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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2021-14, THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET, GRANT COUNTY ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan, Public Law No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021), was adopted into law and provided States, Cities, Counties and Tribal Governments funds for the purpose of addressing the various adverse impacts of COVID-19 upon these governmental units and society, including premium pay for essential workers defined by Interim Final Rule definitions in pertinent part, as any work performed by a County employee involving regular in-person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others; and

WHEREAS, 31 C.F.R. Part 35 the US Treasury Interim Final Rule, sets forth the authority and need for providing premium pay to assure the retention and support for essential workers and public functions; and

WHEREAS, based on the Interim Final Rule, Grant County Ordinance 2021-11 established and appropriated funds for premium pay for eligible county employees for the period March 7, 2020 to March 6, 2021 from the American Rescue Plan Fund 3026; and

WHEREAS, section 4 of Ordinance 2021-11 adopted a newly revised per diem rate for Justice of the Peace for calendar year 2021 retroactive to January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, section 5 of Ordinance 2021-11 amended Ordinance 2020-11, "The 2021 Annual Budget, Grant County Arkansas" and appropriated funds to pay the Justice of the Peace from the American Rescue Plan Fund 3046 for the increase in the per diem rate; and

WHEREAS, the US Treasury Final Rule has been issued with revisions and Arkansas Legislative Audit has determined that the payment of the new per diem for the Justice of the Peace should not have been expended from the American Rescue Plan Fund 3046 and a transfer of unrestricted funds should be made to the American Rescue Plan Fund 3046 to offset said expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the amount of per diem pay for the Justice of the Peace from the American Rescue Plan Fund 3046 amounted to \$50,380.20 for salaries and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, based upon changes in the Final Rule and recommendation from Arkansas Legislative Audit all money in the American Rescue Plan Fund 3046 was transferred to a newly established ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund 1006 and American Rescue Plan Fund 3046 was eliminated.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Grant County, Arkansas:

Section 1. Budget Amendment.

Ordinance 2021-14 the 2022 Annual Budget, Grant County Arkansas is hereby amended to appropriate a transfer of \$50,380.20 from the County General Reserve Fund 1001 to the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund 1006 to offset the expenditures related to the Justice of the Peace per diem pay from American Rescue Plan Fund 3046, which subsequently has been changed to ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund 1006.

Section 2. Purpose. This Ordinance shall constitute new appropriations for the purposes specified for the calendar year 2022 subject only to revision or modification by the Quorum Court.

Section 3. Revenue. Ordinance 2021-14 the 2022 Annual Budget, Grant County Arkansas is hereby amended to reflect unanticipated revenues for the following:

ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund 1006

\$ 50,380.20 transfer from County General Reserve Fund.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of the Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. Under the general laws of the State of Arkansas, appropriation ordinances are enacted without separate readings upon a two-third vote of the Quorum Court and shall take effect upon passage and approval.

Date of Passage: 9/14/22

Approved: 
Randy Pruitt, County Judge

Date: 9/19/22

Attest: 
Gerald Harrison, County Clerk

Sponsor(s): 