

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 25-33

Be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, State of Arkansas. An Ordinance to be entitled: An appropriation Ordinance to establish the annual operating budget for calendar year 2026, and to declare an emergency.

Section 1: ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

The annual budget for calendar year 2026 identified as “2026 Annual Budget, Faulkner County, Arkansas,” dated November 18, 2025, is hereby adopted by reference. A copy of said budget shall be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal business hours.

Section 2: NONRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES.

Expenditures of funds appropriated by this Ordinance shall not be restricted to the line-item expenditure codes comprising the four major categories of expenditures - Personal Services, Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Outlays, but shall be restricted to office/departmental expenditures.

Section 3: EXPENDITURE RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIED FUNDS.

No expenditure of appropriated funds shall be made from any fund other than the fund specified in the Ordinance or an amendment thereto.

Section 4: TRANSFERS.

Any transfer of monies between the various funds of the County or between the four major categories of expenditures – Personal Services, Supplies, Other Services and Charges, Capital Outlays – shall be made only in accordance with state law or with prior approval of the Faulkner County Quorum Court. Provided, however, all transfers budgeted for in the annual budget shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

Section 5: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS.

Funds appropriated within the American Rescue Plan Funds 3046 and 1006 to specific departments in the annual budget for 2026 identified as “2026 Annual Budget, Faulkner County, Arkansas”, dated November 18, 2025, may be reappropriated to other specific departments within the American Rescue Plan Funds 3046 and 1006, with approval of the Faulkner County Quorum Court.

Funds appropriated within the American Rescue Plan Fund 3046 in the 2026 annual budget that are not expended in the 2026 fiscal year may be included in the 2027 annual budget for ARP administrative costs.

Section 6: REPEALER.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

Section 8: EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

The adoption of this Ordinance is an emergency and therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2026.

Section 9: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance is adopted to comply with the provisions of A.C.A. § 14-14-907 and shall be effective as of January 1, 2026.

Passed by the Quorum Court on November 19, 2025.

Attest: _____
Margaret Darter
Quorum Court Secretariat
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Affirm _____
Allen Dodson
Faulkner County Judge
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: November 18, 2025

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