Agenda

Ouachita County Quorum Court
Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 6, 2026
6:30 P.M.

Will meet at the District Courtroom, 109 Goodgame St., Camden, Arkansas

1. ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT
6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
7. NEW BUSINESS
    1. AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, 911 BUDGET.
    2. AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, ELECTION BUDGET.
    3. AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET.
    4. LEGISLATIVE AUDIT.
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes
Ouachita County Quorum Court
Regular Meeting, September 1, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

The Ouachita County Quorum Court met in regular session August 4, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at the Ouachita County District Courtroom.

Justices present:
Helen Aregood, Wayland Chambers, Addie Edwards, Willie Hardy, Fred Lilly, Shannon Milam, Ware Russell, Michael Tyler, Dale Vaughan, Jerry West, Jonathan Wolfe.

Also present were County Clerk Sherri Hunter, and Attorney Daniel Faulkner. Judge Robbie McAdoo was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present to conduct business, Ouachita County Justice of the Peace Fred Lilly called the meeting of the Ouachita County Quorum Court to order. Justice Vaughan gave the invocation. Justice Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Court reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2026. A motion was made by Justice Russell, seconded by Justice Aregood, that they be approved. Upon voice vote all aye. Opposed none.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The August Treasurer's report was approved upon a motion by Justice Russell, seconded by Justice Aregood. Upon voice vote, all aye. Opposed none.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jim Bob Davis said I know y'all are tired of seeing and hearing from me." but he questioned again how the collector duties had been moved how the office was going to be handled on the November ballot a few months ago it started on the collector moving to the Treasurer's office. A couple of legislators passed a bill, which the attorney general ended up saying was not the way to do it. Shouldn't have been done that way. Kind of kicked the ball down the road for eight months, it's never been about who the collector is, it's about circumventing the voter. Yes, the voter, which it has not been. This is not the '40s and '50s. We have problems in Camden and Ouachita County. If we don't show the public that we are honest with them, they're not going to trust you. And I hope this time that it can be done right and allow people to vote how they want, whether it's treasure collector, collector, whatever. Put it to vote.

Gladys Nettles Circuit clerk spoked about a project of scanning all our court cases, starting in 2025, going all the way back. September 2015 is when Arkansas courts switched our case management system to context, and our records went from hard copies to digital. We began a project just recently. The reason we're doing this is because we're running out of space in our office. Ms. Nettles said the office has opened 865 cases since 2026. That averages out to be 108 cases per month she said. We haven't fully made the transition to electronic filing yet, which means we have a lot of paper in our office. Our file cabinets are completely full. We're running out of space in our office, so we do have storage in the jail. There's mildew there, and our records are in that jail.

Hopefully, sometime in the future, we'll be able to store our records properly within the jail. Utilize that jail because it's a building right across the street. I say all that about the project because it leads me to a very important topic that is weighing heavily on my heart. I have an office full of very intelligent and hardworking women. This project that they are working on for the county, in addition to their heavy workload, is tremendous. My clerks aren't just sitting at their desks. People are constantly coming in, and we handle all of these matters with dignity and respect for everyone that walks into the office. Our office, in addition to 865 cases that we opened this year, our office has daily dockets with judges. We have to scan and reopen. Cases close, deputy clerks are going to docket calls at different court proceedings. Everything that the judge, every trial that the judge has, our clerks are there. And sometimes it is six thirty or seven o'clock before they leave, we file deeds, mortgages, and affidavits. Three hundred and twenty-eight documents per month are recorded within the county. We make deposits every day. The money that comes into our office, we deposit every day. I say all this about the clerks in my office, but I know that each office in the courthouse can say the same thing about their employees. We have some dedicated, diligent workers in Ouachita County. They are still taking home what I took home a decade ago when I worked in the assessor's office. The cost of living has increased drastically during that time, and the fifty cents raises and the three percent raises that we've gotten in the past do not begin to touch grocery bills, water bills, light bills, and don't mention the gas bill. Our employees are and. If you want a county to function, you need workers, and we've got some good workers. We have employees that have been with us for decades, and they have decades of experience. We have employees with associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, who choose to work here at our county to make it better, and they work with a smile. But times are getting harder, and they have to make a decision to stay. And we need them. We need these strong, hard-working individuals in the courthouse to stay with the county to keep the county running smoothly. If you want a good county, you need good workers, and we have that in Ouachita County. I won't mention any names. And I'm not sure if the committee that you promised was checking whether or not we will be able to get raises. I don't know if that committee was formed, but I know that we weren't informed. The committee said that they would come together and include some of the employees so that we can see where we are on the Raises for the employees. That never happened. We were also told that if each office eliminated one position, then the employees maybe have a chance of getting a raise. At this time, at these five to six positions. I want to make it clear that as an elected, Circuit Clerk, I am willing to permanently give up a position, and some of the other clerks may feel the same way, if it means giving a raise to a group of individuals that have not had raises. But we are here tonight to ask you to prayerfully consider giving our employees, the best employees in Ouachita County, a decent raise.

Abby Nicholson voiced her concern about the flock cameras I'm speaking tonight because there was recently an article in our Camden newspaper about three weeks ago that said there had been no public outcry over the flock cameras or the Axium cameras or whatever company we're calling these cameras on the poles that are taking everybody's pictures and tracking everybody's moves. I'm saying I do not like them. I do not want them. I want them removed. I did not vote for this. No one asked us. This is happening all over, all over our country. We thankfully have yet to see the true civil unrest, which is good because we don't have many of them yet. With people cutting them down, shooting them, running into them, nobody wants that happening. Me included. People, do y'all know about them? Also, let me just ask: Do y'all know about them? Because there's also been a lot of JPs that don't. Okay. So one last minute. I should have started with that. I apologize. I'm a little nervous. We don't have too many of them, but we do have them. All right, they've been put up covertly. The citizens did not know about them. Someone did, but someone had to pay to put them up in our county. I don't know who. I would like to know who. I don't know if that's something y'all do. Y'all voted on it or not, or if it's just that. The budget money that y'all appropriate to the different counties, the different sheriff department, or whatever, road people. I know y'all don't. Y'all aren't running the cameras. I get that. But if y'all have the ability to say no, please say no. Every time we drive by one, they take our picture. They're taking a picture of our license plate. Lord help you if you have your phone with you and it's on Bluetooth. Guess what? It's talking with the camera. It's logging your movements. It's tracking you, and it saves for I don't really know how long.

Thirty days is what I've heard. It could be longer. It may not be. We don't know. We weren't asked. We weren't told. So how much can you trust what you hear?

Election Commissioner Chairman Eddie Horton appeared before the Quorum Court with Commissioner member Mike Wynn. The Commission said Missy Chambers will appear on the November ballot unopposed for Treasurer/Collector the office for which the voters have already voted on in the Primary Election. The commissioner said that changing the ballot after the voters had voted on in the Primary could raise concerns for Election Integrity. Chairman Eddie Horton said we did not circumvent anything. We did not know what was going to be on that ballot. Justice Vaughan stated he didn't recall Quorum Court voting to combine or separate the offices. Justice Vaughan said he wants this matter placed before Ouachita County voters in a future election.

The Election Commissions presented to the Quorum Court with information on the SAU tech location also known as the Uptown Center and Adult Education Center. They stated that it is around 2,320 square feet. Chairman Eddie Horton said that rate discussed was $577.59 per month with utilities included. He stated the space could provide offices, storage, conference area and room for election equipment and records. Chairman Eddie Horton said it could be used for early voting also. Justice Lilly inquired if the building also has sufficient space for Ms. Nettles' storage needs also, Eddie Horton said that he would pass along the Courthouse's interest to SAU Tech before moving ahead with a deal between the Election Commission and the school.

Justin Freeland stated he was an Independent Candidate for County Judge. He asked the Quorum Court why is it so hard to find dates and times of the Quorum Court Meetings. Justice Lilly said meeting notices are provided to local paper and radio as required for each month. Angela Johnson, an employee of the Circuit Clerk's office, stated that a new county website is being developed and will include pages for the courthouse offices and Quorum Court information. Mr. Freeland asks how meeting notices and election information was made available to the public. Mr. Freeland asked about where the ballot drawing was posted. Election Coordinator Melissa Vaughan stated it was posted in the paper and that she had personally called every candidate to make sure they had received notice of the drawing.

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-044 (2026 OPERATING BUDGET) TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE JAIL OPERATING FUND, JAIL OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE 1. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-044 (2026 Operating Budget) is hereby amended to appropriate a total of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($60,000.00) to the following line item to whit

ARTICLE 2.

TO:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3017.0418	1004	Contract Labor	$60,000.00

FROM:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3017.0418	1001	Full-Time Salaries	$21,209.90
3017.0418	1009	Health Insurance	$ 7,384.85
unappropriated balance			$31,405.25

Following Discussion, Justice Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-012 seconded by Justice Vaughan. Upon roll call 11 aye. None opposed.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: COUNTY JAIL IS IN NEED OF A BOILER FOR KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY ROOM

ARTICLE 1. Emergency Ordinance 2025-044 (2026 Operating Budget) is hereby amended to appropriate a total of FORTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($49,000.00) to the following line item

ARTICLE 2.

TO:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3017/0418	2022	Plumbing and Electrical	$49,000.00

Article 1. Ordinance is for Jail Operating to purchase a boiler for the kitchen and laundry room at the Ouachita County Detention Complex.

Article 2. This is an emergency ordinance directed by legislative audit

Article 3. The funds are to come from unappropriated balance of County General.

Article 4. An emergency is therefore declared to exist and this Ordinance for Jail Operating shall be in full force and in effect from and after its date of approval.

Following Discussion, Justice Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-013 seconded by Justice Wolfe. Upon roll call 11 aye. None opposed.

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

WHEREAS: Ouachita County, Arkansas is applying for a grant, through the Association of Arkansas Counties, to scan County Land Records to a fully integrated land records management software system; and

WHEREAS: the proposed scanning will also give an updated public search product for our courthouse search stations as well as remote access for those who wish to search from home or their office; and

WHEREAS: the purpose to preserve the history for our future generations; and

WHEREAS: purchase updated software computers and server completion of scanning project

WHEREAS: the Quorum Court of Ouachita County Arkansas recognizes the need for this project, concurs its importance, understands there will be no cost to the County for this grant and wholeheartedly supports the efforts to proceed with this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Judge of Ouachita 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 $50,000.00 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.
Following Discussion, Justice Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-006 seconded by Justice Hardy. Upon roll call 11 aye. None opposed.

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-044 (2026 OPERATING BUDGET) TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, ASSESSOR BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE 1. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-044 (2026 Operating Budget) is hereby amended to appropriate a total of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) to the following line item to wit:

ARTICLE 2.

TO:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000/0105	3101	Training and Education	$500.00

ARTICLE 3. Source of funds to come from Assessment Coordinator Department

ARTICLE 4. This Ordinance is for training for our Assessor's Office employee

ARTICLE 5. All Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after its date of approval.

Following Discussion, Justice Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-014 seconded by Justice Vaughan. Upon roll call 11 aye. None opposed.

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-044 (2026 OPERATING BUDGET) TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE JAIL OPERATING FUND, JAIL BUDGET AND SHERIFF BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE 1. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-044 (2026 Operating Budget) is hereby amended to appropriate a total of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($200,000.00) to the following line item to wit

ARTICLE 2.

TO:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3017/0400	1001	Full Time Salaries	$100,000.00
3017/0418	1001	Full Time Salaries	$100,000.00

ARTICLE 3. Source of funds to come from County General Unappropriated Balance

ARTICLE 4. This Ordinance is to place money in the Jail Operating Fund, Sheriff Budget and Jail Budget

ARTICLE 5. All Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after its date of approval.

Following Discussion, Justice Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-015 seconded by Justice West. Upon roll call 11 aye. None opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

There is no further business to come before the Ouachita County Quorum Court, a motion was made by Justice Russell, seconded by Justice Tyler, that the meeting be adjourned. All aye. Opposed none.

Approved By:_____ Date of Approval: October 6, 2026
Robert McAdoo, County Judge

Attest: _____ Date of Approval: October 6, 2026
Sherri Hunter, County Clerk

OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2026-___

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-044 (2026 OPERATING BUDGET) TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, NINE ONE ONE BUDGET AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE 1. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-044 (2026 Operating Budget) is hereby amended to appropriate a total of EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND FIFTY TWO CENTS ($8,339.52) to the following line item to whit:

ARTICLE 2.

TO:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3020/0501	1002	Part Time Salaries	$8,339.52

ARTICLE 3. Source of funds to come from unappropriated balance of Nine One One.

ARTICLE 4. This Ordinance is for a Nine One One Part Time Employee.

ARTICLE 5. All Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after its date of approval.

APPROVED: ATTEST:

ROBERT A. MCADOO, COUNTY JUDGE SHERRI HUNTER, COUNTY CLERK

Date of Passage: **10/6/26**

Sponsor(s): Justice Fred Lilly

OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2026-___

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-044 (2026 OPERATING BUDGET) TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, ELECTION BUDGET, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE 1. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-044 (2026 Operating Budget) is hereby amended to appropriate a total of ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS ($1,732.77) to the following line item to whit

ARTICLE 2.

TO:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000/0109	3070	Rent-Land and Building	$1,732.77

ARTICLE 3. Source of funds to come from unappropriated balance of County General

ARTICLE 4. This Ordinance is for SAU Tech building rental for voting and storage of voting machines.

ARTICLE 5. All Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after its date of approval.

APPROVED: ATTEST:

ROBERT A. MCADOO, COUNTY JUDGE SHERRI HUNTER, COUNTY CLERK

Date of Passage: 10/6/26

Sponsor(s): Justice Fred Lilly

OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2026-___

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-044 (2026 OPERATING BUDGET) TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE 1. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-044 (2026 Operating Budget) is hereby amended to appropriate a total of EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND SIXTY-SIX CENTS ($8,855.66) to the following line item to whit

ARTICLE 2.

TO:

FUND/BUDGET	LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000/0300	2022	Plumbing and Electrical	$8,855.66

ARTICLE 3. Source of funds to come from unappropriated balance of County General

ARTICLE 4. This Ordinance is for replacement of a 21 year old air conditioner.

ARTICLE 5. All Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after its date of approval.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____

ROBERT A. MCADOO, COUNTY JUDGE SHERRI HUNTER, COUNTY CLERK

Date of Passage: 10/6/26

Sponsor(s): Justice Fred Lilly