

## ORDINANCE NO. 2023 -

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1978-1, TO REVISE THE OBLIGATIONS, DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD FOR SALINE COUNTY."**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Saline County Ordinance No. 1978-1 ("Library Ordinance") established an administrative county library board for Saline County ("Saline County Library Board");

**WHEREAS**, Arkansas Code Annotated § ~~14-15-705~~ 14-14-705 authorizes a county administrative board to exercise administrative powers granted by county ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court of Saline County ("Quorum Court") has determined that it is in the best interest of Saline County residents that the administrative powers granted to the Saline County Library Board be amended.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

**Article 1.** The Library Ordinance, Saline County Ordinance No. 1978-1, is hereby amended and revised by this Ordinance as set forth below.

Article 5. The Saline County Library Board created by this Ordinance shall have ~~full and complete authority, subject to oversight by the Saline County Judge,~~ to manage, operate, maintain and keep in a good state of repair any and all buildings, equipment or installations of any kind used and devoted to the purpose of the Saline County Public Library as the same exists at the time the said Board receives them or as may be added or changed hereafter. ~~The Saline County Library Board shall have the power and duty to employ or remove all employees of the Saline County Public Library and to fix, regulate and pay their salaries.~~ The Board shall have the exclusive right and power, subject to the Saline County Judge's oversight, to make purchases of all supplies and equipment and other property and things requisite and necessary for the operation and management of the Saline County Public Library. This power includes contracting for or purchasing including new construction and equipment as needed it being the intention of this Ordinance to vest in said Board the authority to operate, manage, maintain equipment and control the Saline County Public Library all subject to county purchasing all statutory and constitutional laws of Arkansas.

Article 6. The Saline County Library Board shall have authority to enter into contracts, other than for the purposes of employment, with persons, firms, corporations or organizations including all levels of government and municipal corporations for any legitimate purpose in furtherance of the operation of the Saline County Public Library, subject to all applicable state and local laws.

Article 7. The Board shall adopt such rules, policies, procedures, and regulations as it may deem necessary and expedient for the proper operation and management of The Saline County Public Library, not inconsistent with this Ordinance or the laws of the State of Arkansas, and shall have authority to alter, change or amend such rules and regulations at its discretion. Prior to adoption of any rules, policies, procedures, or regulations under this Article, the Board shall submit the proposals to the Saline County Judge for review. The Board shall have the final authority to adopt or amend any rules, policies, procedures, or regulations subject to all applicable state and local laws.

Article 8. The Board shall submit quarterly reports beginning three months after its organization, and each three months thereafter, reporting in full on the operations, including an accounting of receipts and disbursements, to the County Judge and the Quorum Court, and shall furnish such other and further reports data and information as may be requested by the County Judge and the Quorum Court. The quarterly report to the County Judge and the Quorum Court with respect to receipts and disbursements shall be certified as correct by said Board. Said Board shall also submit to the County Judge and the Quorum Court an annual third-party audit by a non-governmental accounting firm of the operations of said Saline County Public Library. The Board shall submit a detailed line-by-line library budget during the county's annual budget process, for review and approval by the Quorum Court, and subject to appropriation by the Quorum Court.

Article 9. All sums collected by said Board shall become County funds and be deposited in the County Treasury in a separate fund to be called the Saline County Public Library Fund. All county monies for the operation of the Saline County Public Library shall be provided by Quorum Court appropriation. ~~The Board members shall each furnish to the County a \$2,500.00 property bond, which shall be filed with the County Clerk, which will insure the County against any misappropriation or mishandling of funds.~~ The Board members shall receive no salary, nor other form of monetary compensation for their services. Board members shall cause to be furnished to the County, for filing with the County Clerk, subject to any statutory requirements, sufficient security, through bonding or insurance, to insure the County against any misappropriation or mishandling of funds. The Library Board shall cause to be obtained a primary payer or first payer insurance policy or policies to provide adequate security against claims that may be made due to actions or inactions of the Library Board or Saline County Public Library, against the Library Board or Saline County Public Library, with the County as an additional insured.

**Article 2.** Strikethroughs are words or phrases to be deleted while underlined words or phrases are to be added to Library Ordinance 1978-1. All strikethroughs or underlined additions in this ordinance are to be deemed applied upon passage but prior to publication and application of the terms set forth herein.

**Article 3.** A copy of the amended Library Ordinance, incorporating the additions and deletions set forth in this ordinance, and this ordinance shall be on file in the Office of the County Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

**Article 4.** SEVERABILITY: If any part of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

**Article 5.** REPEALER: Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

DATE: August 21, 2023

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MATT BRUMLEY  
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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