

Faulkner County Ordinances

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FAULKNER COUNTY CLERK
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ORDINANCE 25-01

(Sponsored by Justice Lachowsky)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FAULKNER, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORGANIZATIONAL ORDINANCE FOR THE 2025-2026 QUORUM COURT.

WHEREAS, the term for the new Quorum Court began on January 1, 2025, and an organizational ordinance for the new Quorum Court is needed; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court desires to establish its regular meeting schedule by ordinance pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-904, and the Court finds that it is in the best interests of the Court to do so.

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

- Article 1: Unless modified by subsequent ordinance, the regular monthly meeting of the Quorum Court shall hereafter be held on the Third (3rd) Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. on January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, October, November and December. Due to the annual Faulkner County Fair Parade, the monthly meeting of the Quorum Court for September will occur on the Third (3rd) Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- Article 2: The regular monthly meetings of the Quorum Court shall be held at the Faulkner County Courthouse, Courtroom A. If Courtroom A is unavailable, the Justices of the Peace will be timely notified of the meeting location by the Secretariat.
- Article 3: The regular monthly meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be held on the Second (2nd) Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. If the Chairperson or a quorum of the Budget & Finance Committee shall deem it necessary, the date and time of the meeting may be changed as needed.
- Article 4: The regular monthly meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be held at the Faulkner County Courthouse, Courtroom A. If Courtroom A is unavailable, the committee members will be timely notified of the meeting location by the Secretariat.

Article 5: The following regular committees are hereby established to serve the Faulkner County Quorum Court: Budget & Finance, Infrastructure, Courts and Public Safety, and Personnel. Each regular committee shall comprise of five members.

Each committee shall be tasked with the following legislative responsibilities:

(a) Budget & Finance. The duties of the Budget & Finance Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Consider and/or recommend proposed budgetary items to be presented to the Quorum Court for consideration and final passage or action; and
2. To submit the following year's budget or amend the existing budget; and
3. Review revenue and expenditure projections; and
4. Assess county government programs and operations and recommend sustainable financing arrangements for priority needs.

(b) Personnel. The duties of the Personnel Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Consider all requests to create or eliminate county employment positions; and
2. Review pay raise requests to ensure reasonableness; and
3. Develop personnel policies.

(c) Infrastructure. The duties of the Infrastructure Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Consider and/or recommend proposed infrastructure items to be presented to the Quorum Court for consideration and final passage; and
2. Review proposed infrastructure improvements within the County; and
3. Develop ordinances relating to the County's transportation system, water & sewer systems, and other community projects.

(d) Courts & Public Safety. The duties of the Courts & Public Safety Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Consider and/or recommend proposed ordinances which pertain to the County's court or public safety systems; and
2. Review proposed improvements within the County's courts and public safety systems; and
3. Develop ordinances relating to the improvement of the County's courts and public safety systems.

Article 6: The Quorum Court and all the Committees thereof shall be procedurally governed by the most current edition of the Democratic Rules of Order and shall include the following procedures:

- (a) The Democratic Rules of Order may not overrule or supersede any state statute regarding the governance of the Quorum Court.
- (b) Agendas for the full Quorum Court and the committees shall be set by the chairperson of each committee and may be amended by the chairperson or a majority of the members.
- (c) Agendas must be submitted to the Quorum Court Secretariat no later than two business days (excluding holidays observed by the county) at 11:00 a.m. prior to any Quorum Court meeting.
- (d) Proposed items that are submitted after the agenda deadline may be considered at a meeting but will require a suspension of the rules before the proposed item can be introduced for consideration.

Article 7: The County Civil Attorney is hereby designated as legal counsel for the Quorum Court pursuant to A.C.A. §14-14-902(b).

Article 8: In accordance with A.C.A. §14-14-902, the County Clerk or the Clerk's designee is appointed as Secretariat of this Court. The duties of the Secretariat shall be as stated in A.C.A. §14-14-903(a)(3). The County Clerk or the Clerk's designee shall record all full court and committee meetings, with the exception of executive sessions.

Article 9: SPECIAL MEETINGS.

- (a) The county judge or a majority of the Quorum Court members may call a special meeting upon at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice. Such notice shall include the time, date, place, and subject of the meeting. Only the business stated in the notice of the call of the special meeting shall be considered at the meeting.
- (b) If notice of a special meeting is given at any regular or special Quorum Court meeting, it shall constitute due notice to the members present. The Secretariat shall be responsible for notifying those members who are absent.

Article 10: It is hereby recognized that immediate establishment of dates, times, and locations of the regular meetings of the Quorum Court and the Budget and Finance Committee thereof is necessary and is required by state law. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for preservation and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of Faulkner County, this Ordinance shall be in force and take effect upon passage and publication.

Article 11: SEVERABILITY. If any part of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Article 12: REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Approved by the Quorum Court on January 21, 2025.

Attest: Margaret Darter
Margaret Darter
Quorum Court Secretariat
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Affirm: Allen Dodson
Allen Dodson
Faulkner County Judge
Faulkner County Arkansas

Dated: January 21, 2025

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MARGARET DARTER
FAULKNER COUNTY CLERK
BY: Margaret Darter DC

ORDINANCE 25-02

**Be it enacted by the Quorum Court of the County of Faulkner, State of Arkansas.
An Ordinance to be entitled: An appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner
County Ordinance 24-52 (November 20, 2024), and to declare an emergency.**

Section 1: \$30,502.53 is appropriated from Elections Grant Fund (3530) to Department 0109, Elections/Voter Registration, as follows:


\$10,000.00	2002 – Small Equipment
\$10,500.00	3009 – Other Professional Services
\$10,002.53	4004 – Machinery & Equipment


Section 2: \$200.00 is anticipated/projected to Juvenile Court Program Fund (3412). (Revenue code 8701)

\$200.00 is appropriated from the Juvenile Court Program Fund (3412) to Department 0412, Juvenile Court Program, expenditure code 2001 – General Supplies

Section 3: The adoption of this Ordinance is an emergency and therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved by the Quorum Court on January 21, 2025.

Attest: 
Margaret Darter
Faulkner County Clerk
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Affirm: 
Allen Dodson
Faulkner County Judge
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ORDINANCE 25-03

**Be it enacted by the Quorum Court of the County of Faulkner, State of Arkansas.
An Ordinance to be entitled: An appropriation Ordinance to amend and supplement Faulkner
County Ordinance 23-36 (November 21, 2023), and to declare an emergency.**

- Section 1: \$3,500.00 is transferred within County General Fund (1000), Department 0108, Maintenance, from expenditure code 2002 – Small Equipment to expenditure code 3069- Utilities.
- Section 2: \$1,321.63 is transferred within County General Fund (1000), Department 0109, Elections, expenditure code 1002 – Salaries, Part-Time, as follows:
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| \$ 13.25 | 1001 – Salaries, F/T |
| \$ 638.90 | 1006 – Social Security Match |
| \$ 669.48 | 1007 – Retirement Match |
- Section 3: \$650.36 is transferred within County General Fund (1000), Department 0401, Circuit Court 1st Division, from expenditure code 1002 – Salaries, P/T to expenditure code 1001 – Salaries, F/T.
- Section 4: \$695.94 is transferred within County General Fund (1000), Department 0416, Prosecuting Attorney, from expenditure code 1006 – Social Security Matching to expenditure code 1001 – Salaries, F/T.
- Section 5: \$318.00 is transferred within County General Fund (1000), Department 0419, Coroner, from expenditure code 1002 – Salaries, P/T to expenditure code 1001 – Salaries, F/T.
- Section 6: \$50.01 is transferred within County General Unapportioned Fund (1805), Department 0104, Collector, from expenditure code 1005 – Overtime to expenditure code 1001 – Salaries, F/T.
- Section 7: \$100,000.00 is transferred within County Roads Fund (2000), Department 0200, County Roads, from expenditure code 4008 – AR Hwy Dept & Other Const Projects to expenditure code 3009 – Other Professional Services.
- Section 8: \$4,000.00 is transferred with Treasurer's Automation Fund (3000), Department 0119, Treasurer's Automation, from expenditure code 3009- Other Professional Services to expenditure code 2001 – General Supplies.
- Section 9: \$15,580.35 is transferred within County Library Fund (3008), Department 0600, County Library, from expenditure code 1002 – Salaries, as follows:
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| \$ 4,580.35 | 1001 – Salaries, F/T. |
| \$11,000.00 | 2024 – Maintenance & Service |

Section 10 \$25.26 is transferred within District Court Probation Fees Fund (3027), Department 0408, District Court Probation Fees, from expenditure code 1010 – Workers' Compensation, as follows:

\$20.58	1001 – Salaries, F/T
\$ 1.47	1006 – Social Security Matching
\$ 3.21	1007 – Retirement Matching

Section 11: \$212.05 is transferred within American Rescue Plan Fund (3046), Department 0100, County Judge, from expenditure code 1011 – Unemployment Compensation, as follows:

\$183.96	1001 – Salaries, F/T
\$ 28.09	1007 – Retirement Matching

Section 12: \$2,000.00 is transferred within Emergency Squad Fund (3400), Department 0520, Emergency Squad, from expenditure code 2002 – Small Equipment to expenditure code 3009 – Other Professional Services.

Section 13: \$1.00 is transferred within Museum Fund (3401, Department 0604, Museum, from expenditure code 1006 – Social Security Matching to expenditure code 1001 – Salaries, Full-Time.

Section 14: \$1,002.83 is transferred within Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund (3407), Department 0436, Deputies & Dispatchers, from expenditure code 1001 – Salaries, Full-Time, as follows:

\$180.58	1005 – Overtime
\$822.25	1007 – Retirement Matching

Section 15: \$2,100.00 is anticipated/projected to Homeland Security SHSGP Grant Fund (3503). (Revenue Series Code 7105)

\$2,100.00 is appropriated from Homeland Security SHSGP Grant Fund (3503) to Department 0502, Homeland Security SHSGP Grant, expenditure code 3100 – Other Miscellaneous.

Section 16: \$0.01 is transferred within ARORP ORT Fund (3527), Department 0450, ARORP ORT, from expenditure code 1001 – Salaries, Full-Time to expenditure code 1007 – Retirement Matching.

Section 17: \$6,000.00 is transferred within Commissary Fund (1801), Department 0426, Commissary, from code 2016 – Inmate Purchases to expenditure code 3194 – Inmate Phone Cards (Usage).

Section 18: The adoption of this Ordinance is an emergency and therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved by the Quorum Court on January 21, 2025.

Attest: Margaret Darter
Margaret Darter
Faulkner County Clerk
Faulkner County, Arkansas

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