

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT MINUTES

August 19, 2025

The Marion County Quorum Court held their monthly meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. on August 19, 2025.

Judge Stumph presided over the meeting and all Justices were present, with the exception of Justice Kerwood. The invocation was delivered by Ms. Karen Carter and the Pledge was led by Clerk Dawn Moffet.

The July minutes were approved.

All reports were given and accepted.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

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at 3:13 o'clock P M

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DAWN MOFFET
Marion County Clerk
D.C.

The motion to read the ordinances by title only was made by Justice Reed and seconded by Justice Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 25-31 – Judge’s Office – Road Department Overtime – Sponsored by Justices Lee, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey. This ordinance appropriates \$40,000 from the County Road Fund (2000) in the line item for Overtime and Other Premium Compensation. This will fund the overtime for the remainder of the 2025 fiscal year. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Dorsey and seconded by Justice Reed. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 25-32 – Judge’s Office – Peel Fire Department Grant Appropriation - Sponsored by Justices Lee, Hopson, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey. This ordinance appropriates \$15,000 from the Peel Fire Protection District Fund 35-62-0508 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement fire protection pumper truck. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Reed and seconded by Justice Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 25-33 – Sheriff’s Office – Establish Fund – Sponsored by Justices Lee, Hopson, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey. This ordinance would allow for a new fund to be established to track the revenues and expenses of a vehicle lease program for the Sheriff’s department. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Reed and seconded by Justice Vanvelkinburgh. During the discussion Justice Reed questioned the portion in Section 1 regarding the portion which indicated that a contract was signed by the County Judge. Reed pointed out that there was no

signature on any contract. He recommended that that portion of the Section be deleted. Justice Dorsey made the motion to amend the Ordinance and Justice Reed seconded it. The motion to amend passed unanimously. Treasurer Crespino suggested that the portions of the ordinance that read that this ordinance was to establish a "County General Unique Fund" be stricken. The motion to amend was made by Justice Reed and seconded by Justice Dorsey. The motion to amend passed unanimously. Comptroller Cheyenne Stroud questioned the emergency clause. Justice Johnson asked what the emergency was. Sheriff Alexander replied that the fund was needed in order to pay for the vehicles in January as the vehicles needed to be ordered now to receive them in January, otherwise it could be March or April before they were received due to availability. Justice Reed asked for comments from County Attorney John Russo. Attorney Russo stated that this ordinance was not proper in the current format. Justice Reed asked about the current vehicles. Sheriff Alexander responded that five Dodges purchased in 2018 were going down and needed to be replaced. He also pointed out that the new vehicles were going to be leased. The motion to adopt as amended passed unanimously. *(This ordinance was vetoed by Judge Stumph on August 20, 2025. He stated "This ordinance is unconstitutional. If an ordinance that is being amended (2024-61) is an appropriation ordinance the ordinance amended it has to be an appropriation ordinance as well. AR Code 14-14-907).*

Ordinance 2025-34 – Library – Head Librarian Compensation – Sponsored by Justices Lee, Hopson, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey. This ordinance amends the position title classification and compensation of the Library Director to be consistent with the responsibilities and functions. The position of Library Director is amended to Head Librarian. The compensation for the Library Director was an annual salary of \$41,535.52. The position of Head Librarian is amended to \$16.00 to \$19.25 per hour. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Reed and seconded by Justice Shipman. During discussion Justice Lee questioned where the numbers came from, she stated that her math shows that the Head Librarian would be \$40,040.00 instead of \$41,535.52. Justice Reed admitted that his arithmetic was incorrect. Justice Johnson made a motion to amend the salary to \$40,040.00, Justice Reed seconded. The motion to adopt as amended passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-35 – FEMA – Reimbursement to City of Flippin – Sponsored by Justices Lee, Hopson, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey. This ordinance is for the transfer of funds to reimburse the City of Flippin for the use of their Fire Department Personnel and Equipment during the immediate response from the tornado outbreak on May 26, 2024 in the amount of \$11,163.76. The motion to

adopt was made by Justice Reed and seconded by Justice Johnson. The motion passed with Justice Lee voting against it.

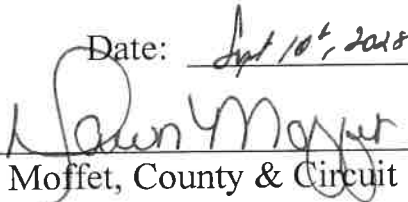
Resolution 2025-4 – Clerk’s Office – Automation Grant – Sponsored by Justices Lee, Hopson, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey. This resolution authorizes the Marion County Judge to apply for a grant from the Association of Arkansas Counties for the purposes of securing grant funds in the amount of \$1763.78 to purchase four scanners. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Lee and seconded by Justice Vanvelkinburgh. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Stumph presented the proclamation for International Drug Overdose Day to Ms. Ruby Speak representing the Marion County Prosecutor’s office.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 
Jason Stumph, County Judge

Date: Sept 10th, 2018

Attest: 
Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2025- 36

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

AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND NUMBERS AND COMPENSATION ORDINANCE 2024-61 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 FOR MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS. TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND (3046) TO ARPA REVEUE REPLACEMENT-COUNTY JUDGE FUND (1006-0100). THE TOTAL AMOUNT WILL BE \$6,576.99.

SECTION 1. This transfer of monies is to reflect the budgeted amounts for the American Rescue Fund in 3046 and the remaining funds in the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund 1006.

SECTION 2. There were several transactions at the end of 2024 and beginning of 2025 that occurred that were being processed before the final budget. Per recommendation of Legislative Auditor, 3045 American Rescue Funds could be transferred to reflect the correct budgeted amounts remaining in the 3045 American Rescue Fund as all the funds had been obligated by the December 31, 2024.

SECTION 3. Transfer money in the amount of \$6,576.99 as follows:

<u>Appropriate FROM Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3046 American Rescue Plan	\$6,576.99
<u>Appropriate TO ARPA Revenue Replacement</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Fund-County Judge Fund (1006-0100)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1006-0100-3001 Accounting & Auditing	\$6,576.99

SECTION 4. All county employees and elected officials involved herein shall prepare all documentation necessary to effectuate the transfer and purchase described above.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is herein enacted as an Appropriation Ordinance and therefore effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF Marion County, Arkansas on this 9 day of September, 2025.

APPROVED [Signature]
Jason Stump, Marion County Judge

Attest: [Signature]
Dawn Moffet, Marion County & Circuit Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD
at 1134 o'clock A M

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DAWN MOFFET
Marion County Clerk
[Signature] D.C.

SPONSOR: Sandra Lee, JP #2; Travis Hopson, JP #3; Leslie Kerwood, JP #6; Wesley Shipman, JP #7; Tommy Dorsey, JP #8

Date adopted: 9/9/25

Votes For: 9 Votes Against: _____ Abstain: _____ Present: 9 Absent: _____

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9/12/25

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2025- 37

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND NUMBERS AND COMPENSATION ORDINANCE 2024-61 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 FOR MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS. TRANSFER UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM 2003 ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND FOR PAYMENT OF INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE CULVERTS ON LOW WATER SLAB ON COUNTY ROAD MC 4010.

SECTION 1. This appropriation is for the transfer of funds for the payment of preparation and installation of concrete culverts on county road MC 4010 damaged by flooding.

SECTION 2. Appropriate money in the amount of \$34,460.00 as follows:

<u>Appropriate FROM Additional Motor Fuel Tax Fund (2003)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2003 Additional Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$34,460.00
<u>Appropriate TO Road Department Fund (2000-0200)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2000-0200-3009 Other Professional Services	\$34,460.00

SECTION 3. All county employees and elected officials involved herein shall prepare all documentation necessary to effectuate the transfer and purchase described above.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is herein enacted as an Appropriation Ordinance and therefore effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF Marion County, Arkansas on this 9 day of September 2025.

APPROVED: [Signature]
Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge

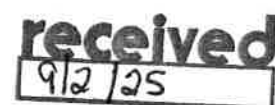
Attest: [Signature]
Dawn Moffet, Marion County & Circuit Clerk

SPONSOR: Sandra Lee, JP #2; Travis Hopson, JP #3; Leslie Kerwood, JP #6; Wesley Shipman, JP #7; Tommy Dorsey, JP #8

Date adopted: 9/9/25

Votes for: 9 Votes against: _____ Abstain: _____

Present: 9 Absent: _____



APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2025 - 38

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND NUMBERS AND COMPENSATION ORDINANCE 2024-61 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 FOR MARION COUNTY ARKANSAS. TRANSFER UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM 1000 COUNTY GENERAL TO 1000.0119 COUNTY GENERAL- REIMBURSABLES FOR THE RETURN OF DIVIDENDS FROM AAC WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES BASED ON 2021 PREMIUM YEAR.

Section 1. This appropriation is for the transfer of unappropriated funds for the return of dividends from AAC Workers' Compensation Trust Board of Trustees based on 2021 premium year.

Section 2. Appropriate money of in the amount of \$4,570.00 from the following fund:

<u>Appropriate From County General:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1000 – County General	\$4,570.00

<u>Appropriate To County General- Workmen's Compensation:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1000.0119.1010 Workmen's Compensation	\$4,570.00

Section 3. All county employees and elected officials involved herein shall prepare all documentation necessary to effectuate this transfer and purchase described above.

Section 4. This Ordinance is herein enacted as an Appropriation Ordinance and therefore effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF Marion County, Arkansas on this 9 day of Sept., 2025.

Approved: [Signature]
Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge

Attest: [Signature]
Dawn Moffet, Marion County & Circuit Clerk

Dated: 9/9/25

FILED FOR RECORD
at 1245 o'clock P M

SEP 16 2025

[Signature]
DAWN MOFFET
Marion County Clerk
D.C.

Sponsors: Justice Lee #2, Justice Hopson #3, Justice Kerwood #6, Justice Shipman #7, Justice Dorsey #8

Date adopted: 9/9/25

Votes for: 9 Votes against _____ Abstain _____

Present: 9 Absent _____

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