

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2025-21 FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR CRAIGHEAD COUNTY IN REGARDS TO ELECTED POSITIONS FOR
CORRECTIONS OF A SCRIVENERS ERROR AND TO CONFORM TO PREVIOUSLY
ESTABLISHED PAY SCALE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE 2022-36, AND FOR OTHER
MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO AND AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2025-21 established the budget for Craighead County for calendar year 2026, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2022-36 set forth an Ordinance establishing pay scales based upon years of elected service and rewards for longevity in service, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2022-36, provided for a long-term approach to benefit elected officials and reward their long-lasting service to Craighead County, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2025-21, effectively provided a higher increase in each elected official's pay scale that violated the pay scale set forth in 2022-36 of which was originally passed and approved during the wide scope review and increase of all elected positions;

WHEREAS, after a request was made, it was brought forth to provide an appropriate ordinance to conform to the pay scale listed in 2022-36 as well as codified in Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 14-14-1204, et seq., passed and adopted on December 20th, 2022

WHEREAS, due to a scrivener's error in the passage of 2025-21, which was a slight and unintentional mistake that didn't reflect the true agreement between the elected officials and the Citizens of Craighead County,

WHEREAS, to prevent any unjust enrichment and unfair gain against the citizens of Craighead County to align with previous law, and concern that elected officials may receive funds in excess of previous law, the following Amendment to Ordinance 2025-21 shall be as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2025-21 shall be added to read as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT A INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AS THOUGH SET FORTH WORD FOR WORD HEREIN.

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2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the ordinance, which remains effective, absent the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

In an effort to ensure that elected officials do not receive funds that exceed the amounts and set forth in Arkansas Code Ann. Sections 14-14-1204 and set by the court in 2022-36, there is declared an emergency and this Ordinance shall be in effect upon it's passage thereof.

APPROVED:



MARVIN DAY, COUNTY JUDGE

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST



MARY DAWN MARSHALL, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____

Votes for: _____ Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

The costs of publication _____

EXHIBIT A

Elected Position Title	Fund	Dept/Line	Previous 2025-21 Appropriation	Corrected Appropriation	Difference
County Judge		1000 0100-1001	\$ 65,982.53	\$ 62,840.50	\$ 3,142.03
County Judge		2000 0200-1001	\$ 65,982.53	\$ 62,840.50	\$ 3,142.03
County Clerk		1000 0101-1001	\$ 101,348.42	\$ 96,522.30	\$ 4,826.12
Circuit Clerk		1000 0102-1001	\$ 101,348.42	\$ 96,522.30	\$ 4,826.12
Treasurer		1000 0103-1001	\$ 108,587.59	\$ 103,416.75	\$ 5,170.84
Collector		1000 0104-1001	\$ 108,587.59	\$ 103,416.75	\$ 5,170.84
Assessor		1000 0105-1001	\$ 108,587.59	\$ 103,416.75	\$ 5,170.84
Justice of the Peace		1000 0107-1001	\$ 188,436.61	\$ 179,466.30	\$ 8,970.31
Sheriff		1000 0400-1001	\$ 131,965.05	\$ 125,681.00	\$ 6,284.05
Coroner		1000 0419-1001	\$ 108,587.59	\$ 103,416.75	\$ 5,170.84
			Total amount adjusted		\$51,874.02