

RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH LONESTAR TACTICAL BUILDINGS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE TRAINING FACILITY AND AMENDING THE 2025 PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$463,045 FOR THE BUILD OF A FIRE TRAINING FACILITY USING CASH ON HAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Benton, Arkansas, after having advertised for bids has determined that the bid submitted by Lonestar Tactical Buildings is the lowest acceptable bid for the construction of the Fire Training Facility and should, therefore, award the contract to this lowest bidder.

WHEREAS, the City of Benton, Arkansas, will use cash on hand within the Public Safety fund for the building of the new Fire Training Facility and therefore requires a budget amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The bid by Lonestar Tactical Buildings is the lowest acceptable bid and said bid should be accepted and awarded to Lonestar Tactical Buildings for the construction of the new Fire Training Facility. The bid tab is attached hereto as Exhibit “1” to this resolution.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the City, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Lonestar Tactical Buildings as well as execute other such documents as may be necessary and convenient to accomplish this purpose. The Mayor is likewise authorized on behalf of the City to pay Lonestar Tactical Buildings those sums that become due and payable over the course of the contract term.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code §§14-58-202 and 14-58-203, the City Council does amend the FY2025 City of Benton Budget as adopted in Resolution No. 142 of 2024. The budget revisions are attached hereto as Exhibit “2” to this resolution and are more fully described.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February 2025.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

City of Benton, Arkansas

Public Safety Fund Budget Amendment FY 2025



The Finance Committee of the City of Benton does hereby submit for approval a budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2025. This submittal includes a revision for the Public Safety I

Section 1 defines the dollar amount of the amendments contained in this exhibit.

Section 2 is a detailed explanation of the amended Funding and Disbursements.

Section 1: Amended Appropriations – Fiscal Year 2025

Public Safety Fund

	Beginning Approved Budget	Budget Amendment	Revised Budget
Receipts	\$5,765,000	\$0	\$5,765,000
Supplies, Repair & Mtc	\$372,300	\$0	\$372,300
Other Services & Charges	\$328,651	\$0	\$328,651
Miscellaneous	\$118,350	\$0	\$118,350
Capital Items & Transfers	\$6,202,345	\$463,045	\$6,665,390
Total Budget	(\$1,256,646)		(\$1,719,691)

Section 2: Funding & Disbursements – Fiscal Year 2025

Public Safety Fund

Expenditures

This budget amendment approves the increase in line item 8002.00 Facility Capital Outlay to be used by the Fire Department to build a new Fire Training Facility. Funds used will be from cash on hand within the Public Safety fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SALINE COUNTY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SALINE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT – BENTON DIVISION JUDGE’S SALARY; AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS OF \$35,651.60 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Benton, Arkansas, and Saline County have jointly paid a proportional share of the salary of the District Court Judge pursuant to Act 1219 of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to approve the amounts required of it by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City to enter into an agreement for the 2025 calendar year at a rate of \$35,651.60;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Benton, contracts with Saline County for the payment of the Saline County District Court – Benton Division Judge’s salary. The contract is attached hereto collectively as Exhibit “1.”

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February 2025.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

Act 1219 of 2011 State District Court Program

2025 Calendar Year Proportionate Share Agreement

WHEREAS; Act 1219 of 2011 states that the State of Arkansas shall pay the salary and benefits of state district court judges; Act 663 further provides that each county and town or city that has a state district court judgeship created shall pay to the state an amount equal to its proportionate share of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the base salary established by law for that county and town or city's state district court judge; and

WHEREAS; Act 1219 of 2011 established a base salary of \$117,300 in 2011 for a state district court judge; and

WHEREAS; Act 1219 of 2011 provides that a county and town or city that has a state district court judgeship created may agree in writing on the amount to be paid to the state by the county and town or city for its proportionate share of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the salary established by law for its state district court judge;

THEREFORE, an agreement has been reached between the **Saline County** and the **City of Benton, Arkansas** to pay to the state one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the state district court judge's salary or **\$58,650** as follows:

Saline County District 1	Paying	\$22,998.40
City of Benton	Paying	\$35,651.60


Payments hereunder shall commence on or before January 15, 2025, and shall be made to the State. Monthly, quarterly, biannually, or annually are all acceptable payment schedules.



Saline County Judge



Date



Saline County Treasurer



Date

Benton Mayor

Date

ORDINANCE NO. 9 OF 2025

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2025 STAGE RENTAL RATES
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas, has determined it is in the best interest of the City to set rental rates for the stage equipment, which will help fund the operations of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

SECTION 1: The City Council does hereby adopt the stage rental rates, which are attached hereto collectively as Exhibit “1” to this ordinance. The fees collected from these rates shall be used by the Parks and Recreation Department to fund its operations and expenses.

SECTION 2: The rates established herein shall remain in effect until such time as the City Council modifies them by ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of February 2025.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

Rental Rates: Benton Parks Stage

Stage	Rate Cost	Deposit
<i>Farmers Bank Stage</i>	<i>\$2,500/day</i>	<i>\$500 – Fee goes towards rental</i>
<i>Pop Up Riser</i>	<i>\$100/day</i>	<i>-----</i>

**Rental includes staffing setup/teardown and mandatory onsite visit for stage location. Farmers Bank Stage - Banners must be displayed onstage for all events. All rental usage will remain within city limits.*

Sponsor, Farmers Bank and Trust, will be given 2 (two) rentals per year at no cost.

Rental Deposit

If damages are incurred to either equipment and/or facility, renter of record on the contract will be billed accordingly. Renter will not be able to utilize parks facilities or programs until payment is made.

ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE “CITY OF BENTON EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK”; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Benton, Arkansas, adopted the “Personnel Policies and Practices for Employees of the City of Benton” manual by Ordinance No. 46 of 2023, which was passed and approved on September 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires and intends to provide an amendment to that employee handbook for clarity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The City does hereby adopt, by reference, the “City of Benton Employee Handbook,” as amended, which is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2: All City of Benton Ordinances, Resolutions, Employee Personnel Policies, and parts thereof in conflict with the “City of Benton Employee Handbook” as adopted by this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, but not otherwise.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk shall, upon the passage and approval of this ordinance, replace the “Personnel Policies and Practices for Employees of the City of Benton” manual currently maintained in the Clerk’s office, and shall thereafter maintain and keep on file at least three (3) copies of the “City of Benton Employee Handbook” manual as adopted by this ordinance; and at least three (3) copies of the text of this Ordinance for use and examination by the public.

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

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in effect April 1, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February 2025.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk



**FOR A COPY OF THE CITY OF BENTON HANDBOOK, PLEASE
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