

**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 17th, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ADDITION, 511 UNION, QUORUM COURT**

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INVOCATION, led by: Pastor Jonathan Griesse, Cornerstone United Methodist Church

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES – March 10th, 2025

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES – Road, Public Service, and Finance

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appropriation Ordinance to Transfer 2024 Special Revenue to General Fund
- B. Appropriation Ordinance to Amend 2025 Budget to add 3518, JAG Grant
- C. Resolution to Reappoint Roy Guthrie to Southridge Fire Protection District

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

## QUORUM COURT MINUTES MARCH 10, 2025

Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Invocation was led by Don Blackmore from Central Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams.

Roll was called. Justice Forrest, Cline and Barnes were absent.

First order of business was the approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2025, meeting. Justice Forrest made the motion to approve, and Justice Williams seconded the motion. Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 Craighead County Juvenile Detention Center Department of Public Safety Review** was presented by Sheriff Marty Boyd. He stated that the jail is in compliance with the review commission.

**2024 Craighead County Detention Center Department of Public Safety Review** was presented by Sheriff Marty Boyd. He speaks on the overcrowding issues and the adjustments they make to accommodate. He then states that the jail is in compliance with the review commission. He talks about the kitchen remodel at the jail that was presented to the Quorum Court a couple weeks ago and states it is taking longer than projected because of some extra issues/repairs they have run into in the process. He advises the Quorum Court that as of last week they have ended the 309 Program at the jail.

Judge Day asks Sheriff Marty Boyd to shed more light on the bottom section about the jail, talking about the releasing of certain inmates to help the overcrowding issue. Also stating that many inmates are booked and then immediately released.

Sheriff Marty Boyd states that basically any misdemeanor crime that comes into the jail is booked in and booked out almost immediately with exception of violent misdemeanor crime or DWI. The reasoning for this goes back again to the overcrowding issue.

Justice Myers asks if the violent people are being held longer, and higher bonds set so they will stay in jail.

Sheriff Marty Boyd states that his hopes for the additional beds opening are so that District Court will have more options for sentencing on the misdemeanor offenses. He states that

currently and since COVID there has not really been any consequences for misdemeanor crimes.

Justice Myers asks if the jail population and the growth of the county affect each other.

Sheriff Marty Boyd answers that yes, it is a major problem at the jail.

Justice Williams says that we are basically out of room now and even if money comes available for addition or new build, we will be double behind by the time any building starts.

Justice Tennison asks if our 309 program we had at the jail was the same as what Greene County has that they make quite a bit of money off.

Sheriff Marty Boyd answers that the program Greene County has is with a federal contract and pays a higher rate for Federal inmates than the 309-program paid.

Justice Longmire asks if we have seen any kind of influx in work or more arrests with immigration and customs.

Sheriff Marty Boyd states that we haven't here because locally we have an ICE program.

Justice Cook asks what some of the misdemeanor crimes.

Sheriff Boyd answers that it's your typical traffic offenses, Domestic cases, failure to appear or driving with no license/insurance. Not hardened criminals.

Judge Day states that when the county jail holds a pre-trial felony inmate it is on county dime, misdemeanors are typically to the arresting agent and inmates ADC bound are paid for by the state. He also states that the addition of more courtrooms in the newly built Annex is beneficial for getting the people sitting in jail their turn in court and out of the County Jail.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judge Day states that because of schools being out for Spring Break the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> we will be moving the next Quorum Court meeting up to March 17<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that there were a lot of people thanking the Quorum Court for the new facility at the ribbon cutting ceremony. He also mentions the new Legislative Bill SP394 about our current sales tax percentage distribution by population. Lastly, he reminds the Quorum Court that the room they meet in is also a Storm Shelter and it is being worked out how that will all work out especially with the possibly weather coming in this Friday.

Justice Williams asked if there was a way we could implement something similar to Code Red for this storm shelter.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Judge Day asked if there was any public comment.

James Owen Hines, 508 Ridgecrest Jonesboro 72401, stated he hates paying taxes especially to build a jail. He sees the need though with people still committing crimes. He suggested that if we try to pass the jail tax again that the Justices go out and speak with their constituents and in detail explain to them the need for a newer bigger jail for our growing county.

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Spencer May 2012 Timber Trails, with the Active Citizens group from Jonesboro High School approached to speak about their program and why they were at the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn to committee's was made by Justice Tennison and seconded by Justice Longmire. Meeting Adjourned at 5:59pm

## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 3/10/2025

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### **Call to Order:**

Justice Couch called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

### **Attendance:**

Justices Couch, Tennison, and Road Superintendent John James were present.

### **Road Work Update:**

Road Superintendent John James provided an update on ongoing road work.

### **Plat Review:**

The committee reviewed a plat submitted by Javier Amperez. Justice Couch made a motion to approve the plat with the stipulation that two members can approve it, which was seconded by Justice Tennison. The motion passed.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, Justice Tennison moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Justice Couch. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

## Public Services Committee Minutes March 10, 2025

Justice Rodgers called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Committee members present were Richard Rogers (Chairman), Brad Noel, Linda Allison, and Kevin Williams. Elected Officials present at the meeting were Judge Marvin Day.

The only agenda item was a resolution to appoint a board member to the South Ridge Fire Protection District. The resolution recommends the reappointment of Mr. Roy Guthrie to the South Ridge Fire Protection District Administrative Board for another five-year term. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Justice Williams and seconded by Justice Noel.

No additional matters were presented to the board. A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Noel and seconded by Justice Williams. The meeting was then adjourned.

## Finance Committee Minutes 3-10-2025

Justice Josh Longmire called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Those present included Justice Dan Pasmore, Justice Darrel Cook, and Justice Rick Myers. Craighead County Collector Wes Eddington, Treasurer Terry McNatt, and County Clerk Mary Dawn Marshall were also in attendance.

Collector Wes Eddington provided an update on tax collections. The tax receipts for February 2024 amounted to \$3 million, compared to \$1.16 million for February 2025. The significant increase in tax receipts for 2024 was attributed to the smooth operation and earlier rollover of tax books, which enabled earlier payments to mortgage and utility companies. No questions were raised regarding the report, and the committee expressed their gratitude to the collector for the information.

Treasurer McNatt presented the financial reports. The general ledger began with a balance of \$39,790,679 and ended at \$39,082,235. The general funds closed at \$10,956,725, while the capital funds ended at \$922,253.11. Additionally, other financial figures were included in the report. Sales tax revenue increased by approximately 0.86% compared to the previous year, totaling \$2.8 million.

The committee reviewed an appropriation ordinance to Transfer 2024 Special Revenue to General Fund. A motion was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Pasmore to approve the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously and will move to full Quorum Court.

The committee reviewed an appropriation ordinance to amend the 2025 budget by adding the 3518 JAG Grant. A motion was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Pasmore to approve the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously and will move to full Quorum Court.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Myers and seconded by Justice Cook. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS INTO COUNTY  
GENERAL FOR EXPENDITURES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCURRED AND PAID, AND  
DISBURSEMENTS BY THE COUNTY TREASURER TO FUND OTHER OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS,  
AND TO TRANSFER COUNTY GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AS NECESSARY.**

	<b>Transfer Amount</b>
<b>SECTION 1.</b> That Craighead County receives monies each year that are Special Revenue Account Funds. These special revenues are received from various sources and are used for funding some County offices.	
<b>SECTION 2.</b> That section 2 of this Appropriation Ordinance is for the direct transfer of funds and amounts by the County Treasurer to the various agencies and departments listed below for the operation of those agencies and departments for year 2024.	
Fund 3008 Craighead County Public Library	\$694,329.45
Fund 6400 Jonesboro Public Library	\$1,827,007.84
<b>SECTION 3.</b> That section 3 of this Appropriation Ordinance is for the transfer of Administration of Justice Funds and amounts to the agencies and departments listed below and approving court order transfers.	
From Fund 6498 Prosecutor's Victim/Witness Fund to Prosecuting Attorney(approving Ct order 2023-15, for dept operations)	\$59,205.96
<b>SECTION 4.</b> That section 4 of this Appropriation Ordinance is for the transfer of funds from fund to fund and approving court order transfers	
From Fund 1000 County General Fund to Fund 1003 Investment Fund, for interest bearing fund(approving Ct order 2024-29)	\$6,000,000.00
From Fund 1000 County General Fund to Fund 1890 Jacob Holliday Restitution Fund, for fraud recovery(approving Ct order 2024-7)	\$6,000.00
From Fund 1000 County General Fund to Fund 1892, Capital Fund for Ct House Annex Construction(approving Ct order 2024-43)	\$5,000,000.00
From Fund 1000, County General Fund to Fund 1892, Capital Fund, for construction of Courthouse Annex,(approving Ct order 2024-97)	\$2,000,000.00
From Fund 1000, County General Fund to Fund 3017, Jail Operations and Maintenance Fund, correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-60)	\$205,533.74
From Fund 1000, County General Fund to Fund 3017, Jail Operations and Maintenance Fund, to balance funds(approving Ct order 2024-50)	\$205,533.74
From Fund 1000, County General Fund to Fund 3414, Juvenile Drug Court Fee Fund, to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-54)	\$47.28
From Fund 1000, County General Fund to Fund 3533, Safe Room Grant Fund, for construction of Safe Room, approving Ct order 2024-45)	\$1,000,000.00
From Fund 1003, County Gen Investment Fund to Fund 3046, American Rescue Plan Fund, for interest accrued(approving Ct order 2024-94)	\$231,070.51
From Fund 1003, County Gen Investment Fund to Fund 3046, American Rescue Plan Fund, for original principle(approving Ct order 2024-94)	\$7,000,000.00
From Fund 1003, Investment Fund to Fund 1000, County General Fd,for accrued interest,(approving Ct order 2024-92)	\$198,060.43
From Fund 1003, Investment Fund to Fund 1000, County General Fd,for original principle,(approving Ct order 2024-92)	\$6,000,000.00
From Fund 2000 County Road Fund to Fund 2001 Road Investment Fund, for Interest bearing fund(approving Ct order 2024-28)	\$2,000,000.00
From Fund 2000, County Road Fund to Fund 2998,Crowley's Ridge Gravel Trail Tap Grant Fund to balance funds(approving Ct order 2024-89)	\$3,500.00
From Fund 2000, County Road Fund to Fund 2998,Crowley's Ridge Gravel Trail Tap Grant Fund to balance funds(approving Ct order 2024-91)	\$3,500.00
From Fund 2001, Road Investment Fund to Fund 2000, County Road Fund, for accrued interest,(approving Ct order 2024-93)	\$66,020.14
From Fund 2001, Road Investment Fund to Fund 2000, County Road Fund, for original principle,(approving Ct order 2024-93)	\$2,000,000.00
From Fund 2997, State Hazard Mitigation Grant Fund to Fund 2000, County Road Fund, to balance funds(approving Ct order 2024-33)	\$30,426.26
From Fund 3046 American Rescue Plan Fund to Fund 1003 Interest bearing Fund(approving Ct order 2024-29)	\$7,000,000.00
From Fund 3414, Juvenile Court Drug Court Fee fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund to balance funds(approving Ct order 2024-89)	\$0.19
From Fund 3520, DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund(approving Ct order 2024-85)	\$433.67
From Fund 3523, Star Court Discretionary Fund to Fund 1000 County General Fund, to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-81)	\$2,467.68
From Fund 3523, Star Court Discretionary Fund to Fund 1000 County General Fund, to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-81)	\$11.64
From Fund 3523, Star Court Discretionary Grant Fd to Fund 3532 BJA Fy22 Adult Drug Ct Discretionary Grant Fd ,to correct error(app Ct order 2024-63)	\$198.51
From Fund 3523, Star Court Discretionary Grant Fd to Fund 3532 BJA Fy22 Adult Drug Ct Discretionary Grant Fd ,to correct error(app Ct order 2024-63)	\$72.19
From Fund 3523, Star Court Discretionary Grant Fd to Fund 3532 BJA Fy22 Adult Drug Ct Discretionary Grant Fd ,to correct error(app Ct order 2024-63)	\$376.07



From Fund 3528,Accountability Court STAR Court grant Fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund(approving Ct order 2024-85)	\$12.41
From Fund 3529, Ark Opioid Overdose Response Team Fund to Fund 1000, County Gen Fund, to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-14)	\$4,096.53
From Fund 3529, Ark Opioid Overdose Response Team Fund to Fund 1000, County Gen Fund, to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-15)	\$338.85
From Fund 3529, Ark Opioid Overdose Response Team Fund to Fund 3014,Comm Equip Fund, to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-13)	\$5,987.00
From Fund 3532, BJA Mental Health Discretionary Grant Program Fd to Fd 3535, Accountability Court Adult Drug Court fund (approve Ct order 2024-71)	\$112.70
From Fund 3535, Accountability Court Adult Drug Court Grant Fd to Fd 3532, BJA Mental Health Discretionary Gr, to correct error(app Ct order 2024-70)	\$112.70
From Fund 3535, Accountability Court Grant Adult Drug Court Fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund(approving Ct order 2024-85)	\$23.40
From Fund 3536 SRT Body Worn Camera Grant Fd to Fund 3014, Communications and Equip Fd,to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-65)	\$25,080.00
From Fund 3536, SRT Body Worn Camera Grant fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund to balance funds(approving Ct order 2024-89)	\$160.18
From Fund 3536,Small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera Grant to Fund 3014, Communication Facility and equip fund (approving Ct order 2024-102)	\$1,096.21
From Fund 3538, FY21 Homeland Security Grant Program Fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund(approving Ct order 2024-85)	\$1,762.41
From Fund 3578, DWI Court Fund to Fund 3523, Star Court Adult Treat court Discretionary Grant Fd,to correct posting error(approving Ct order 2024-69)	\$3,540.00
From Fund 3589, Crisis Stabilization Unit Grant Fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund(approving Ct order 2024-85)	\$3.40
From Fund 3597, Northeast AR Mental Health Court Grant fund to Fund 1000, County General Fund to balance funds(approving Ct order 2024-89)	\$20.31

Be It Resolved by the Craighead County Quorum Court that these transfers be made and court order transfers be approved as described, by the Craighead County Treasurer, upon passage of this Appropriation Ordinance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2025.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Dawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

An Ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to add Fund 3518, Department 0414, Byrne JAG Grant to include grant monies awarded from the Administrative Office of the Courts. These funds should be incorporated into the Craighead County Annual Operating Budget and processed according to grant requirements for the disbursement of these grant funds.

**Section 1.** That grant monies have become available from the Administrative Office of the Courts for \$5,043.32 and the funds were secured to provide a food and clothing pantry for families of juveniles within the court system. These grant funds are required to be included in and expended through the County's Annual Operating Budget for tracking and auditing purposes.

**Section 2.** That Fund 3518, Department 0414, Byrne JAG Grant will be created in the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to allow for accurate tracking, disbursing and accounting of the remaining grant funds..

<b>FUND 3518</b>	Byrne JAG Grant	<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
Dept 0414	Juvenile Court	\$0.00	\$5,043.32	\$5,043.32
Account	Description	<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
	<b>Supplies</b>			
2001	General Supplies (consumed or altered)	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
2002	Small Equipment (Less than capitalization)	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
2006	Clothing and Uniforms	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
2007	Fuels, Oils & Lubricants	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
3009	Other Professional Services	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
3100	Other Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$83.32	\$83.32
	Total Department Budget	\$0.00	\$5,043.32	\$5,043.32

There is hereby appropriated \$5,043.32 for Fund 3518, Dept 0414, Byrne JAG Grant for purchasing needed items to set up a food and clothing pantry for families of juveniles within the court system. These funds shall be established in the chart of accounts by the County Treasurer and entered into the accounts payable appropriations journal by the County Clerk as described, upon passage of this appropriation ordinance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2025

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marvin Day  
 Craighead County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mary Dawn Marshall  
 Craighead County Clerk

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**RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER**

**SOUTHRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE SOUTHRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS;** Act 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, states that the County Judge of each county is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the Southridge Fire Protection District.

**WHEREAS;** the said County Judge does hereby make the following re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Southridge Fire District for the following term detailed below:

Mr. Roy Guthrie has been recommended to fill another five (5) year term as a member of the Administrative Board. His term will become effective April 2nd, 2025, and expire on April 2nd, 2030.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; that the above-described appointment will become effective upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk’s Office.**

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH 2025**

**APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_**

**Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge**

**ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_**

**MaryDawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk**