

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-6

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO THE ARPA FUND**

**WHEREAS**, Desha County received an allocation of ARPA funds from the federal government to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the ARPA funds were initially received into the County General Fund through Court Oder CO-2024-13; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to appropriate, and transfer said ARPA funds from the County General Fund to the ARPA Fund to properly account for and expend the funds in accordance with ARPA requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF DESHA COUNTY:**

**Section 1.** The Desha County Quorum Court Members hereby appropriates and transfers the amount of \$62,887.81 from the County General Fund to the ARPA Fund.

**Section 2.** The appropriation and transfer set forth in Section 1 is effective for the fiscal year ending 2024.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge**

**Attest:**

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**Valerie Donaldson, County Clerk**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-7

AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) included a provision for Revenue Replacement Funds to be disbursed to Desha governmental offices to offset revenue losses experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Desha County has calculated unused Revenue Replacement Funds from ARPA in the amount of \$156,266.08; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds designated as Revenue Replacement Funds may be utilized for the provision of government services up to the amount of calculated revenue loss according to the regulations; and

WHEREAS, Desha County has determined that allocating these Revenue Replacement Funds for general government services is a priority need and an eligible use of the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Desha County Arkansas:

Section 1. The amount of \$156,266.08 from the American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement Funds is hereby allocated for Desha governmental departments including specific services like public safety, administration, landfill, road department, public works, etc.

Section 2. In order to access and utilize a portion of the allocated funds, each governmental department requesting funds must submit request to the Desha County Judge and a resolution must be prepared and submitted to the Desha County Quorum Court specifying the project(s) and amount of funding requested for that department's government services.

Section 3. The Desha County Judge is authorized to take all actions necessary to administer the allocated funds in compliance with ARPA requirements and resolutions approved by the Desha County Quorum Court.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge

Attest \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8

AN ORDINANCE OF DESHA COUNTY, ARKANSAS, ALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FROM THE REVENUE REPLACEMENT CATEGORY TO THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.

WHEREAS, the Desha County has received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support local recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to allocate a portion of its ARPA funds under the Revenue Replacement category to support government services; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Youth Program provides essential services to the youth of Desha County, promoting their well-being, development, and recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to allocate \$40,000 in ARPA Revenue Replacement funds to support the Summer Youth Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Desha County, Arkansas, as follows:

Section 1. Allocation of Funds

The sum of \$40,000 is hereby allocated from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement funds to the Summer Youth Program for the purpose of supporting youth services and programs in Desha County.

Section 2. Use of Funds

The allocated funds shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting the Summer Youth Program and its related activities, in accordance with ARPA guidelines and regulations.

Section 3. Administration

The County Treasurer shall be responsible for administering the allocated funds and ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and reporting requirements.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Valarie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

DESHA COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
May 16, 2024

Desha County Quorum Court met May 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Desha County Courthouse.

CALL TO ORDER: Judge, Tindall

OPENING PRAYER: JP3, Patricia Watkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

JP	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
1	Troy Jackson Jr	X	
2	G. Lynn Weather	X	
3	Patricia Watkins	X	
4	Ricky Helton	X	
5	Hollis Mankin	X	
6	Kenneth Holt Jr	X	
7	Rita Kolb	X	
8	Dollie Wilson	X	
9	Norris Sims	X	

I. MINUTES

The April minutes were approved as mailed with a motion to accept by JP 5, Hollis Mankin and seconded by JP 8, Dollie Wilson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by JP 2, G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 1, Troy Jackson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

III. Sheriff's Report

The report was approved by JP 7, Rita Kolb and seconded by JP 5, Hollis Mankin.

IV. Old business- None

V. New Business

The County Judge will be accepting bids on six County Work Trucks.

The County will auction off several Road Dept Trucks, Sheriff Vehicles, and landfill Dept Work Trucks at a later date.

The Episcopalian Church next to the courthouse is listed as an endangered historical building, Grants are trying to be located to restore it in the near future.

There will be a new sound system and cameras installed in the courthouse by way of a grant.

Sheriff Mitch Grant spoke about the prospect of building and operating a County Jail. Several JP'S were for it, and several were against it. Nothing has been decided at this time.

VI. Announcements- None

VII. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by JP 2 G. Lynn Weatherford and seconded by JP 7 Rita Kolb.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Tindall, Desha County Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Donaldson, Desha County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESHA COUNTY SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR THE SELECTED TRAFFIC ENFORCMENT PROGRAM (S.T.E.P.) OVERTIME GRANT THROUGH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE**

**WHEREAS** the Arkansas Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office has made available an FY 2025 equipment and S.T.E.P. Overtime grant to all Arkansas Law Enforcement Agencies who participate in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Selected Traffic Enforcement Program, or S.T.E.P. The Desha County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for equipment to further its participation in the S.T.E.P. program, and to help make the roadways in Desha County safe for the motoring public. Specially, The Desha County Sheriff's Office will apply for overtime reimbursement, patrol radars, and portable breath tests machines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Desha County Quorum Court has approved the Desha County Sheriff to apply for the FY 2025 Arkansas Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office equipment and S.T.E.P. Overtime grant in the amount of \$235,918.39 to be used to for overtime reimbursement, and the purchase of new patrol radars and portable breath test machines, that is necessary to equip the personnel and vehicles of the Desha County Sheriff's Office, to assist in protecting the motoring public.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County of Desha Quorum Court and signed by me, and the County Clerk, in authentication of its passage, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
RICHARD TINDALL DESHA COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
VALERIE DONALDSON DESHA COUNTY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE LINE OF SUCCESSION OF THE DESHA COUNTY SHERIFF DURING AN EMERGENCY VACANCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, 14-14-1310(c)(2) of the Arkansas Code provides for the interim filling of a vacancy in the Office of the Sheriff during times of emergency declared pursuant to 12-75-107 or 12-75-108 of the Arkansas Code, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff has created a policy statement, to which he has affixed his signature, designating three persons in succession to fill a vacancy in the Office of the Sheriff, in the event of a vacancy during a declared emergency, on an interim basis until any disability of the Sheriff is abated or until such a vacancy is otherwise filled by the Quorum Court,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF DESHA COUNTY ARKANSAS THAT:**

The attached policy statement of Desha County Sheriff Mitch Grant is hereby incorporated by reference and the line of succession established by said policy is hereby confirmed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County of Desha Quorum Court and signed by me, and the County Clerk, in authentication of its passage, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
RICHARD TINDALL DESHA COUNTY JUDGE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MITCH GRANT DESHA COUNTY SHERIFF

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
VALERIE DONALDSON DESHA COUNTY CLERK

**POLICY STATEMENT**  
**DESHA COUNTY SHERIFF**

**POLICY ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY VACANCY LINE OF SUCCESSION FOR THE DESHA COUNTY SHERIFF.**

I, Mitch Grant, Desha County Sheriff, acting under the authority vested in me by law, and pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 14-14-1310, do hereby order and direct as follows:

WHEREAS Ark. Code Ann. 14-14-1310 requires that during an emergency or circumstances that warrant a declaration of any emergency, a vacancy in the Office of the Sheriff due to death or disability to the degree of inability to perform the duties of the Office of the Sheriff, shall be temporarily filled by a policy statement of the Sheriff issued prior to the incapacity of the Sheriff, designating three (3) person in succession to fill the vacancy of the Office of the Sheriff on an interim basis until such time as the vacancy is filled by the quorum court as provided by law or the disability of the Sheriff is abated.

THEREFORE, the line of succession for the Desha County Sheriff is hereby established in order of succession as follows:

1. Chief Deputy
2. CID Lieutenant
3. Patrol Sergeant

A copy of this policy statement shall be filed in the office of the Desha County Clerk and a file marked copy shall be provided to the Desha County Quorum Court and the Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2024

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Mitch Grant, Desha County Sheriff