

AGENDA
CLARK COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AUGUST 10, 2026
Clark County Court Complex Building
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- CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM
 - ROLL CALL
 - INVOCATION
 - ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - DISPOSITION OF MINUTES
 - COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS
 - PUBLIC COMMENT
 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - NEW BUSINESS:
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1. A Proposed Ordinance 2026-08 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PUROPOSES” Sponsor: *Justice Scott*.
 2. Betsy Fisher to give her Annual Library Report.
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- DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY
 - JUDGE TUCKER’S REPORT
 - OTHER BUSINESS
 - ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY QUORUM COURT
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 13, 2026

The Clark County Quorum Court met on the above date at 5:30 pm in the District Courtroom. Judge Troy Tucker presided. The roll was called by County Clerk Tracy Pruitt. The following justices were present: Michael Ankton, Wayne Baumgardner, Zach Bledsoe, Tracy Drake, Vanilla Hannah, BJ Johns, Jenna Scott, Llewellyn Terry and Stuart Thomas.

County Judge Troy Tucker called the meeting to order. Justice Terry gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Justice Johns made the motion to adopt the agenda by adding New Business #3 A Proposed Resolution 2026-05 "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLARK COUNTY JUDGE IN SIGNING AMBULANCE CONTRACT WITH PAFFORD MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.". Justice Hannah seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES: Justice Scott made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented by fixing the Disposition of Minutes and Unfinished Business. Justice Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Personnel Committee met on 7/9/26. Justice Thomas reported that the Committee discussed PTO, Electronic Timesheets and Certificate Pay, all of which is tabled, waiting on more information. An AI model policy from AAC was presented to the Committee. The Committee asked that the Clerk send it in to Legal Counsel to be put in Ordinance form and presented to the Quorum Court.

Budget Committee did not meet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Justice Baumgardner made a motion to allow Shelley Short longer than 5 minutes to give her 2nd quarter EDCCC report. Justice Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

Short gave her report. Several justices discussed allowing Public Comment at the EDCCC meetings.

2. Justice Johns made a motion to read by title only A Proposed Appropriation Ordinance 2026-07 "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2026 CLARK COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE NO 2025-21 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO; TO APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION PAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Sponsor: *Justice Bledsoe*. Justice Scott seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

Pruitt read the Ordinance by title only.

Justice Baumgardner made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Justice Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote; Yea: Ankton, Baumgardner, Bledsoe, Drake, Hannah, Johns, Scott, Terry and Thomas.

3. Justice Johns made a motion to read A Proposed Resolution 2026-05 by title only "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLARK COUNTY JUDGE IN SIGNING AMBULANCE CONTRACT WITH PAFFORD MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.". Justice Thomas seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried by voice vote 9-0.

Pruitt read the Resolution by title only.

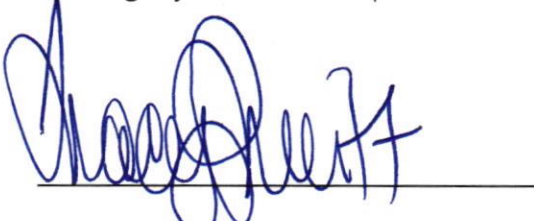
Justice Scott made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Justice Baumgardner seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

JUDGES REPORT:

- We have been asked to pay back a sales tax rebate for \$1.3 million. Treasurer Arnold has opted to pay \$75k a month back for 18 months. We do have the money in our reserve account. We do not know which company has asked.

With there being no further business, Justice Johns made a motion to adjourn. Justice Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Pruitt', is written over a horizontal line.

Tracy Pruitt, Clark County Clerk

**CLARK COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08**

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

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE USE
OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Clark County desires to implement a policy concerning the authorized use of technology resources; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Clark County to create a policy governing the use of artificial intelligence by County officials and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION 1: Purpose.

This Ordinance shall govern artificial intelligence and automated tool policies for Clark County officials and employees.

SECTION 2: Definitions.

As used in this section:

1. "Artificial intelligence" is defined as a machine-based system that can, based on a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing a real or virtual environment.
2. "Automated decision tool" is defined as a system or service that uses artificial intelligence and has been specifically developed and marketed, or specifically modified, to make or be a controlling factor in making consequential decisions.
3. "Employee" is defined as a person employed by a public entity, which includes individuals employed by counties as a political subdivision of the state.
4. "Personally identifiable information" (PII) is defined as information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual.
5. "Technology resources" is defined as:

The machines, devices, and transmission facilities used in information processing, including computers, word processors, terminals, telephones, cables, software, and related products;

The devices used to process information through electronic capture, collection, storage, manipulation, transmission, retrieval, and presentation of information in the form of data, text, voice, or image and includes telecommunications and office automation functions;

Any component related to information processing and wired and wireless telecommunications, including data processing and telecommunications hardware, software, services, planning, personnel, facilities, and training;

The procedures, equipment, and software that are designed, built, operated, and maintained to collect, record, process, store, retrieve, display, and transmit information, and the associated personnel, including consultants and contractors; and

All electronic mail accounts issued by a public entity.

SECTION 3: Authorized Uses.

Artificial intelligence and/or automated decision tools may only be used for the following authorized purposes:

1. Drafting non-confidential documents, presentations, emails, or basic job descriptions;
2. Summarizing publicly available information;
3. Automating repetitive, non-sensitive tasks (e.g., scheduling, formatting);
4. Translating public information into other languages;
5. Brainstorming or generating ideas for general-use content, provided no sensitive or confidential information is included, be sure to verify no copyrighted information/images are included in your final product.
6. Assisting with research using public or non-sensitive data sources.

SECTION 4: Prohibited Uses.

Prohibited uses of artificial intelligence and/or automated decision tools include, but are not limited to:

1. Inputting or exposing personally identifiable information (PII) (e.g., names, addresses, Social Security numbers, employee IDs, etc.).
2. Disclosing protected health information (PH) or information subject to HIPPA, FMLA, ADA, or similar regulations;

3. Inputting or exposing confidential information or sealed information related to cases in the county's courts.
4. Generating or distributing false, misleading, discriminatory, or harassing content;
5. Using AI for automated interactions with government agencies, vendors, or clients that could be perceived as official without clear disclosure;
6. Using AI to make or influence decisions involving legal interpretation, personnel actions, eligibility for services, or enforcement actions without human oversight;
7. Uploading proprietary software code, security configurations, passwords or system architecture diagrams;
8. Relying on AI output as a sole source for legal, medical, financial, or compliance advice; and
9. Using AI to create, reproduce, or distribute content in a way that violates copyright law, including generating material that closely mimics or reproduces copyrighted works without proper rights or attributions.

SECTION 5: Prohibited Activities.

The County's technology resources, artificial intelligence, and automated decision tools shall not be used to:

1. Express a personal political opinion to an elected official unless the opinion is:
 - Within the scope of the employee's regular job duties; or
 - Requested by an elected official or public entity;
2. Engage in lobbying an elected official on a personal opinion if the employee is not a registered lobbyist for the public entity;
3. Engage in illegal activities or activities otherwise prohibited by federal law or state law;
or
4. Intentionally override or avoid the security and system integrity procedures of the public entity.

SECTION 6: Requirement of Human Designee.

Any use of artificial intelligence or automated decision tool requires an authorized human employee or designee to make any final decisions in the course of his or her employment, regardless of what artificial intelligence or automated decision tool the employee or designee recommends.

SECTION 7: Disciplinary Procedures.

Each Elected Official shall create disciplinary procedures for a violation of this policy concerning authorized use of technology resources. The disciplinary procedures created pursuant to this section shall not apply to employee communications made in compliance with the Public Employees Political Freedom Act of 1999, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-501, et seq., or the Arkansas Whistle-Blower Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-601, et seq.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2026 by the
Quorum Court of Clark County, Arkansas.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Troy Tucker, Clark County Judge Date

Tracy Pruitt, Clark County Clerk Date

Sponsored by: Jenna Scott, JP Date

Vetoed: Date

QUORUM COURT SUMMARY SHEET

Must be filled out in its entirety and turned in to the County Clerk's Office no later than 24 hours of the current month's QC Agenda being posted.

Please be aware that you must have at least one JP Sponsor your request before submitting it to the Clerk's Office. You can email them at QuorumCourt@ClarkCountyArkansas.com

Agenda item requested for the AUGUST Regular Quorum Court meeting.

Subject matter: BETSY FISHER TO GIVE THE ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT

Requested by: BETSY FISHER

Proposed Ordinance #: _____

Justice sponsoring me: ZAC BLEDSOE

I AM: FOR AGAINST
 Circle one

Justification for the item of business:

Please attach any other supporting documentation - if you plan to give additional information at the meeting you need to bring enough copies for each JP, Judge and Clerk.

This part to be completed by County Clerk:

FILE STAMP WITH DATE & TIME RECEIVED:

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JUL 23 2026
Clark Co. Clerk