PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 20-05

Sponsored by Justice Randy Higgins

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FAULKNER, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE DELEGATING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT CIRCUIT COURT FINES, FEES, AND COURT COSTS."

Section 1. Affirmation: WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of FAULKNER County recognizes the challenges facing the county official/agency/department designated to collect circuit court fines, fees, restitution, and court costs under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-701 (hereafter collectively referred to as "fines").

<u>Section 2. Legislative Intent</u>: WHEREAS, the Quorum Court deems that additional appropriate and lawful steps are necessary to aide in the collection of circuit court fines under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-709.

<u>Section 3. Designated Authority</u>: WHEREAS, the Quorum Court is specifically authorized under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-709 to delegate the responsibility for the collection of delinquent fines assessed in the circuit and/or district court.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of FAULKNER County, Arkansas that:

The Quorum Court, under its authority granted under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-709 hereby delegates the responsibility for the collection of delinquent fines (as defined under Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-701) assessed in circuit court to the Faulkner County Collector in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §16-13-709, and its employees.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE. The adoption of this Ordinance is an emergency and therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved by the Quorum Court on October 20, 2020

Attest: _____

Margaret Darter Faulkner County Secretariat Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: October 20,2020

Affirm:_____

James Baker Faulkner County Judge Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: October 20, 2020