

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025
5:30 P.M.

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ADDITION, 511 UNION, QUORUM COURT

INVOCATION, led by: Pastor Don Seat – Macedonia Baptist Church

ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING’S MINUTES – June 16, 2025

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES – Road, Public Service and Finance

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution to Recognize the Arkansas 250 Commission as It Begins Its
Work to Celebrate Arkansas’s Rich Two-Hundred-Fifty-Year History
- B. An Ordinance to Standardize Rates for Lake City Fire Protection District
- C. Appropriation Ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to
include additional funding to Fund 3598, Department 0422, to account for a
new Court Security Grant Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

QUORUM COURT MINUTES June 16, 2025

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

Invocation was led by Pastor Nate Morris of Friendship Assembly of God

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Longmire

Roll was called and all were present.

Next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the May 19, 2025, meeting. Justice Pasmore made the motion to approve, and Justice Barnes seconded the motion. Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Day reminded the Quorum Court about the Ordinance passed in 2021 requiring the County Fire Protection Districts to provide the County with an Annual Financial/Audit Report. Judge Day stated that in front of each Quorum Court member is a packet with the Audits for this year for their review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Day announced that the County was an award recipient for a Courthouse Security Grant.

Justice Cook asked about the Audit for Fire Districts page 2 and third sentence, “to verify 25% of anything over \$6,000”, and if they are only required to report 25%. Judge Day stated that it was a fairly normal amount for the audit.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Justice Rogers and seconded by Justice Tennison.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:37pm

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/16/2025

Call to Order:

Justice Cline called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

Attendance:

Justice Steve Cline, Justice Terry Couch, Justice David Tennison, Justice Garrett Barnes, and Road Superintendent John James were present.

Road Work Update:

Road Superintendent John James provided an update on current road projects.

Plat Review:

Six plates were reviewed. Justice David Tennison made a motion to approve five of the plats. Justice Terry Couch seconded. All in favor. Five plats approved.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Justice Garrett Barnes made a motion to adjourn, and Justice David Tennison seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Public Services Committee Minutes June 16, 2025

Justice Rogers called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:38 PM. Committee members present were Richard Rogers (Chairman), Brad Noel, Linda Allison, and Kevin Williams. Judge Marvin Day was also in attendance.

The first agenda item was a resolution to recognize the Arkansas 250 Commission as It Begins Its Work to Celebrate Arkansas's Rich Two-Hundred-Fifty-Year History. Motion to approve made by Justice Brad Noel and seconded by Justice Kevin Williams. All in favor. Resolution approved to bring before the full court. All in favor.

An ordinance to Standardize Rates for the Lake City Fire Protection District. Ordinance was previously tabled. Motion to bring ordinance back before the committee made by Justice Linda Allison and seconded by Justice Brad Noel. Justice Linda Allison made a motion to approve bringing the ordinance before the full court and Justice Brad Noel seconded. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Justice Linda Allison and seconded by Justice Brad Noel. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Finance Committee Minutes 6-16-2025

Justice Josh Longmire called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. Those present included Justice Dan Pasmore, Justice Darrel Cook, Justice Barry Forrest, and Justice Rick Myers. Craighead County Tax Collector Wes Eddington, Treasurer Terry McNatt.

Tax Collection report presented by Collector Eddington, noting an increase in collections of 10.9%.

Treasurer Terry McNatt presented the financial report, noting 72.36% of the 2025 budget remains unspent.

Appropriation Ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to include additional funding to Fund 3517, Department 0418, to account for a new Court Security Grant Project. A motion was made by Justice Darrel Cook and a second from Justice Dan Pasmore to read the ordinance by title only. A motion from Justice Barry Forrest and a second from Justice Darrel Cook were made to pass the ordinance to the full Quorum Court.

With no further business, Justice Barry Forrest made a motion to adjourn, and Justice Darrel Cook seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was concluded at 5:48 pm.

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A
RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:**

**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.**

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 State 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 BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
THAT:**

Section 1. The Quorum Court of Craighead County 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.

Section 2. The Quorum Court of Craighead County does hereby encourage 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.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

APPROVED: _____

Marvin Day, County Judge

ATTEST: _____

MaryDawn Marshall, County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO STANDARDIZE RATES FOR LAKE CITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, several years ago, the Quorum Court increased the rate of taxes collected for fire departments in Craighead County. At that time, the Lake City Fire Protection District opted not to have the rates increased in that district. (Ordinance No. 2009-7)

WHEREAS, the Lake City Fire Protection District has asked the court to increase the rate to that of the other subordinate service districts in the county. The rate increase will help the Lake City Fire Protection District begin to replace an aging fleet, purchase air packs for interior firefighting operations, and make other equipment upgrades to industry standards.

WHEREAS, the Lake City Fire Protection District may not exceed the annual rates listed below:

Residence	\$75.00
Apartments/Unit	\$40.00
Small Business	\$150.00
Industrial/Large Business	\$300.00
Farm Shop	\$150.00
Transportation Discretionary*	\$250.00 & Up
Department Discretionary**	\$75.00 & Up

*Transportation Discretionary for truck, train, aircraft, etc., that does not pay into the fire district. This would also cover vehicles traveling through the districts and will include bridge and grass fires on railroads and right-of-ways. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

**Department Discretionary refers to persons who own land that is vacant of a structure, and live elsewhere, and do not pay an annual fee. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Marvin Day, County Judge

ATTEST:

MaryDawn Marshall, County Clerk

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**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 include additional funding to Fund 3598, Department 0418, to account for a new Court Security Grant project awarded through the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and matched by appropriated County General Fund monies.

Section 1. That Court Security Grant monies in the amount of \$18,000.00 have been awarded to Craighead County for the purchase of a Mail & Parcel Scanner Model XIS-5335S to be installed at the newly constructed Courthouse Annex. This scanner enhances entry-point security by screening parcels and small bags for weapons and contraband. Additionally, \$7,000.00 from appropriated County General Fund will be used to meet the full equipment cost of \$25,000.00.

Section 2. That these funds shall be added to the 2025 Annual Operating Budget under Fund 3598 as special revenue, along with County General support, and shall be processed in accordance with all grant requirements and proper accounting procedures as follows:

Fund 3598 AOC Court Security Grant Fund		<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
Dept 0422 Circuit Court		\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
3100	Other Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
4004	Machinery & Equipment	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
8888-9999	Fund to Fund transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total amount budgeted		\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00

There is hereby appropriated \$18,000.00 into Fund 3598, Department 0422, for the purchase and installation of the Mail & Parcel Scanner Model XIS-5335S, with \$18,000.00 from the Court Security Grant and \$7,000.00 from the appropriated County General Fund. These funds shall be entered into the chart of accounts by the County Treasurer and posted into the accounts appropriations journal by the County Clerk upon passage of this ordinance.

Dated this _____ day of June 2025

Approved: _____

Marvin Day
Craighead County Judge

Attest: _____

MaryDawn Marshall
Craighead County Clerk

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June 5, 2025

The Honorable Marvin Day
Co-Chair Court Security Committee
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The Honorable Melissa Richardson
Co-Chair Court Security Committee
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Jonesboro, AR 72403

Dear Judge Day and Judge Richardson:

On behalf of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness, it is my pleasure to inform you that Craighead County has been selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$18,000.00. The 2025 grant cycle was very competitive, with our committee receiving application requests of \$801,051.29 for the \$500,000.00 of available funding provided by the General Assembly.

Grant funds will be distributed in person at a check presentation ceremony as follows:

When: June 19, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.
Where: The Supreme Court Courtroom in the Justice Building
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

We invite both of you to attend the ceremony, meet members of the committee, and pick up your check. Additionally, you are welcome and encouraged to invite any other members of your local committee, as well as other circuit and district judges, county officials, area legislators, or any other members of your community you wish to have present. We will have a photographer available for pictures. For any county that is unable to have a representative available at the ceremony, your check will be processed and mailed at a later date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pete Hollingsworth at the phone number or email listed on the attachment. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Shawn A. Womack".

Justice Shawn A. Womack
Arkansas Supreme Court

Enclosure: Award Notification

Copy to: See Attached List

Arkansas Senators:

David Wallace
Dan Sullivan

Arkansas Representatives:

Fran Cavanaugh
Jack Ladyman
Jon Milligan
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To: Co-Chairs, Local Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee

Re: 2025 Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Grant; Act 576 of 2007

Date: 5/27/2025

CONGRATULATIONS CRAIGHEAD COUNTY!

The Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness met and reviewed grant applications from forty-six counties seeking \$801,051.29. Ultimately, thirty-two counties were selected to receive a portion of the \$500,000.00 available for the 2025 cycle. The selection process was difficult with so many worthwhile applications having been submitted. After careful review, your application was chosen to receive funding.

Amount of Award: **\$18,000.00**

The Committee has approved the funding of your project per the approved application for the following:

- Mail and package X-Ray machine

All grant funds must be expended and projects completed by December 31, 2025.

Reports are required and due by January 15, 2026.

Copies of invoices/receipts must be submitted with the reports.

The report is available online at <https://www.arcourts.gov/administration/court-security/forms>

All previous award funds received by your county, including this current award, must be expended and reported by January 15, 2026.

Enclosure: 2025 Awards List

2025 Awards List

County	Brief Project Description	Amount Awarded
Baxter	Construction of holding cell	18,317.00
Benton	Upgrades to Security Camera System, Taser and accessories (7)	19,288.00
Bradley	Security camera system, access control system, video-intercom system	19,918.99
Clay	Replace and update all door locks and keys	19,813.28
Columbia	Security camera system	20,000.00
Craighead	Mail and package X-Ray machine	18,000.00
Crawford	Door alarms, hand-held metal detector (4), security doors, electronic entry	19,516.73
Dallas	Updates to security camera system, update panic alarm sytem	18,686.29
Faulkner	Pepperball munitions/less lethal force option	7,500.00
Franklin	Walk-through metal detector, hand-held metal detector (4), AED (4), Stop the Bleed first aid station (4)	18,754.75
Fulton	Construction of clerk's transaction window	20,000.00
Hempstead	Tasers (5) and accessories	16,000.00
Howard	Security doors and electronic access control system	19,494.95
Johnson	Walk-through metal detector, electronic restraints: G.L.O.V.E (3), Stop the Bleed first aid kits (3), updates to camera system	19,172.07
Little River	Update security camera system	4,626.00
Logan	Security camera system	16,222.22
Miller	Stun-cuff belt, stun-cuff ankle, walk-through metal detector	13,779.55
Mississippi	Walk-through metal detector (2)	10,039.90
Monroe	Security camera system, access control system	19,998.07
Nevada	Portable radios w/accessories and programming (12)	5,101.50
Perry	Security camera system	19,654.39
Pope	Alarm system, construction of security cabinet at metal detector	4,741.53
Pulaski	Taser w/accessories (21), portable radio (26) (part of \$474,000.00 project)	12,726.66
Randolph	Wireless panic alarm system	17,027.71

2025 Awards List

County	Brief Project Description	Amount Awarded
Saline	Walk-through metal detector (2), Hand-held metal detector (3)	18,888.89
Searcy	Security door with remote access and video	20,000.00
Sebastian	Motorola portable radio for CSOs (3)	12,726.67
Sevier	Security camera system, panic alarm system	20,000.00
Stone	Update security camera system, maintenance to access control system, transport restraints, electronic restraint (E-VEST)	13,937.79
Van Buren	Portable breathalyzer, hand-held metal detector	576.28
Washington	Security door with electronic access (5), VOIP/with camera panic alarm system, emergency egress door lockbar	15,490.78
White	Access control/security systems for new courthouse	20,000.00
32 Awards		500,000.00