JP # 9

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - ____

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

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2026 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO; TO APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION PAYMENTS; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Article 1. Affirmation. This court acknowledges and affirms that it is the responsibility of the county to disburse, through the county payroll system, the Professional Development Recognition Payments funded by the State of Arkansas to qualifying personnel who actively work with property taxes.

Article 2. Professional Development Recognition Payments. In accordance with Act 357 of 2023 the professional development recognition payments authorized by §14-15-205 for qualifying county assessors and full-time employees of a county assessor's office shall be paid through county payroll as soon as practicable after the funds are received. The lump sum payment of a professional development recognition payment shall not be incorporated into the county base pay of a constitutional officer or a county employee for future salary adjustments. This lump sum payment is subject to withholding of all applicable state and federal taxes but shall not be subject to retirement benefits in accordance with §14-15-205(e)(1). The professional development recognition payments shall not be construed to be part of a county officer's compensation as defined in Amendment 55, §5 of the Arkansas Constitution or Arkansas Code Annotated §14-14-1203(d).

Article 3. Amendment/Appropriation. The following is an amendment to the 2026 Saline County Budget Ordinance No. 2025 - 20 as amended:

Fund/Department/Line Item Description	Amount
1000.0105.1036 Salaries/Bonus, Other	\$1,250.00
1000.0105.1006 Social Security Match	\$95.63
1000.0105.1008 Retirement Match	\$191.50
1000.0156.1036 Salaries/Bonus, Other	\$1,000.00
1000.0156.1006 Social Security Match	\$76.50
1000.0156.1008 Retirement Match	\$153.20
1000.7013 Other State Aid	\$2,250.00

Article 4. Legislative Intent. It is the intent of the Saline County Quorum Court that the appropriations contained herein are to be used only for Professional Development Recognition Payments and associated payroll expenses; and this ordinance is only an amendment to the 2026 county operating budget as established by Ordinance No. 2025 - 20 and other amendments thereto. All other appropriations and policy statements of Ordinance No. 2025 - 20 shall remain in full force.

Article 5. 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).

Article 6. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved. It has been approved by Saline County Finance Committee on August 3, 2026 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2026

APPROVED _____

**MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE**

ATTEST: _____

**DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK**

SPONSOR: CJ ENGEL, JP DISTRICT #9

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - ____

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

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF SALINE COUNTY TO UTILIZE CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG) GREEN NETWORKS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE SALINE COUNTY TRAILHEAD PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR SAID GRANT; AND COMMITTING TO FUND THE COUNTY'S REQUIRED MATCH."

WHEREAS, Saline County understands that Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Green Networks Program funds may be available, through a pass-through grant application administered by Metroplan, for cost overrun to construct the Saline County Trailhead project; and

WHEREAS, the CPRG Green Networks Program funds require a 20% local match, and Saline County is willing to commit the required local match to be used toward the Saline County Trailhead project should the grant be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the County is interested in designing, planning, and constructing a trailhead to expand access to the Southwest Trail and the Old River Bridge and to support alternative transportation and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Saline County understands that CPRG funds are available on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual reimbursement of funds; and

WHEREAS, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 1. Saline County expresses its willingness to utilize CPRG Green Networks Program funds for cost overrun to construct the Saline County Trailhead project and will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of the project.

Article 2. The Saline County Judge is hereby authorized and directed to apply for the CPRG Green Networks Program grant, and to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the application for and construction of the above-stated project.

Article 3. Saline County commits to fund the County's required local match for this project, should the grant be awarded, and pledges its full support to Metroplan and any partnering agencies to implement this project.

DATE: August 17, 2026

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: CJ Engel, JP # 9

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING COURT SECURITY GRANT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2026".

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a Court Security Grant for the 2026 year for the upgrades and additions of security equipment in the amount of \$6,086.29 (Article 1); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee previously met and approve this request.

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

Article 1. Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3506.0402.2002	Small Equipment	\$6,086.29

Article 2. Anticipated revenues shall be established at \$6,086.29 in Fund 3506-7010 State Grants.

Article 3. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2026

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: CJ ENGEL, JP DISTRICT # 9

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – _____

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

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2026 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20; TO APPROPRIATE/TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office received payments from the sale of several fleet vehicles and requests to appropriate these funds to the Fund 1000 – County General Fund, 0400 – Sheriff Department budget (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, the Road Department received the insurance proceeds from damages to Road equipment and the County Judge requests to appropriate these funds to the Road Department budget in Fund 2000 – County Road Fund, 0200 – Road Department budget (Article 2); and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office received various reimbursements over a period of time from damaged property and medical payments in the Detention Center and requests to appropriate these funds to Fund 1000 – County General Fund, 0400 – Sheriff Department budget (Article 3); and,

WHEREAS, Finance Committee previously met and approved this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUOURM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Article 1. That the sum of \$14,132.86 is hereby appropriated in Fund 1000 – County General Fund, 0400 – Sheriff Department budget and anticipated revenues increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
1000.0400.4005	C/O – Vehicles	\$14,132.86
1000.8711	Sale of Equipment	\$14,132.86

Article 2. That the sum of \$7,977.93 is hereby appropriated in Fund 2000 – County Road Fund, 0200 – Road Department budget and anticipated revenues increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
2000.0200.4004	C/O – Machinery & Equip	\$7,977.93
2000.8718	Insurance Proceeds	\$7,977.93

Article 3. That the sum of \$43,363.90 is hereby appropriated in Fund 3017 – County Jail Fund, 0418 – Jail Department budget and anticipated revenues increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3017.0418.2002	Small Equipment	\$3,183.45
3017.0418.3006	Medical, Dental, & Hospital	\$40,180.45
3017.8725	Reimbursement-Miscellaneous	\$3,183.45
3017.7820	Medical Service Copay	\$40,180.45

Article 6. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved. It has been approved by Saline County Finance Committee on April 7, 2025 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2026

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: CJ ENGEL, JP DISTRICT #9