

BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA

September 2, 2025

THE BAXTER COUNTY QUORUM COURT WILL MEET FOR REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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: BUDGET COMMITTEE – DENNIS FRANK / ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE - ??
 - PRESENTATION – TAYLOR CARMICHAEL – AIRPORT
 - OLD BUSINESS
 - NEW BUSINESS
1. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,512.46 IN THE MONTH OF JULY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 BUDGET.
 2. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,508.50 FROM COUNTY GENERAL (1000) INTO JUVENILE SERVICES 2025 BUDGET.
 3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11: "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND" TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO REPLENISH AS NEEDED.
 4. AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ESCHEATED ESTATE TRUST FUND ON THE BOOKS OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS; FOR OPERATION OF SAID FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
 5. AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CORONER'S BUILDING FUND AND AN ANNEX BUILDING FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
 6. AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL TO THE CORONER'S BUILDING FUND 2025 BUDGET.
 7. A RESOLUTION TO GRANT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE CASEY HOUSE.
 8. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM HARDAKISS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MIDWAY 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 \$23,512.46 RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY 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 July 2025:

\$ 15.00	received from DWI Fines from District Court
\$ 1,578.75	received from Act 770 Fees
\$ 3,901.13	received for Installment Fees
\$ 125.00	received VIN Checks
\$ 2,000.00	received Inmate Social Security
\$ 141.00	received Animal Donation (Cash & Checks)
\$ 12.00	received Animal Adoption (Cash)
\$ 300.60	reimbursement Inmates' Medical
\$ 637.18	reimbursement Inmate Prescriptions (Sent from BXSO to Treasurer's Office)
\$ 3,442.19	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 294.34	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 8,546.05	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 636.06	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 1,571.61	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 174.83	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 136.57	reimbursement (Check)
\$ 0.15	reimbursement (Check)

Article 2: Appropriation. It is necessary to appropriate said monies totaling **\$23,512.46** to the appropriate line items in the Sheriff's Office 2025 budgets.

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 County General Fund (#1000) **\$5,160.94** for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 1,703.75	to GL# 1000-0400-2001 (Sheriff: General Supplies)
\$ 15.00	to GL# 1000-0400-2007 (Sheriff: Fuel, Oil & Lubricants)
\$ 3,442.19	to GL# 1000-0400-2023 (Sheriff: Parts & Repairs)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 Animal Control Fund (#1800) **\$153.00** for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 153.00	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) **\$3,901.13** for the following designated expenditures:

\$ 3,901.13 to GL# 3400-0400-3003 (Sheriff's Projects: Computer Services)

There is hereby appropriated from the 2025 County Jail Fund (#3401) **\$14,297.39** the following designated expenditures:

\$ 8,546.05 to GL# 3401-0418-1001 (Jail: Salaries)

\$ 636.06 to GL# 3401-0418-1006 (Jail: Social Security)

\$ 1,571.61 to GL# 3401-0418-1007 (Jail: Retirement)

\$ 174.83 to GL# 3401-0418-1009 (Jail: Health Insurance)

\$ 136.57 to GL# 3401-0418-1010 (Jail: Workmen's Comp)

\$ 0.15 to GL# 3401-0418-1011 (Jail: Unemployment Compensation)

\$ 637.18 to GL# 3401-0418-2004 (Jail: Medicine & Drugs)

\$ 294.34 to GL# 3401-0418-2005 (Jail: Food)

\$ 2,300.60 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 \$2,508.50 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO JUVENILE SERVICES 2025 BUDGET.

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

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

\$ 960.00 to GL #1000-0415-3009 (Other Professional Services)
\$1,548.50 to GL #1000-0415-3053 (Fleet Insurance)

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: _____

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 ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11: "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND"; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO REPLENISH THE EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND AS NEEDED.

Article 1. Affirmation. Ordinance No. 2022-11 established an Employee Liability Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 needs to be amended to allow the County Treasurer to replenish the fund as needed to maintain a balance of \$500,000.00. The current balance of the fund is \$264,000.00 and needs to be replenished on a regular basis to properly account for and control all employee liabilities.

Article 2. Appropriation: The Quorum Court hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to replenish the Employee Liability Fund #1805 as needed to maintain a \$500,000.00 balance.

Article 3. Effective Date: This 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: _____

Ordinance No. 2025 - ____

An Ordinance to Establish the Escheated Estate Trust Fund on the Books of Baxter County, Arkansas; for Operation of Said Fund; and to Declare an Emergency.

Article 1. Affirmation. It comes before this court the need to establish an Escheated Estate Trust Fund for use when property, real or personal, escheats to the county pursuant to the provisions of Escheated Estates in Arkansas Code Annotated § 28-13-101 et seq. This court so affirms. This court is also cognizant of the fact that during a 7 year period after the date of death of the intestate any person who claims to be an heir or legal representative may file a petition in the circuit court stating the nature of his or her claim and praying that such money may be paid to him or her.

Article 2. Establishment of Fund. There is hereby created on the official books of Baxter County a trust fund in the 8001 series of the County Financial Management System Manual. The fund number and any other financial accounting numbers needed for this fund are to be assigned by the Baxter County Clerk and Treasurer.

Article 3. Operation of Fund. The Escheated Estate Trust Fund is to be operated as a trust fund, meaning that the funds are being held in trust during the period of time when an heir may claim the funds through circuit court proceedings.

If the court finds that the person is entitled to any money paid into the treasury, the court shall make an order directing the county treasurer to issue a check from the Escheated Estate Trust Fund for payment of the money but without interest or costs. A copy of the order, under the seal of the court, shall be sufficient for issuing the check. [Reference: § 28-13-110(a)(2)]

In accordance with § 28-13-112 the county treasurer shall keep just accounts of all moneys paid into the treasury and of all lands vested in the county under the provisions of A.C.A. § 28-13-101 et seq. Since this will operate as a conglomerated trust fund for any escheated estates, it will be necessary for the treasurer to maintain separate records of the various estates that may escheat to the county during the period that there is the possibility of reclamation which is 7 years from the date of death of the intestate.

The county treasurer shall deposit the funds in an interest bearing account. All interest earned shall accrue to the general fund of the county since the provisions of Title 28, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1 concerning escheated estates prohibits payment of interest to claimants.

Article 4. Complete Vestment of Property in the County. In accordance with state law, all persons who fail to appear and file their petitions within seven (7) years from the date of death of the intestate shall be forever barred. [Reference: § 28-13-110(c)] After holding the funds in trust for 7 years from the date of death death of the intestate, the county treasurer shall, by operation of law, transfer the affected escheated funds to the County General fund for use in general operations of the county.

Article 5. Invalidity. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, phrases, and provisions of this Ordinance which remain valid and enforceable.

Article 6. Emergency Clause. Because a Baxter County Circuit Court Order [Case No. 03CV-23-361] to pay out funds to the Baxter County treasury has already been issued, an emergency is declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage by the quorum court and approval by the county judge pursuant to § 14-14-908(f).

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE

Date signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, BAXTER COUNTY CLERK

Sponsor: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

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 CORONER'S BUILDING FUND AND AN ANNEX BUILDING
FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

Article 1. Affirmation. There is a need to establish a Coroner's Building Fund and an Annex Building Fund on the books of the county to recognize and affirm the need for such a fund to properly account for revenues received and expenditures made

Article 2. Establishment of Fund. There is hereby created on the books of the Baxter County Treasurer a Coroner's Building Fund with a fund number of 4801 and an Annex Building Fund with a fund number of 4802 as assigned by the Baxter County Treasurer.

Article 3. Operation of Fund. The Coroner's Building Fund and the Fund are subject to all the normal county budgeting, appropriation and expenditure regulations of Title 14 of the Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) and the County Financial Management System, implemented in accordance with ACA § 14-21-101. Proper records and documentation must be maintained for audit purposes.

Article 4. Appropriation: The Quorum Court authorizes the County Clerk's Office to make the following appropriations into the designated line items:

\$ 50,000.00 to #4801-0111-3004 (Engineering & Architecture)
\$149,010.00 to #4801-0111-3009 (Other Professional Services)

Article 5. Emergency Clause: To properly track revenues already received, appropriated expenditures, and/or appropriated transfers for the Coroner's Building Fund and Annex Building Fund, it is found by this Quorum Court that an emergency is declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage and approval.

APPROVED:

KEVIN LITTY, COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:

CANDA J. REESE, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

RE-APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025 –

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

AN ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000) INTO THE CORONER'S BUILDING FUND 2025 BUDGET.

Article 1. Affirmation: It is necessary to re-appropriate funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 into the Coroner's Building Fund 2025 Budget for appropriate designation of expenditures.

Article 2. Appropriation: The Quorum Court authorizes the County Treasurer to transfer \$75,000.00 from County General Fund #1000 to the Coroner's Building Fund #4801.

The Quorum Court authorizes the Clerk's Office to make the following appropriation:

\$ 75,000.00 from #1000-0419-4003 (Improvements Other than Buildings) to #4801-0111-3009 (Other Prof Services)

Article 3. Effective Date: This re-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 GRANT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE CASEY HOUSE.

WHEREAS, the Casey House located at 1500 Arena Drive, Mountain Home, AR, is in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, Baxter County has been awarded a Historic Preservation Restoration Grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program to provide financial assistance to make repairs; and

WHEREAS, one of the conditions for this financial assistance is the conveyance of a preservation conservation easement on the building known as the Casey House at 1500 Arena Drive; and

WHEREAS, the preservation conservation easement allows Baxter County to retain ownership and possession of this historic landmark while granting the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program the authority to protect the historical and architectural characteristics of the property.

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

Section 1. That a preservation conservation easement on the building known as the Casey House and the land immediately surrounding it may be conveyed to the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

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 WILLIAM HARDAKISS BY THE COUNTY JUDGE TO THE MIDWAY 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 Midway Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners, having been appointed by the County Judge to fill the unexpired term of Lindsey Oliver, set to expire November 2025, is hereby confirmed by the Quorum Court.

WILLIAM HARDAKISS

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: D. Frank – JP – 1 and L. House – JP-6

Date Adopted: _____

Votes: For: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____