MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT MINUTES

August 4, 2026

The Marion County Quorum Court held their monthly meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. on August 4, 2026. The meeting was rescheduled due to the Arkansas Association of Counties meeting which is being held the second week of August. Many of the elected officials will be attending.

Judge Stumph presided over the meeting and all Justices were present. The invocation was delivered by Sheriff Gregg Alexander and the Pledge was led by Justice Tommy Dorsey.

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The July meeting minutes were approved.

All reports were given and accepted.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

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

Ordinance 2026-38 – Judge's Office – Amend Ordinance 2025-1. Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Hopson and Dorsey. This ordinance will change Section 3. Order of Business Section C. Currently this section reads that Three members of the Quorum Court may submit items after the agenda closes, if it is considered to be in the best interest of the County or emergent. It will also change Section D. This section reads that the Ordinance shall have the Elected Official Name(s) on the Ordinance, who it effects, and the name(s) of 3 justice(s) or the committee sponsoring the Ordinance to be submitted for passage. This ordinance would also change Section 5 Per Diem. Second A currently states the All Justices of the Peace of the Quorum Court shall receive a per diem of $283.25 for each regular scheduled meeting and any special meeting. Second B states All Justices of the Peace who attend their assigned committee meeting shall receive a per diem of 70.00 per meeting. This ordinance would change Section C to read that the Ordinance shall have to pass proper committee to be submitted to Quorum Court. Section D would require that in case of an emergency after the agenda has closed and an Ordinance regarding this emergency is not able to be brought forth to the proper committee, five or more Justices must sponsor the Ordinance in order for it to be considered at the Quorum Court. The Per Diem section of the Ordinance will

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simply change the wording to state that the Per diem for each meeting would be as it is outlined in the Budget Ordinance. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Dorsey and seconded by Justice Kerwood. Discussion was led by Justice Reed. He commented that it took only three Justices on the Budget committee to move and ordinance to the full Court, and only two Justices on any other committees. He continued by stating that with the requirement of five Justices that would nearly be a majority of the court. Justice Johnson stated he agreed with Justice Reed. The motion passed with Justices Van Velkinburgh, Hopson, Jensen, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey voting in favor of the Ordinance and Justices Lee, Reed, and Johnson voting against it.

Ordinance 2026-39 – Solid Waste –Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Kerwood, Shipman, Hopson and Dorsey. This ordinance is an appropriation for the transfer of funds to provide payment to Waste Connections for compactor pick up at the Transfer Station for the remainer of fiscal year 2026 in the amount of $150,000.00. The monies will be appropriated from the Sales Tax – Solid Waste/Recycling Fund to the line item 1802-0700-3063 – Sales Tax-Solid Waste/Recycling – Sales Tax Solid Waste. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Lee and seconded by Justice Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-40 – Judge's Office – County Building Improvement - Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Kerwood, Shipman, Hopson and Dorsey. This ordinance appropriates $35,000.00 from AHPP grant for the repair to Clerk's basement window and installation of HVAC in the main floor and basement of Courthouse. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Van Velkinburgh and seconded by Justice Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-41 – Judge's Office – Federal Accounting and Auditing - Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Kerwood, Shipman, Hopson and Dorsey. This ordinance will create a new spe4cial fund for payment of federal accounting and auditing purposes. The amount of $46,000.40 will be transfer from ARPA Revenue Replacement County Judge (1006-0100) to Grant Audit – County Judge Fund (3602-0100). The motion to adopt was made by Justice Dorsey and seconded by Justice Kerwood. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-42 – Collector's Office – Part-Time Position - Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Kerwood, Shipman, Hopson and Dorsey. This ordinance requests that one Part-Time deputy be created in the Collector's Office. This position would not exceed 25 hours per week, nor $13 per hour. This position would increase the total Collector's office budget by $7,002.45 which would be

appropriated from County General. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Van Velkinburgh and seconded by Justice Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-43 – Worker's Compensation – Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Kerwood, Shipman, Hopson and Dorsey. This ordinance appropriates $20,000.00 from a grant received from the American Library Association. This appropriation is for the purchase4 and installation of an automatic door system for the library building as well as other modifications to further make the library entrance more accessible to patrons. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Shipman and seconded by Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-44 – Library – ALA LTC Access Grant – Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Hopson, Kerwood, Shipman and Dorsey. This Ordinance appropriates $20,000 from the American Library Association Grant for the purchase and installation of an automatic door system for the library building as well as other modifications to further make the library entrance more accessible to patrons. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Dorsey and seconded by Justice Shipman. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-1 - Judge's Office – Federal Emergency Relief Program – Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Kerwood, Shipman, Hopson and Dorsey. This resolution will authorize the County Judge to explore financing options for the 20% required contribution of the Federal Highway Administrator's Emergency Relief Program in the amount of $2,638,800. This program will provide a full replacement of the five bridges damaged in the flood on July 17, 2026. These bridges are MC 8060 Moccasin Creek and Jimmie Creek, MC 6075 Blue John and Clabber Creek and MC 7024 Fallen Ash Creek. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Kerwood, it was seconded by Justice Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-2 - OEM – Community Center Grant – Sponsored by Justices Van Velkinburgh, Kerwood, Shipman, Hopson and Dorsey. This resolution will authorize the Marion County Office of Emergency Management to apply for a grant to improve the sheltering capabilities of the Marion County Community Center. Marion County has provided proof that they will contribute $65,240.56 through cash and/or in-kind donations. This resolution also allows County Judge Jason Stumph to submit the applications of formal request to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for state grand funds in the amount of $260,962.24. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Dorsey and seconded by Justice Shipman. During the discussion, Justice Reed stated that he had a problem

with the money and wondered where the $65,240.56 was going to come from. Assistant OEM Director Heather Kite stated that it could come out of County General. However, this grant also allowed for in-kind donations. In-kind donations could be in the way of a volunteer that would make $20 per hour, or the County might provide some work, such as upgrading the parking lot, or some of the demolition, which could lower the cost to the County. Administrative Assistant for the County Judge, Karen Carter mentioned that if the county received the grant and the Quorum Court did not want to appropriate the funds, then the grant money would be returned. She also pointed out that the money did not have to come out of County General, but could come out of any fund with a surplus of money. The reason this grant is needed is to bring the Community Center in compliance with ADA. This resolution needs to be passed before the grant can be applied for. This grant could cover the replacement of the stairs, the ramp, reflooring the basement, remodeling the restrooms, new paint and new ceiling tiles. It was also pointed out that being out of compliance with ADA the county could be looking at sanctions or fines. Justice Johnson asked if the county had received any notice of any fines being levied. The answer was no, but the idea was that the county could get ahead of this problem. Justice Lee asked with there were any other buildings that might need attention. The answer was that a grant for replacing the ramp at the Courthouse and additional HVAC in the upper story of the Courthouse. The motion passed with all Justices voting in favor of the Ordinance except for Justice Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____
Jason Stumph, County Judge

Date: 9/9/26

Attest: _____
Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2026-95

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 2025-61 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 FOR MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS. REQUEST FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING AND REPLACING PARTS IN THE COUNTY CORONER'S COOLER.

SECTION 1. This appropriation is for the transfer of funds to cover the cost of new parts and necessary repairs to the County Coroner's cooler in order to return the cooler to proper operational and functional condition.

SECTION 2. The repairs and replacement of parts are necessary to ensure that the County Coroner's cooler is operational and functioning properly for the proper handling and preservation of remains under the care and responsibility of the County Coroner.

SECTION 3. The expense was not an anticipated expense in the County Coroner's budget, causing a shortfall in available funds to complete the necessary repairs and replacement of parts.

SECTION 4. Appropriate money in the amount of **$5,023.71** from the following fund:

Appropriate FROM Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (1007)	**Amount**
1007 Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund	**$5,023.71**

Appropriate TO County General Fund – County Coroner (1000.0419)	**Amount**
1000.0419.3009 Other Professional Services	**$5,023.71**

SECTION 5. All county employees and elected officials involved herein shall prepare all documentation necessary to effectuate the transfer of funds and the purchase of parts and services described above.

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SECTION 6. 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 8 day of September, 2026.

APPROVED: _____

Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge

Attest: _____

Dawn Moffet, Marion County & Circuit Clerk

SPONSOR: Chuck Van Velkinburg, JP #1; Travis Hopson, JP #3; Leslie Kerwood, JP #6; Wesley Shipman, JP #7; Tommy Dorsey, JP #8

Date adopted: 9/8/26

Votes for: 8 **Votes against:** _____ **Abstain:** _____

Present: 8 **Absent:** 1

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2026 - 46

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 2025.56 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 FOR MARION COUNTY ARKANSAS. TRANSFER UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM 3088 LIBRARY STATE AID TO 3088.0600 LIBRARY STATE AID- MARION COUNTY LIBRARY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS AT THE MARION COUNTY LIBRARY.

Section 1. This appropriation is for the transfer of unappropriated funds for construction and repairs to the Marion County Library.

Section 2. Appropriate money of in the amount of $ 80,000 from the following fund:

Appropriate From Library State Aid:	Amount
3088 Library State Aid	$ 80,000
Appropriate To Library State Aid – Marion County Library:	**Amount**
3088.0600. 4006 (Construction in Progress)	$ 80,000

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 8 day of September 2026.

Approved: _____ Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge

Attest: Dawn Moffet Dawn Moffet, Marion County & Circuit Clerk

Dated: 9/8/26

Sponsors: Chuck Van Velkinburgh, Travis Hopson, Leslie Kerwood, Wesley Shipman, Tommy Dorsey

Date adopted: 9/8/26

Votes for: 8 Votes against _____ Abstain _____

Present: 8 Absent 1

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Appropriation Ordinance 2026-47

BE IN ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATION BUDGET FOR THE QUORUM COURT NUMBERS AND COMPENSATION ORDINANCE 2025-56.

Section 1. This amendment will modify the currently appropriated budget and the numbers and compensation portion of Ordinance 2025-56 for the nine members of the Quorum Court

Section 2. Amended Numbers and Compensation portion of Ordinance 2025-56.

As passed:

1000-0107-1002	Salaries Part Time	$47972.25

As amended:

1000-0107-1002	Salaries Part Time	$67960.80

Section 3. Appropriate unappropriated money in the amount of $12,918.00 from County General Fund 1001 as follows:

1000-0107-1002	Salaries Part Time	$ 12000.00
1000-0107-1006	FICA	$ 918.00

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

Section 5. This ordinance is herein enacted as an appropriation ordinance and therefore effective immediately.

Approved: _____

Jason Stumph, County Judge

Attest _____

Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

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Sponsors: The Budget Committee

Date: 9/8/26

Votes For 8 Against _____ Abstain _____

Justices Present 8 Absent 1

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2026-48

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 2025–56 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 FOR MARION COUNTY ARKANSAS. THESE APPROPRIATED FUNDS ARE FOR REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MARION COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

SECTION 1. This ordinance is to appropriate unappropriated funds in 3018 County Detention Facility for repairs, maintenance and operation of the Marion County Detention Center.

SECTION 2. Appropriate money in the amount of $212,125.33 as follows:

Appropriate From	Amount
3018 County Detention Facility	$212,125.33

Appropriate To	Amount
3018-0418-2038 Facility Maintenance	$212,125.33

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____day of _____, 2026.

Approved: _____
Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge

Attest: _____
Dawn Moffet, Marion County & Circuit Clerk

Dated: 9/8/26

FILED FOR RECORD
at 8 o'clock A M
SEP 15 2026
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Marion County Clerk
_____ D.C.

Sponsors: Chuck Van Velkinburgh (JP#1), Travis Hopson (JP#3), Leslie Kerwood (JP#6), Wesley Shipman (JP #7), Tommy Dorsey (JP#8)

Date adopted: 9/8/26

Votes for: 8 Votes against_____ Abstain_____ Present: 8 Absent 1

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RESOLUTION 2026- 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF MARION COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK".

WHEREAS, Marion County is applying for a grant, through the Association of Arkansas Counties, for the purpose of digitizing eighteen (18) books containing surveys of Marion County and

WHEREAS, this project will be of benefit to all of Marion County. This project would be a tool for searching land records. The land record books that Marion County currently has are old, in poor condition to the point of falling apart. Some of the surveys in the land books are becoming difficult to read.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Marion County, Arkansas, recognizes the need for this project, concurs its importance, for this Grant and wholeheartedly supports the efforts to proceed with this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Judge of Marion County is hereby authorized to apply a grant from the Association of Arkansas Counties for the purpose of securing grant funds in the amount of $22,341.86 to aid and assist the proposed project described herein and the County Judge is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the said project.

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION 9/8/26
Date

APPROVED: _____
Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge

ATTEST: _____
Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

SPONSOR: The Budget Committee

Date Adopted: 9/8/26

Votes For: 9 Votes Against: _____ Abstain: _____ Present: 9 Absent: 1

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AMENDED RESOLUTION 2026-4

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Marion County, State of Arkansas, a resolution authorizing Marion County Judge to submit application to extend Letter of Credit by First Service Bank of Yellville, Arkansas.

Whereas, Division of Environmental Quality, Office of Land Resources, Solid Waste Division received a notice of expiration of letter of credit #205 in the amount of $5,500.00 from First Service Bank issued July 14, 2025 for Marion County Transfer Station to expire on the one year anniversary of the origination date which is July 14, 2026.

Whereas, Marion County is the owner or operator of the Marion County Transfer Station.

Whereas, the Quorum Court authorizes the County Judge of Marion County, Arkansas to submit an updated application of formal request to First Service Bank for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit with First Service Bank in the amount of five thousand, five hundred dollars ($5,500.00) to guarantee the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment that Marion County will be responsible for five thousand, five hundred dollars ($5,500.00) of the cleanup of the Solid Waste/Transfer Station in the event that it is closed or abandoned. This is a requirement of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment permitting process.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Quorum court of Marion County, Arkansas:

Section 1. That the letter of credit for Marion County Transfer Station from First Service Bank will expire July 14, 2027.

Section 2. That the Marion County Judge is hereby authorized to submit an updated application of formal request to First Service Bank, 425 Hwy. 62/412 East, Yellville, AR 72687 to extend the Letter or Credit for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of the permitting of the Marion County Solid Waste/ Transfer Station.

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION 9/8/26
Date

APPROVED: _____
Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge

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DAWN MOFFET
Marion County Clerk
D.C.

ATTEST: _____
Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

SPONSOR: Chuck Van Velkinburg, JP #1; Travis Hopson, JP #3; Leslie Kerwood, JP #6; Wesley Shipman, JP #7; Tommy Dorsey, JP #8

Date Adopted: 9/8/26
Votes For: 8 Votes Against: _____ Abstain: _____ Present: 8 Absent: 1

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RESOLUTION# 2026-5

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Marion County, State of Arkansas a resolution entitled: a resolution to authorize Marion County Assessor to apply for funding for the mapping of unmapped properties in Marion County, Arkansas.

A Resolution authorizing the County Assessor of Marion County to apply for a grant on behalf of Marion County.

Whereas, the Quorum Court has determined the County meets eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the Parcel Grant program; and
Whereas, the County Assessor has presented plans to (description of project) to map as many unmapped subdivisions and other unmapped properties as funding allows, and

Whereas, the Quorum Court of Marion County recognizes the need for the project, concurs its importance, and supports the Marion County Assessor in their efforts to proceed with the same; and

Whereas, all property owners within Marion County will realize benefit from improved digital access to modernized land records and maps of the tax parcels within the County in this project; and

Whereas, the County has furnished proof that they have raised $ 18,000 through appropriation or in-kind donations to be applied to the project as a match (if applicable);

Therefore, be it resolved that the Quorum Court of Marion County hereby appropriates the sum of $ 18,000 to complete the project described herein (if applicable); Be it further resolved, that the County Assessor of Marion County is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office for purposes of securing state grant funds in the amount of $ 27,000 in grant funds to aid and assist the County in executing the proposed total project of $45,000 described herein and that the County Assessor or Recorder/Treasurer of Marion County is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same project.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION: Date: 9/8/26

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Marion County Clerk
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APPROVED: _____ Marion County Judge
Jason Stumph

ATTEST: _____ **Marion** County Clerk
Dawn Moffet

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