PROPOSED ORDINANCE 23-36

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 2024, to amend Faulkner County Ordinance 20-02, and to declare an emergency.

Section 1: ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

The annual budget for calendar year 2024 identified as "2024 Annual Budget, Faulkner County, Arkansas", dated November, 2023 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 that 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: Per Diem

Article 1 of Faulkner County Ordinance 20-02 is hereby amended as follows:

Article 1. Quorum Court members may receive a per diem of \$750.00 for attending any regular meetings of the Faulkner County Quorum Court.

In accordance with A.C.A. §14-14-1205, a member of the Quorum Court may receive per diem compensation for one meeting per year for which the member is absent due to an emergency or for personal reasons. The per diem compensation shall not exceed \$14,458.00 during the calendar year of 2024.

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All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.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 7: 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, 2024.

Section 8: 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, 2024.

Passed by the Quorum Court on November 21, 2023.

Affirm **Attest:** Allen Dodson

Margaret Darter Quorum Court Secretariat Faulkner County, Arkansas

Faulkner County Judge Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: November 21, 2023 Dated: November 21, 2023