

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

June 3, 2025

THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT WILL MEET FOR REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 – JENAY MIZE
- COMMITTEE REPORTS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – CAMERON DAVIS & BUDGET COMMITTEE – DENNIS FRANK
- PRESENTATION:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
 1. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,395.72 IN THE MONTH OF APRIL TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET.
 2. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,000.00 FROM THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FUND (3401) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION 2025 BUDGET.
 3. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN BAXTER COUNTY.
 4. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE IT DEPARTMENT, COUNTY SHERIFF, JUVENILE SERVICES AND COUNTY JAIL 2025 BUDGETS FOR OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS.
 5. A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ARKANSAS 250 COMMISSION AS IT BEGINS ITS WORK TO CELEBRATE ARKANSAS'S RICH TWO-HUNDRED-FIFTY- YEAR HISTORY FROM THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4, 1776 THROUGH JULY 4, 2026.
 6. A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT OF BAXTER COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH BAXTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION.
 7. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TINK ALBRIGHT BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE COTTER / GASSVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- ADJOURNMENT

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 \$8,395.72 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 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 April 2025:

\$ 90.00	received from DWI Fines from District Court
\$ 2,030.25	received from Act 770 Fees
\$ 2,914.50	received for Installment Fees
\$ 100.00	received VIN Checks
\$ 25.00	received Animal Adoption (Cash)
\$ 10.00	received Animal Control Donation (Checks)
\$ 125.00	received Donation (Check)
\$ 57.41	received Court Ordered Restitution (Extradition-Prisoner Transport) (Check)
\$ 400.00	received Inmate Social Security
\$ 230.00	received Retired Law Enforcement Qualification (Cash & Checks)
\$ 544.24	reimbursement Inmates' Medical
\$ 789.23	reimbursement Inmate Prescriptions (Sent from BXSO to Treasurer's Office)
\$ 32.59	reimbursement Court Ordered Restitution (Extradition-Prisoner Transport) (Check)
\$ 547.50	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 500.00	reimbursement (Check)

Article 2: Appropriation. It is necessary for the Clerk's Office to appropriate said monies totaling **\$8,395.72** to the appropriate line items in the Sheriff's Office 2025 budgets.

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 County General Fund (#1000) **\$3,030.34** for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 2,677.75	to GL# 1000-0400-2001 (Sheriff: General Supplies)
\$ 122.59	to GL# 1000-0400-2007 (Sheriff: Fuel, Oil & Lubricant)
\$ 230.00	to GL# 1000-0400-3101 (Sheriff: Training and Education)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 Animal Control Fund (#1800) **\$35.00** for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 35.00	to GL# 1800-0191-2001 (Animal Control: General Supplies)
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There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 Sheriff's Special Projects Fund (#3400) \$3,039.50 for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 125.00 to GL# 3400-0400-2001 (Sheriff's Projects: General Supplies)
\$ 2,914.50 to GL# 3400-0400-3003 (Sheriff's Projects: Computer Services)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 County Jail Fund (#3401) \$2,290.88 the following designated expenditures:

\$ 57.41 to GL# 3401-0418-1099 (Jail: Transport of Prisoners)
\$ 789.23 to GL# 3401-0418-2004 (Jail: Medicine & Drugs)
\$ 944.24 to GL# 3401-0418-3006 (Jail: Med, Den & Hosp)
\$ 500.00 to GL# 3401-0418-4004 (Jail: Machinery and 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. 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 \$64,000.00 FROM THE
JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FUND (3401) INTO THE JAIL MAINTENANCE &
OPERATION 2025 BUDGET.**

Article 1. Affirmation: The Sheriff's Office is requesting a new 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.

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

\$54,000.00 to GL #3401-0418-2023 (Parts and Repairs)

\$10,000.00 to GL #3401-0418-3009 (Other Prof Svcs)

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: Budget Committee

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 APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN
BAXTER COUNTY AND CREATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
(4800).**

Article 1. Affirmation: The Baxter County Economic Development Committee approved up to \$50,000.00 for funding to the local economy by supporting infrastructure development, long-term economic growth and job creation for Baxter County as stated in Amendment 97 Article 12 Section 5 (c).

Article 2. Appropriation: The Baxter County Budget Committee approved the funding up to \$50,000.00 for supporting infrastructure development, long-term economic growth and job creation. This will be funded from the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund (4800).

Section 1. The Baxter County Quorum Court authorizes the County Treasurer to create the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund (4800) and transfer \$50,000.00 from County General Fund (1000) to Economic Development Capital Projects Fund (4800).

Section 2. Amendment 97, amending Article 12 Section 5(c) of the Arkansas Constitution states the intent of this amendment is to encourage job creation, job expansion, and economic development.

Section 3. The Baxter County Quorum Court authorizes the Clerk's Office to make the following appropriations within the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund budget:

\$ 50,000.00 into GL #4800-0112-4003 (Improvements Other than Buildings)

Article 2. 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: Economic Dev Committee & Budget Committee

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

State of Arkansas
91st General Assembly
Regular Session, 2017

A Bill

SENATE BILL 538

By: Senator Maloch
By: Representative Holcomb

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT TAXES AND PUBLIC CORPORATIONS FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; TO IMPLEMENT ARKANSAS
CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 97; TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS
CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAXES TO PROVIDE FOR
USES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAXES; TO AMEND THE
PUBLIC CORPORATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT TO
PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAXES; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO IMPLEMENT ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,
AMENDMENT 97; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAXES AND PUBLIC
CORPORATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that economic development would be
enhanced if tax funds authorized under § 14-174-103 were permitted to be used
for the full extent of the economic development purposes authorized under
Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 62, and Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 97.

(b) The General Assembly intends for this act to permit economic
development tax funds to be used for the purposes authorized under Arkansas



Constitution, Amendment 62, and Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 97.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-174-105 is amended to read as follows:
14-174-105. Disposition of funds.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Economic development project" means the land, buildings, furnishings, equipment, facilities, infrastructure, and improvements that are required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of:

- (A) Manufacturing, production, and industrial facilities;
- (B) Research, technology, and development facilities;
- (C) Recycling facilities;
- (D) Distribution centers;
- (E) Call centers;
- (F) Warehouse facilities;
- (G) Job training facilities; and
- (H) Regional or national corporate headquarters facilities;

(2) "Economic development service" means:

- (A) Planning, marketing, and strategic advice and counsel regarding job recruitment, job development, job retention, and job expansion;
- (B) Supervision and operation of industrial parks or other such properties; and
- (C) Negotiation of contracts for the sale or lease of industrial parks or other such properties; and

(3) "Infrastructure" means:

- (A) Land acquisition;
- (B) Site preparation;
- (C) Road and highway improvements;
- (D) Rail spur, railroad, and railport construction;
- (E) Water service;
- (F) Wastewater treatment;
- (G) Employee training, which may include equipment for such purpose; and
- (H) Environmental mitigation or reclamation.

(b) The taxes levied ~~pursuant to~~ under this subchapter may be utilized ~~for:~~

(1) For construction, reconstruction, demolition, site development, contracts, and related costs associated with the creation, expansion, and rehabilitation of water or sewer systems, streets and roads, bridges, drainage, and other vital public facilities; ~~or the establishment and operation of~~

(2) To establish and operate local economic development programs;

(3) To obtain or appropriate money for a corporation, association, institution, or individual to:

(A) Finance an economic development project; or

(B) Provide economic development services; and

(4) As a pledge to secure the issuance of bonds under the Local Government Bond Act of 1985, § 14-164-301 et seq., by a municipality, a county, or a corporation organized under the Public Corporations for Economic Development Act, § 14-175-101 et seq.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-174-109(b), concerning public corporations for economic development, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) On receipt from the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax levied or authorized under this subchapter, the local government shall deliver all of the proceeds to the corporation to use in carrying out its functions.

(2) However, if the sales and use taxes levied under this subchapter are pledged to secure the issuance of bonds by a corporation under § 14-174-105(b)(4), upon approval by resolution of the corporation, the local government shall hold the proceeds separate and apart in trust, as directed by the corporation.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 14-175-111(b)(7), concerning the powers of a public corporation for economic development, is amended to read as follows:

(7) To contract with private enterprises to carry out industrial development programs or objectives or to carry out or assist with the development or operation of an economic development ~~program~~ project or economic development services, as defined under § 14-174-105, or objectives consistent with the purposes and duties of the corporation, upon ~~such the~~ terms and conditions ~~as its the board may deem~~ of the corporation deems

advisable and not in conflict with ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter;

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 14-175-112(b), concerning economic development taxes under the Public Corporations for Economic Development Act, is amended to read as follows:

(b) ~~No-tax~~ Tax proceeds received by a corporation under § 14-174-101 et seq. may shall not be used for a project for the direct benefit of a specific individual or individuals or nongovernmental enterprise or enterprises unless the primary purpose of the project is to finance ~~facilities for the securing and developing of industry~~ an economic development project or provide an economic development service within or near the local government that levies the tax, as provided under § 14-174-105.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the state has been disadvantaged by its inability to effectively compete for economic development projects and economic development services; that attracting and developing economic development projects and economic development services would significantly benefit the economic development of the state by providing increased payrolls, job opportunities, and tax income; that the citizens of the state recognized the missed opportunities caused by this competitive disadvantage by overwhelmingly approving Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 97; and that this act is immediately necessary to effectuate the will of the citizens of Arkansas and to position the state to act expeditiously in securing economic development projects and economic development services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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 \$4,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE IT DEPARTMENT, COUNTY SHERIFF, JUVENILE SERVICES 2025 BUDGETS AND \$1,000.00 FROM JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FUND (3401) INTO JAIL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION 2025 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: It is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 into the IT Department 2025 Budget, \$1,000.00 into County Sheriff 2025 Budget, \$2,000.00 into Juvenile Services 2025 Budget and \$1,000.00 into Jail Maintenance & Operation 2025 Budget due to unintentional oversight in the 2025 budget process.

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

\$ 1,000.00 to GL #1000-0115-1012 (Other Fringe Benefits)
\$ 1,000.00 to GL #1000-0400-1012 (Other Fringe Benefits)
\$ 2,000.00 to GL #1000-0415-1012 (Other Fringe Benefits)

\$ 1,000.00 to GL #3401-0418-1012 (Other Fringe Benefits)

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: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ARKANSAS 250 COMMISSION AS IT BEGINS ITS WORK TO CELEBRATE ARKANSAS'S RICH TWO-HUNDRED-FIFTY-YEAR HISTORY FROM THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4, 1776, THROUGH JULY 4, 2026.

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

WHEREAS, On July 4, 2026, the United States of America will celebrate the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress established the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, which is working with America250.org, Inc., to plan and orchestrate this great occasion, and the United States Congress is encouraging states to join and participate in this celebration of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders created the Arkansas 250 Commission to plan, organize and coordinate Arkansas's celebration activities and events leading up to and on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas and the territory that preceded it have a rich two-hundred-fifty-year history to commemorate; and

WHEREAS, In 1776, Arkansas was part of the Louisiana Territory and home to Native Americans and early European settlers; and

WHEREAS, In 1783, a Revolutionary War battle was fought at Arkansas Post; and

WHEREAS, In 1803, the land that would become Arkansas officially became part of the United States of America via the acquisition known as the Louisiana Purchase; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas officially became a territory of the United States of America in 1819 and achieved statehood in 1836; and

WHEREAS, In the one hundred eighty-nine (189) years since achieving statehood, Arkansas has played a part in the history of our great nation and is rich with stories to tell, legends to recognize and achievements to celebrate; and

WHEREAS, This semiquincentennial event is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to engage children, students and adults in educational activities, civic engagement and public service opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Baxter County Quorum Court hereby recognizes, supports and encourages the efforts of the Arkansas 250 Commission as it begins its work to celebrate Arkansas's rich two-hundred-fifty-year history from the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 through July 4, 2026; and hereby encourages all educational institutions, civic organizations, libraries, museums and all of Arkansas to join this celebration of our state's magnificent history and achievements in a series of events and activities that will culminate on July 4, 2026.

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 EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT OF BAXTER COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH BAXTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION.

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

WHEREAS, the Baxter County Public Library Foundation has entered into an agreement with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the Library Hill Trail Project, Job 090757, Baxter County Public Library Foundation Library Hill Trail (TAP-24) (S).

WHEREAS, the Baxter County Public Library Foundation has requested Baxter County commit to maintaining the Library Hill Trail as a recreation use area in the unlikely event that the Baxter County Public Library Foundation cannot fulfill its long-term obligations and responsibilities as primary sponsors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Baxter County commits to maintaining the Library Hill Trail as a recreation use area in the unlikely event that the Baxter County Public Library cannot fulfill its long-term obligations and responsibilities to the grant contract as primary sponsors.

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 TINK ALBRIGHT 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 unexpired term of Bruce Petray set to expire February 2026, is hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court.

TINK ALBRIGHT

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: L. House – JP-6

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____