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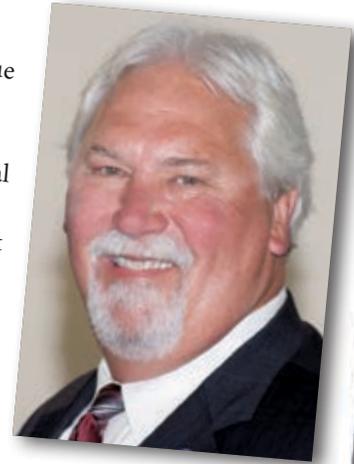
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Dear Friends:

This past month has been a busy one. The 89th General Assembly has finally adjourned. It produced a mixed bag for cities. Most of the Arkansas Municipal League sponsored bills became law, but this session saw quite a few bills introduced that could have adversely affected the cities of our state.

A telecommunication bill passed that will allow cable companies to bypass local control. Arkansas Municipal League Executive Director Don Zimmerman and his staff did the best they could and ended with legislators agreeing to amendments that lessened the negative impact of most of these bills.

Don has an article in this month's magazine that provides a good overview of these bills, now Acts. One really good thing that came out of this session was the Medicaid expansion, known as the "private option," which will provide health insurance for an additional 250,000 Arkansans and should help all of the hospitals in our state.



You will hear more about this year's legislative session at the 79th League Convention this June in Hot Springs. In fact, this is a good time to encourage you to sign up now for the Convention. Early bird registration ends June 7. Hotels are already booking up. Registrants will receive a copy of *2013 General Acts Affecting Arkansas Municipalities*. Many of the League publications will be updated as a result of the legislative session. You will ensure receipt of the updated publications by registering for and attending the Convention.

The AML Executive Committee meets May 22 in Camden, which will conclude all committee and advisory council meetings for my tenure as League president. I'm looking forward to hosting my last Executive Committee meeting in Camden, but I am having a hard time believing that the end of my year as president is fast approaching. I certainly appreciate and want to thank everyone who agreed to serve with me on the various committees and advisory councils. Without everyone's involvement, the Municipal League would not be the strong organization that it is. Be sure to sign up to serve on a committee for next year at the end of the Convention. If you've never been on a committee or council before, this June is the time to get involved.

At the end of April, I had the opportunity to travel to Savannah, Ga., for a meeting of the Southern Municipal Conference (SMC) and watch past League president Paragould Mayor Mike Gaskill take over as this year's SMC chairman. Congratulations to Mike. I went with Don Zimmerman and Star City Mayor Gene Yarbrough, who is also a past League President and chairman of the SMC. It was an interesting meeting, and I learned quite a bit. One of the interesting aspects of the meeting was hearing reports from the executive directors of each of the states' municipal organizations. The common theme was the hard work that each League put in during their respective legislative sessions in protecting their cities from harmful legislation. Some were successful, others not so successful. The South Carolina Municipal Association that has had a public relations campaign underway—"Cities Mean Business"—did not report any problems during its legislative session.

I came away from that meeting convinced that we need to do a better job of educating our citizens on the value of cities. Our cities have been the commerce backbone of this state, and they have been an invaluable part of the economic engine that brought our state through the great recession of 2008, without the debilitating effects that most of our country's states experienced. Historically our state Legislature has recognized the important role that cities have played in the state ("Great Cities Make a Great State") by giving us the tools we need to remain vibrant and to grow. And we have been good stewards of these tools and the responsibility that came with them. We also need to make sure our legislators continue to understand this important role and the need we have for the tools that we use to manage our cities. It is up to us to ensure they recognize the decades of collective legislative wisdom that helped us get to the healthy place we find ourselves now.

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General Assembly wraps up

by Don Zimmerman, Executive Director

Tuesday, April 23 the Arkansas General Assembly on its 100th day completed its work. Sen. President Pro Tem Michael Lamoureux and Speaker of the House Davy Carter have until May 17 to reconvene the General Assembly if necessary to address errors or vetoes. The session was the longest since the Great Depression and was the first since Reconstruction to have Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate.

The session was remarkable in its implementation of the expansion of healthcare to 250,000 uninsured Arkansans. The private option that was developed will likely serve as a national model of how various interests can come together and accomplish a major benefit for our state and its citizens. The steel mill project near Osceola was also approved.

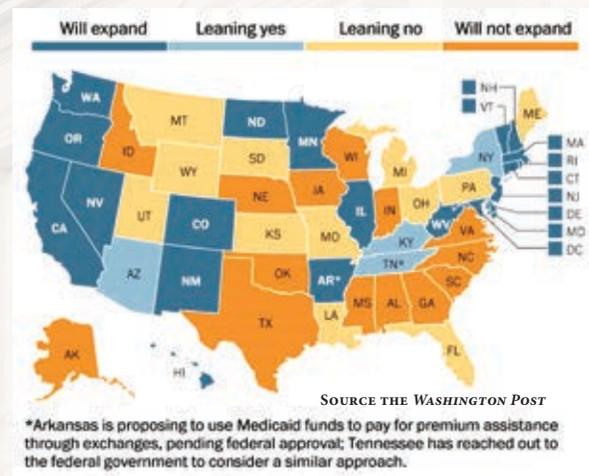
Several bills were introduced that required compromise or opposition. The first was a proposal from the Arkansas Cable TV Association, which was introduced early and was part of a national telecommunications industry effort to remove local control from municipalities regarding cable franchises. With the help of four Senators on the eight-member Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee, we were able to bring major changes to the bill and protect local revenue, programming, pole attachments, etc. There will be, however, the option for cable providers to receive authorization from the Secretary of State to provide service in local jurisdictions without receiving a municipal franchise. The bottom line will be, in most cases, more local revenue but less local control.

Several bills affecting municipal annexation and planning jurisdiction were introduced. The annexation bills were amended by Sens. Bill Sample and Missy Irvin to address our concerns. The planning jurisdiction bills HB 1773 by Rep. Bruce Cozart and HB 1741 by Rep. Bruce Westerman were not compromised. The Senate defeated HB 1741 at our urging, but HB 1773 became Act 1053. It reduces municipal planning jurisdictions from five miles to one, two or three miles depending upon a municipality's population.

Thanks to all municipal officials who conveyed your position on legislation to your Senator and Representatives, and thanks to the legislators for sorting through the various messages that were being received.

For a comprehensive list of new state laws of municipal interest, be sure to get a copy of the *2013 General Acts Affecting Arkansas Municipalities*, which will be distributed at the League's 79th Convention, June 19-21 in Hot Springs. To purchase additional copies of the book, contact League headquarters or visit www.arml.org.

In the following pages you will find brief summaries of most of the new legislation affecting municipalities.



New Acts of 2013 of Municipal Interest

HB 1025	McElroy, Mark	Creates an alternative system of assessments for levee districts that include more than two counties and take action to adopt the alternative system.
	Bill History:	04-02-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 570)
HB 1034	Whitaker, David	Requires members of advertising and promotion commissions to file statements of financial interest.
	Bill History:	02-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 88)
HB 1039	Wardlaw, Jeff Stubblefield, Gary	Creates an exemption from sales and use tax for utilities used in agricultural facilities, including commercial greenhouses, horticulture facilities, and commercial poultry, fish, or livestock facilities.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1441)
HB 1070	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Treasurer of State for State Turnback for counties and municipalities.
	Bill History:	04-05-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 927)
HB 1109	Broadaway, Mary	Makes various technical changes to Alcoholic Beverage Control Division permits for restaurants.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1100)
HB 1123	Kerr, Allen	Requires local elected officials not having served in a contributory position before Jan. 1, 2014 to contribute an additional 2.5% of gross payroll to receive retirement credit at two time the regular rate.
	Bill History:	03-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 288)
HB 1127	Hillman, David	Requires appropriate action by the local depository board for a local government to become a party to a local government joint investment trust.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 217)
HB 1128	Kizzia, David	Deletes the specific reference to “employer sponsored group” health insurance in provision regarding a retiree who elects to return to retiree insurance after first declining retiree insurance because of other coverage.
	Bill History:	03-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 331)
HB 1129	Rice, Terry	Authorizes non-certified fire departments to spend premium insurance funds receipts for insurance for buildings and utilities costs.
	Bill History:	02-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 91)
HB 1143	Burris, John	Prescribes the creation and administration of the “private option” for expansion of health care insurance to low income Arkansans. Companions: SB 1020 Bookout, Paul (Identical) 4-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1497)
	Bill History:	04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1498)
HB 1147	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Treasurer of State for fiscal 2013-14 refund of local taxes.
	Bill History:	02-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 77)
HB 1154	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Department of Finance and Administration disbursing officer for fiscal 2013-14 contributions to interstate organizations, teacher health benefits, the Trial Court Administrative Assistance Fund, and other.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1443)
HB 1156	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Natural Resources Commission for fiscal 2013-14 operations
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 218)
HB 1170	Kerr, Allen	Amends the emergency clause in Act 1065 of 2013 (SB 137), making the act effective the date of its approval by the Governor (April 11, 2013).
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1444)

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Museum honors Japanese Americans' wartime struggle

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

McGehee on April 16 celebrated the opening of the World War II Japanese American Internment Museum, which pays tribute to the plight of the thousands of Japanese American citizens forced to move to the relocation camps at nearby Rohwer and Jerome in 1942 following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The museum is located in the city's historic railroad depot that serves as the Jerome-Rohwer Interpretive Museum and Visitor Center and features the exhibit titled *Against Their Will: The Japanese American Experience in World War II Arkansas*.



Actor George Takei gave an impassioned speech at the museum's dedication. He was just five years old when he and his family were forced from their home and taken to Rohwer.

One of the more than 8,000 internees at Rohwer was a young George Takei, the now 75-year-old actor most famous for his portrayal of Lt. Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the USS *Enterprise* in the original *Star Trek* television series and subsequent movies. Takei has been a strong supporter of the museum project and attended the opening. Speaking in his familiar, distinguished baritone to the several hundred attendees at the dedication, he told the moving story of his experience with his family at the camp.

For Americans of Japanese ancestry, life changed profoundly and dramatically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Takei said.

"We were looked on with suspicion and fear and hate, simply because we happened to look like the people that bombed Pearl Harbor. That was our crime. And the hysteria prompted by that resulted ultimately in the President of the United States signing an executive order ordering all Japanese Americans on the West Coast to be summarily rounded up—with no charges, with no trial, a core pillar of our justice system—and imprisoned in 10 barbed-wire internment camps in some of the most desolate places in this country."

In April of 1942, just after his fifth birthday, bayonet-wielding soldiers came to Takei's home to round up his family—his father, mother, younger brother, and baby sister. They hurriedly packed what they could carry. He recalled watching his mother emerge from the house.

The day also served to unveil a series of interpretive panels at the Rohwer Relocation Center site, a few miles northeast of downtown McGehee on state Highway 1. Arkansas State University-Jonesboro developed the exhibits with a grant from the Japanese American Sites Grant Program of the National Park Service.

The camps at Rohwer and Jerome, two of 10 such camps in the country, housed more than 17,000 Japanese American citizens forced to leave their homes on the West Coast. More than 100,000 were illegally interned nationwide.



The exhibit chronicling the plight of the illegally interned Japanese Americans is housed in McGehee's restored depot.

“She was carrying the baby in one arm and a huge duffel bag in the other, and I saw tears streaming down both cheeks of her face. I will never be able to erase that scene from my memory. It’s burned into my brain.”

After a long journey by train, they arrived at Rohwer in rural Desha County. The camp was surrounded by barbed wire, watched over by armed guards in sentry towers. As a five-year-old, he was spared some of the humiliation and pain his parents felt at their situation. Children are amazingly adaptable, he said.

“We can adjust to the most grotesquely abnormal experiences.”

The injustices they suffered became normal parts of life.

“It became routine for me to go to school in a black tarpaper barrack and begin the school day with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. I could see the barbed wire fence and the sentry tower right outside my schoolhouse window as I recited the words ‘with liberty and justice for all.’ I was too young to appreciate the stinging irony of our pledge of allegiance to the flag.”

Later, as an idealistic teenager inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement, he had sometimes heated discussions with his father about that period in their lives. He credited his father with helping him better understand the nature of democracy.

“He said, ‘Our democracy is a people’s democracy, and it can be as great as a people can be, but it’s also as fallible as people are.’”

Takei was an early supporter of the Jerome-Rohwer project, stemming from his work with the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. He first revisited Rohwer on a trip to Arkansas in 2004, but the place was unrecognizable, he said. The only remaining evidence of the camp was the cemetery, which was outside the barbed wire fence.

“As a child my parents never took us to the cemetery. But that turned out for me to be the most wrenching and most moving experience there. There are many, many markers—markers of people who were



born in 1862 or 1878, and also markers of babies who were buried without first names.”



The camp cemetery, shaded by a small stand of trees amid miles of farmland just northeast of McGehee, is all that remains of the once 500-acre Rohwer Relocation Center.

The most prominent feature of the cemetery is a crumbling concrete marker that lists the names of the young Japanese American men who left the camp to fight for the country that put them there. They put on the same uniforms as the sentries who guarded them in the camp, Takei said. They were put into a segregated unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which fought primarily in Europe beginning in 1944. They were the same young men who had flocked to their local recruitment centers after Pearl Harbor to volunteer to serve but were denied.

“That act of patriotism in 1942 was answered with a slap in the face. They were denied service and were labeled ‘enemy non-aliens.’”

Even after all that, they fought to prove their patriotism. The 442nd had the highest casualty rate of any unit of its size, and at the end of the war, they returned to the United States as the single most decorated unit in World War II with 21 Medals of Honor.

“I stood in front of that monument in the cemetery, and the tears were hard to control. And I understood for the first time how precious my citizenship is and what a high price had been paid for it.”

The museum, Takei said, not only tells of the anguish his people suffered, but also of their bravery and patriotism.

“It tells the story of American democracy, and how precious our democracy is. And this story has got to resonate, not only here in Desha County and not only in Arkansas, but throughout the country. It is an American story we tell here with this museum.”

In addition to thanking the many people and organizations involved in the establishment of the museum and historic site, Takei said a special word of thanks for former McGehee Mayor Rosalie Gould, who reached out to internees, collected artifacts and artwork from the camp for posterity, and helped make the day’s celebration possible. Gould was not able to attend the ceremony, but the museum and site partners honored her with a plaque for her contributions through the years.

“She kept the flame alive for this moment for so many, many long years,” Takei said.

Takei concluded with a variation on a familiar sign-off.

“As we say on *Star Trek*, may the World War II Japanese American Internment Museum here in McGehee, Arkansas, live long and prosper.”

Grants empower Jonesboro neighborhood networks



Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin, top center, stands with local AmeriCorps members. The local chapter received its first ever state grant in 2012.

Jonesboro in 2012 secured a \$100,000 grant from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation to implement a North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative (NJNI) Strategic Plan. The NJNI is a “place-based change initiative” meant to engage residents in a process of empowerment and positive change for the community. The residents accepted the challenge and are driving this process, with the support of the city.

In late 2012, the city received its first ever AmeriCorps grant from the state of Arkansas. These service members are partnered with service delivery sites in the north Jonesboro community in an effort to fill gaps in services. Sites include ASU CARE, Jonesboro Police Department’s Quality of Life Unit, Habitat for Humanity, City Youth Ministries, and the Jonesboro Schools. Other funding streams include the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance for a grand total of \$245,500 to date in financial support from financial partners.

“It is such a blessing for the City of Jonesboro to have received the grant that funds the AmeriCorps workers,” Mayor Harold Perrin said. “These groups of individuals are providing much-needed help to area organizations that may not have received it otherwise.”

Outcomes are tremendous. There are three very active and successful neighborhood networks. Over 500 residents attended the first community fair along with over 30 resource partners, including the Jonesboro Police Department. NJNI just graduated its first Cooking Matters class of seven participants. A partnership with ASU Delta Center for Economic Development recently produced five job-ready residents, one of whom already has a job. And 10 residents will graduate from a financial literacy class this month, facilitated by BancorpSouth.

The NJNI is well on its way to long-term sustainability with an established board of directors, approved bylaws, and long term financial plan. The City of Jonesboro will always support the NJNI, as north Jonesboro is a vital part of the city and its future.

Final waddle

As the strains of John Philip Sousa's "King Cotton March" echoed in the lobby of Little Rock's Peabody Hotel, the famous ducks took their final waddle to the fountain on April 23. As of May 1, the Peabody is now Marriott Hotel. The League looks forward to continuing our working relationship with the hotel, which adjoins the Little Rock Convention Center and hosts our annual Winter Conference.

The ducks will have a new home at a reserve in Memphis, home of the original Peabody Hotel.



The SoulSations to perform at 79th Convention

Party band the SoulSations will be the 79th Convention's featured performer at 8:30 pm. Thursday, June 20 in the Horner Ballroom of the Hot Springs Convention Center. The talented show band includes three male lead vocalists and two dynamic lead female vocalists. They are backed by a four-piece rhythm section and two horn players. The SoulSations will take you on a musical journey through the ages, playing the hits from the 50s to the top artists of today. They've been called "the ultimate party force!"





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Rep. Womack, NLC Director Anthony to speak at 79th Convention

The League is pleased to announce that Rep. Steve Womack and National League of Cities Executive Director Clarence Anthony will be two of our featured speakers at the 79th Convention, June 19-21 at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

Rep. Womack is a lead sponsor of the Marketplace Fairness Act. He'll provide an update of the bipartisan legislation's progress during the morning general session on Friday, June 21. Womack is the state's Congressman from the Third District. A native of Russellville, he served as mayor of Rogers for 12 years, where he oversaw improvements to the city's infrastructure, retail services, and quality of life. In the House, Womack serves on the Appropriations Committee and the Defense,



Womack

Financial Services, and Labor-Health and Human Services subcommittees.

Clarence Anthony is the NLC's new executive director. He'll provide insight on national issues that affect cities and towns across the country during the morning general session on Thursday, June 20. Anthony previously served as mayor of South Bay, Fla., for 24 years, where he was known as a creative and thoughtful leader. He is a former president of the Florida League of Cities and the NLC. He also served as the international voice of local governments in his role as International Manager of United Cities and Local Governments in Barcelona, Spain.



Anthony



It's Convention time again.

June 19-21—Hot Springs, Ark.

See next page for more information.

Register online at www.arml.org.

Exhibitors, contact the League immediately to reserve space for your display.

Contact Whitnee Bullerwell
at 501-978-6105.

Cost for the exhibit space is \$500.



79th CONVENTION

Hot Springs Convention Center

June 19-21, 2013

REGISTRATION

Registration and payment must be received in League office by Friday, June 7, 2013, to qualify for advance registration.

Advance registration for municipal officials	\$150
Registration fee after June 7, 2013 , and on-site registration for municipal officials	\$175
Spouse/guest registration	\$75
Child registration	\$75
Other registrants.	\$200

- Registration will be processed **ONLY** with accompanying payment in full. Make checks payable to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- Registration includes meals, activities and a copy of the **2013 General Acts Affecting Arkansas Municipalities**.
- No daily registration is available.
- Registration must come through the League office. No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- **No refunds after June 7, 2013.**
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **June 7, 2013**.

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Single/Double	\$87	Check-in 3 p.m.	
ARLINGTON HOTEL			
Single	\$91	Double	\$101 Check-in 3 p.m.

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **June 7, 2013**.
- Rooms in Hot Springs are subject to a 13 percent tax.
- Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. and then released unless guaranteed by credit card.
- Contact the hotel directly to make changes or cancellations in hotel accommodations.
- Hotel confirmation number will come directly from the hotel.
- Please check on cancellation policy for your hotel.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER

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Complete the steps and **mail with payment to:**
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Attn: 79th Convention
P.O. Box 38
North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038

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and pay by credit card.

OR

Step 1: Delegate Information

Name:
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Children will attend: Yes No Name(s):

Step 2: Payment Information

• **WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL?** (see opposite page for fees)

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Step 3: Hotel Reservations

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Arlington Hotel Reservations _____ 800-643-1502 or 501-609-2533
Austin Hotel Reservations _____ 877-623-6697
Embassy Suites Hotel Reservations _____ 501-321-4430 Andrea Medina, Lead Reservationist

Step 4: Hotel Payment

Payment Options: Credit Card or Direct Bill Note: only two payment options.

To obtain direct billing as a payment option, registered delegates must directly contact hotel accounting offices listed below:

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Austin Hotel Accounting _____ 800-844-7275
Embassy Suites Hotel Accounting _____ 501-321-4413 Melody Fruen

CLE OFFERED AT LEAGUE CONVENTION

Twelve (12) hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who attend the Arkansas Municipal League's 79th Convention, June 19-21 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE.

Hot Springs City Attorney and current ACAA President Brian Albright urges members to register for the Convention as soon as possible. A registration form is in this issue of City & Town, and copies are also being mailed to city attorneys.

The 12 hours are offered June 19 and 21, and the tentative CLE agenda includes topics relating to the Arkansas Whistleblowers Act, updates from this year's legislative session, social media and municipalities, case law updates, RILUPA and related laws, planning and zoning issues, local alcohol sales and purchasing regulations, laws governing construction management, and a DUI update. The program will also include one (1) hour of ethics.

To attend the CLE program, registration is required at the League Convention. For registration information, call Whitnee Bullerwell at 501-374-3484 Ext. 206. For CLE information, call Mark Hayes, ACAA secretary/treasurer and League general counsel, at 501-978-6102, or Jamie Adams at 501-978-6124.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

At the 79th Convention, a special Exhibit Hall is available for businesses, companies and manufacturers to display their products and services that are available to Arkansas municipalities.

To guarantee your firm's exhibit area, contact the League immediately to reserve space for your display. Your name will be added to the list of exhibitors, and we will reserve a space for your exhibit when you arrive.

The cost this year for exhibit space is \$500. We cannot guarantee space for companies that do not register before June 7.

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****TENTATIVE****

79th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE JUNE 19 - 21, 2013

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013

1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS,
TREASURERS ASSOCIATIONRooms 104-105

2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

REGISTRATIONGrand Lobby

2:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.

MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/
RENEW ACQUAINTANCESHalls B-D

Use this time to meet the exhibitors and see what products and services they have that could benefit your city. Popcorn and cool beverages will be served throughout the afternoon. Also, take the time to renew acquaintances with fellow municipal officials while relaxing in the Exhibit Hall.

1:30 P.M. TO 6:45 P.M.

SOCIAL MEDIA LABRoom 206

Do you want to build a social media presence to promote your municipality? Do Friends, Fans and Followers confuse you? Let League staffers walk you through the process of creating a social media presence using our lab.

2:30 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

IMPROVING YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY
BY BECOMING A SUSTAINABLE CITY Horner Hall

This certification class will provide examples of how cities of all sizes are using sustainability to strengthen their local economy, establish a positive environment for job growth and attract new investment. (1.75 Certification Hours)

Presiding: Mayor Chris Claybaker, Camden
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speaker: Michele Halsell, Managing Director
Applied Sustainability Center, U. of A.

3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

INTERIM JOINT CITY, COUNTY,
LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEERooms 102-103

The Interim Committee welcomes all city officials to attend this committee meeting.

5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Horner Hall

Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.

Presiding: Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

7:00 P.M.

OPENING NIGHT BANQUET Hall A

Welcome to the 79th Annual Convention's Opening Night Banquet. Enjoy a delicious meal and visit with fellow delegates. After the conclusion of the banquet, Mayor Claybaker will give his presidential address and we will recognize various individuals who have made significant contributions to the League this past year, including members of the Arkansas General Assembly.

Invocating: TBA

8:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S DESSERT RECEPTIONHalls B-D

After the opening night banquet, stroll over to the Exhibit Hall and enjoy delicious desserts and entertainment.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013

6:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.

PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOG Embassy Suites Lobby
Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

7:15 A.M. to 4:15 P.M.

REGISTRATIONGrand Lobby

7:30 A.M. to 4:15 P.M.

EXHIBITS OPENHalls B-D

7:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.

HOST CITY BREAKFAST BUFFETHalls B-D

Country-style breakfast buffet will be served, courtesy of our Host City of Hot Springs.

8:30 A.M. to NOON

CITY ATTORNEYSEmbassy Suites Hotel

City attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participating in two days of meetings located in the Embassy Suites Hotel

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

OPENING GENERAL SESSIONHorner Hall Ballroom

The 79th Annual Convention begins with the posting of the colors and the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a Host City Welcome from Mayor Ruth Carney of Hot Springs. We are honored to have Governor Beebe and NLC Executive Director, Clarence Anthony, address our Opening General Session.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Color Guard by: TBA

Singing the National Anthem: TBA

Host City Welcome Address: Mayor Ruth Carney, Hot Springs

Presiding: Mayor Chris Claybaker, Camden
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speaker: Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor
State of Arkansas

Speaker: Clarence Anthony, Executive Director
National League of Cities

10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

BREAKHalls B-D

10:45 A.M. to NOON

NEW ACTS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES AND HOW YOU WILL BE
IMPACTED Horner Hall

This session will be an opportunity for you to learn about the Acts passed during the legislative session. Please bring your Acts book. (1.25 Certification Hours, Attorneys will receive CLE credit.)

Presiding: Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speaker: Don Zimmerman, Executive Director
Arkansas Municipal League

12:00 NOON to 1:15 P.M.

LUNCHEON BUFFETHalls B-D

1:00 P.M. to 5:15 P.M.

CITY ATTORNEYSEmbassy Suites Hotel

1:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

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CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1:15 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

1. PLANNING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTSRooms 201-202

Capital projects may include water/wastewater upgrades, community centers, or recreational facilities. How should you go about raising the revenue for these projects? The speakers explain.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

2. NEGOTIATING FRANCHISE CONTRACTS: CABLE TV, SOLID WASTE AND OTHER FRANCHISE CONTRACTSRoom 208

Without proper oversight you may obligate your city to long-term, financial franchise problems. What are some of the areas to watch out for and how do you go about avoiding franchise contract pitfalls. A national expert shares his knowledge.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

3. MANAGING AND MAINTAINING YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.: IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONSRooms 102-103

Maintaining your city streets, dealing with drainage and staying in compliance with state and federal regulations is a continuous challenge. The speakers offer some ideas and suggestions.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

4. ATTRACTING BUSINESS, CREATING JOBS AND DEVELOPING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.....Rooms 203-204

What can municipalities do to create jobs and attract business? Are there specific steps that you might take to develop a plan of action?

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

5. PUBLIC PENSION PROGRAMS: LOPFI, APERS, AND MOPEBTRoom 207

This past legislative session may have brought about new laws that affect your municipal pension system. This workshop attempts to explain what happened.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

6. SOCIAL MEDIA AT CITY HALL AND PROVIDING NETWORK SECURITYRoom 205

It seems like more and more municipalities are utilizing social media. How do you develop a Social Media strategy? What are some of the more successful examples of social media use? Also, how vulnerable is your city's network. Have you taken the necessary steps to provide network security?

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

7. THE IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC ENERGY PLANNINGRoom 209

This session provides an overview of strategic energy planning and highlights innovative solutions from cities that are already underway in implementing their energy plan.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

2:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

BREAKHalls B-D

Soft drinks and coffee available in Exhibit Hall.

2:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

1. RECLAIMING HAZARDOUS PROPERTYRoom 209

Reclaiming property that was once considered hazardous to use can be done. Listen as the speakers explain how this can be

accomplished and how some cities are currently using former hazardous property for the public's benefit.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

2. EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS: PREPARING AND RESPONDING.....Rooms 102-103

Emergencies and disasters can strike when you least expect it. What should you do to prepare and what can you do after disaster strikes?

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

3. THE BENEFITS OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING, LOSS CONTROL, AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLESRoom 205

City vehicles and personnel involved in accidents can cost you money. The same applies to accidents in the workplace. Encouraging healthy lifestyle habits can also financially benefit your city. There are programs available to assist you in creating cost saving plans for your city.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

4. AVOIDING LAWSUITS: CAN IT BE DONE?.....Room 207

Lawsuits against municipalities continue at a record pace. Is there anything you can do to avoid them? Hopefully there is and the AML staff lawyers will share ideas.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

5. DRUG TESTING: THE BENEFITS AND RISKSRooms 203-204

Drug testing can be a strong deterrent to employee substance abuse. It can also be legally risky if not administered properly. The speakers explain the latest regulations.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

6. GRANTS AND FUNDING SOURCES.....Rooms 201-202

How do you go about finding and securing funding sources for your municipalities? Grant experts explain.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

7. IMPORTANT LAND USE TOPICS.....Room 208

Annexation, extraterritorial planning and eminent domain are land use topics that were widely debated during the last legislative session. What changes were made in the laws and how were municipalities affected?

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

4:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

BREAKHalls B-D

Soft drinks and coffee available in Exhibit Hall.

4:15 P.M.

The exhibit hall will close for the day.

4:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

1. INNOVATIVE IDEAS TO PROMOTE YOUR CITY AND ATTRACT TOURISTSRooms 201-202

Have you thought about what makes your city unique? Are there events or personalities that have contributed to your municipal heritage? Listen as the speakers share their ideas on ways they are promoting their cities.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013

2. IMPORTANT PERSONNEL ISSUES FACING MUNICIPALITIES.....Room 207

Human Resources and keeping up with current personnel matters are on-going challenges for municipal officials. Some of these challenges include understanding regulations regarding assistance for families of deployed soldiers and the complexities of generational workplace differences.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

3. THE CHALLENGES OF ANIMAL CONTROL.....Room 208

Stray dogs, vicious dogs and enforcing your ordinances are just a few of the challenges of animal control. The speakers share from their professional experiences.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

4. THE BENEFITS OF SISTER CITY PROGRAMS AND UTILIZING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS.....Room 205

Having a sister city has benefited several Arkansas municipalities. Also volunteers can truly be a benefit to your city. How do you go about acquiring a sister city and how do you go about organizing volunteers and enhance their contributions? The speakers explain.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

5. MANAGING YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTSRoom 209

Volunteer fire departments are the identity of so many small municipalities. What makes some city volunteer fire departments so successful? Are there steps you can take to better manage your volunteer department?

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

6. NEW ELECTION LAWS.....Rooms 203-204

There were several new election laws that were passed that might impact your municipal elections. This session is to inform you about these new laws and give you an opportunity to ask questions.

Presiding: TBA

Speaker: TBA

4:15 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE..... Horner Hall

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Presiding: Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE GRAND LOBBY OF THE CONVENTION CENTER..... Grand Lobby

The fantastic reception sponsored by Crews is one of the highlights of the annual convention. Drop by and enjoy delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres. When you see the sponsor be sure and thank them for this event.

Hosted by: Crews & Associates, Inc.

DINNER.....ON YOUR OWN

Visit some of Hot Springs' finest restaurants before coming back for desserts and entertainment.

8:30 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT/DESSERTS..... Horner Hall

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6:30 A.M.

PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOG.....Embassy Suites Lobby

Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

7:15 A.M. TO 8:45 A.M.

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7:15 A.M. to NOON

REGISTRATION OPENS..... Grand Lobby

7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

EXHIBITS OPEN.....Halls B-D

(Exhibit Hall will close at 10:30 A.M. for the remainder of the Convention.)

7:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.

BUFFET BREAKFAST.....Halls B-D

8:00 A.M. to 3:15 P.M.

CITY ATTORNEYS.....Embassy Suites Hotel

8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING..... Horner Hall

At this session Executive Director Don Zimmerman gives his annual report followed by the Annual Business Meeting. During the business meeting, the League's Policies and Goals are presented and voted on. The nominating committee presents their recommended slate of new officers for the upcoming year, which will be followed by the annual business meetings for Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust, Municipal Health Benefit Fund, Municipal Vehicle Program, and Municipal Property Program.

10:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

BREAK.....Halls B-D

10:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

IS IT LEGAL? WHO'S THE MAYOR?..... Horner Hall

Speakers: Mark Hayes, General Counsel
Arkansas Municipal League

Ken Wasson, Assistant Director
Arkansas Municipal League.

11:15 A.M. - NOON

UPDATE FROM WASHINGTON D.C. Horner Hall

Arkansas's 3rd Congressional District Congressman, Steve Womack, will update us on some of the happenings in our nation's capital with the latest information on the Marketplace Fairness Act.

Presiding: Mayor Chris Claybaker, Camden
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speaker: Honorable Steve Womack, Congressman
Third Congressional District

NOON to 1:30 P.M.

AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS' LUNCHEON Hall A

Municipalities and individuals are honored for their many successes and contributions during this past year. The new League President and officers will be introduced to the convention delegates.

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IBLA Grand Prize winners perform in Arkansas

By Sherman Banks

On the sunbaked island of Sicily, the IBLA Grand Prize music competition takes place each year at the end of June and the first week of July. It's a must-see event featuring piano, vocal, instrumental, blues, and jazz performances. The winners of the competition perform at such venues as Lincoln Center, ALICE Tully Hall and Carnegie Hall in New York, the Tokyo Opera City Hall, and Tchaikovsky Bolshoi Hall in Moscow, as well as other prestigious venues in Canada, Europe and the USA, including Arkansas.

Ragusa has been for over 12 years a sister city with Little Rock. As a result of that relationship the winners each year of IBLA Grand Prize come to Little Rock before they depart for their appearance at Carnegie Hall. Since the Arkansas Municipal League is a member of Sister Cities International, I arrange performances for the world-class performers to appear in various cities around the state.

Our objective is to present master classes to as many elementary, middle, and high school students around the state as possible. This year we performed to more than 5,000 students in Little Rock, Lake Village, Star City, Jacksonville, and Harrison. We also held community-wide performances in Lake Village, Harrison, Jacksonville, and Little Rock/North Little Rock. All performances are free to the public.

We ask each host city to provide food and lodging for the performers. The hospitality we received in Lake Village and Harrison was truly exceptional. We were made to feel like we were a part of the family. Lake Village Mayor JoAnne Bush presented the key to the city of Lake Village, and Jacksonville Mayor Gary Fletcher made each performer an honorary citizen.

This year we had two pianists from the United States, ages 16 and 14. They captivated our young students who



Tomasz Ostaszewski, an accordionist from Poland performs.

inundated the young artists with questions. In addition to those young prodigies, we had soprano Audrey Ann Southard Rumsey, also from the USA, who was living a long time dream of performing in Carnegie Hall. At one time in her life she was employed as a truck driver, a wig seller, and a bartender, and she worked at Disney in Orlando. Other IBLA winners were an incredible piano duo from Japan/Switzerland, a soprano from Finland, two accordionists from Poland, a piano accompanist from Finland, and a piano virtuoso from Korea/USA.

To host the winners of the 2013 IBLA Grand Prize Competition in your city in 2014, please contact Sherman Banks at 501-374-8493, email sbanks@aristotle.net, or write to P.O. Box 165920 Little Rock, AR 72216.



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Changes to 2013 Directory, Arkansas Municipal Officials

Submit changes to Whitnee Bullerwell, wvb@arml.org.



Ashdown

Delete PRD Nick Bishop
Add PRD David Bearden

Aubrey

Delete R/T Kaylee Miller
Add R/T Jannette Harris

Big Flat

Delete M Horace Dickerson
Add M (Vacant)

Cash

Delete M Leroy Burden
Add M (Vacant)

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Add AL Mabel Allen

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Add AL Clifton Rooters

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Delete M William David White
Add M (Vacant)

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Add AL Max Opye

Green Forest

Delete CEO Berlin Griggs
Delete DJ Scott Jackson
Add AL Tim Hatman
Add AL Cody Boren

Huntsville

Delete AL Jennifer Myer
Add AL Terry Fuller
Add CE Charles Presley

Jacksonville

Delete AL Marshall Smith
Add AL James Bolden
Delete AL Bob Stroud
Add AL Barbara Mashburn
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Delete FC George Rich
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Delete FC Steven Faulkner
Add FC Kelly Reid

Siloam Springs

Delete FO Frederick Patrick
Add FO Christina Petriches

Springdale

Delete AL Bobby Stout
Add AL (Vacant)

Star City

Add EDD Dwayne Snyder

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Rogers' Summer Day Camp sets bar high

By Rick Stocker

The Summer Day Camp (SDC) in Rogers is a cooperative effort among the Rogers Community-School Recreation Association, the Rogers Youth Center, the city's parks and recreation departments, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Rogers-Lowell United Way, and Rogers Public Schools. By tapping into the resources of all these community partners, we are able to offer an affordable summer day-care program that features a wide variety of activities for children.

The SDC program is open to children in grades one through seven. Our SDC program is between nine and twelve weeks long, depending on the length of summer break. Camp usually starts on the Monday after school lets out. Camp starts at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m. Children can be dropped off and picked up any time during that time frame.

Operated by the Rogers Community-School Recreation Association, the SDC is a continuation of the old Summer Playground Program first offered in the 1970s. Since that time, the program has continued to grow, innovate, and evolve. What began as little more than "babysitting in the park" for a handful of children,

is now a highly organized, state-licensed daycare for over 400 local children.

The SDC program addresses a societal need. With virtually all parents working outside the home, there is an urgent need for children to spend their summers in an atmosphere of fun, stimulation, and high-quality care. In that regard, our SDC program is a success, because we provide working parents with peace of mind, knowing that their children are safe and well cared for.

The mornings usually consist of free playtime, organized games, guest speakers, and a physical activity program. After lunch each day we set off on a field trip. Through the Rogers Public Schools, we use school buses to transport children to parks, museums, zoos, aquatic complexes, and other exciting places.

By exposing our SDC children to a wide variety of outdoor recreational options, we hope to expand their enthusiasm for wholesome vigorous activity, their knowledge of our city parks, and their interest in a healthy lifestyle. But we have also found that, by visiting a variety of venues, we keep the program fresh and interesting, thus avoiding the boredom that can plague some daycare programs.

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Rogers' Summer Day Camp program gives children the chance to have a fantastic summer experience.



The curriculum includes regular field trips, like this one to nearby Hobbs State Park.

Our SDC voluntarily adopted the Arkansas Department of Human Services' daycare rules and regulations years before they were expanded to include summer camps. Then, as now, it was our philosophy that we would not settle for the legal minimum, but rather strive to run the best, safest, most wholesome program possible.

To be able to deliver such a high-quality program, we must have the right staff on board. We hire a total of 38 staff members each summer. Our counselors go through an interview process to decide if they are well suited to the program. We expect our counselors to be role models for the children they serve, and accept nothing less. Safety is our first priority, so we make sure that our counselors are well prepared. We provide counselor training, CPR and first aid training, and child abuse and neglect awareness training, as well as a full-day team-building session.

Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we offer our SDC children two meals a day, plus an afternoon snack, to ensure that their nutritional needs are met. These balanced meals and snacks are intended to encourage healthy eating habits. In all, 17,662

meals and snacks were provided to SDC children in the summer of 2012.

Our SDC features a strict check-in/check-out procedure to ensure that only the parents, or other adults specifically authorized by them, can pick up the children from SDC. Our check-out procedure requires many additional man-hours, but we feel it is absolutely necessary to insure the safety of the children.

We strive to keep our SDC affordable, with the help of the Rogers-Lowell United Way. With assistance from all our community partners, our SDC costs no more than the average private daycare. The overall budget is approximately \$180,000 per summer. Although the cost per week is comparable to most daycares, we still find it necessary to provide around \$35,000 per summer in direct assistance to children of households in financial need.

Our Summer Day Camp started out as a simple program with modest goals and limited resources. Now we feel it is the very best program of its kind in the State of Arkansas.

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Telemedicine key to reaching rural Arkansans battling depression

By John Fortney, Ph.D.

Because Arkansas is a state with a high prevalence of depression, it's vital to have a good understanding of how those who struggle with this condition can get the help and treatment they need.

Being a largely rural state, getting the necessary clinical resources to areas where they're needed most adds to the challenge. But thanks to a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, researchers at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Psychiatric Research Institute recently set out to see what treatment options are most effective for rural Arkansans with depression.

My longtime interest has been how travel barriers impact people's use of health services. Travel can be a greater barrier when seeking help for mental health disorders. I began designing interventions that improved access to mental health services. In this study, we found that telemedicine has a positive effect on the way rural Arkansans are effectively treated for depression.

Identifying the need

Depression affects one in six Americans at some point in their lives. And while everyone experiences bouts of feeling sad for a short period from time to time, depression's feelings of hopelessness, guilt and despair can last months or even years. It changes how people work and their relationships.

Sadly, the majority of people who have symptoms of clinical depression are not receiving effective treatment. Statistics show that certain groups of people are more susceptible to depression. For example, people who are unemployed and recently divorced are more likely to develop depression. Lack of education and medical insurance can also be factors.

It's important to know the warning signs and seek the help that you or a loved one needs.

Serving the underserved

For our study we partnered with five community health centers in Arkansas that did not have an on-site mental health specialist. These centers and their state association (Community Health Centers of Arkansas, Inc.) serve more than 150,000 low income and uninsured patients each year.

All participating clinics were in rural, medically underserved populations in Arkansas's Mississippi Delta region and the Ozark Highlands. When looking at the socioeconomic characteristics of the participants, most of them were unemployed (64.5 percent) and around half of them were uninsured. In addition, 68.1 percent lived in a rural area.

The power of telemedicine

The trial enrolled 364 patients with clinical depression. These patients were randomly assigned to receive either telemedicine-based collaborative care or practice-based collaborative care for one year.

With the practice-based model, the patient had an on-site primary care provider and an on-site nurse depression care manager. The telemedicine-based model also included the on-site primary care provider and telephone contact with an off-site nurse depression care manager. Patients had the option of receiving care from a psychiatrist and psychologist via videoconferencing. For all patients, follow-up interviews were conducted at six, 12 and 18 months.

Surprisingly, the patients who were assigned to telemedicine-based collaborative care had significantly better response, remission rates and greater reductions in depression severity than those assigned to practice-based collaborative care. These patients also had higher increases in mental health status and quality-of-life scores. They were also more likely to report receiving helpful information about their depression and treatment.

It's encouraging to discover that these small clinics that don't have the resources to hire mental health specialists on site can still provide necessary care. We now have evidence to show that providers at community health centers and UAMS can come together as a group, combine resources and better serve Arkansans struggling with depression.



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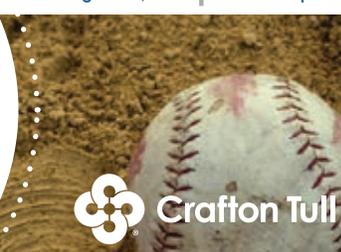
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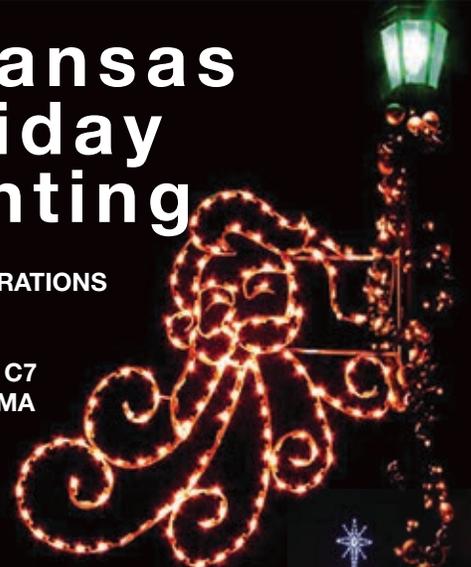


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Never underestimate legislative engagement

By Chad Gallagher

The Arkansas General Assembly just completed a historic session. It was the longest session since the 1930s and the first time that Republicans controlled both chambers. In addition, legislators had to tackle some serious issues with Medicaid expansion and how to handle the federally mandated Affordable Care Act in Arkansas. I personally believe members of both parties did a great job of working through the delicate issues related to this tough topic. The Legislature came up with a bipartisan solution to Medicaid that was creative and could make Arkansas a positive role model for other states with its “private option.” I was also pleased with the good leadership provided by Speaker Davy Carter and Senate President Michael Lamoureux. There is much to applaud, but municipalities should also be concerned.

During the session we saw an aggressive attack on municipal planning rights. A bill was passed that reduces cities’ planning zones. This bill has many ramifications, most of which may have been unintended by those who voted for the bill. This bill will impact streets, water, sewer, emergency services and a host of planning issues. It isn’t the end of the world, but it is a move in the wrong direction. This session also saw dozens of other bills filed that would negatively impact municipalities. Fortunately, the League worked tirelessly and was able to defeat or positively amend many of these bills. However, you must understand that the League staff cannot do it on their own.

Your engagement in the legislative process matters more than ever. Term limits ensures a new group of legislators is regularly elected. This has many benefits to the state, but it is important that you keep them informed on municipal issues. Additionally, many legislators have never served in municipal government before. It’s your job to educate them on your challenges and what it is like to lead a city. There are a few things you can do to ensure future sessions are great sessions for Arkansas cities:

- Learn what happened in the session—Get connected to the League. Attend the conferences and read *City & Town* (such great reading!). Stay informed on what has happened so you can discuss it with your legislators, especially those who are not termed out and may be back again in the next session.
- Talk with legislators about municipal issues—Don’t wait until the session. During the session your legislator is swamped with hundreds of emails, calls, meetings and bills to read. It is tough to keep up. Talk with them regularly throughout the year, make them aware of your issues, and bring up things that are discussed at League meetings so they go into the session with you on their minds.
- Watch legislative alerts—When the League sends out time sensitive legislative alerts, read them and act quick. In one moment a push of the voting machine can significantly change how your city government operates. When these alerts come to you it is so important for you to respond and let your legislators know where you stand.
- Show up—As much as possible attend meetings, events and conferences hosted by state agencies. Stay informed and plugged in to what is going on. When the Legislature is in session make plans to attend several of the City, County, Local Committee meetings in the House and Senate.

We know that good cities make a great state. I also believe that the members of the General Assembly want to make life in Arkansas better. It is your job as an elected official to put the challenges of cities and the priority of municipalities at the front of their minds. It has to start now because the next session is only 18 months away.



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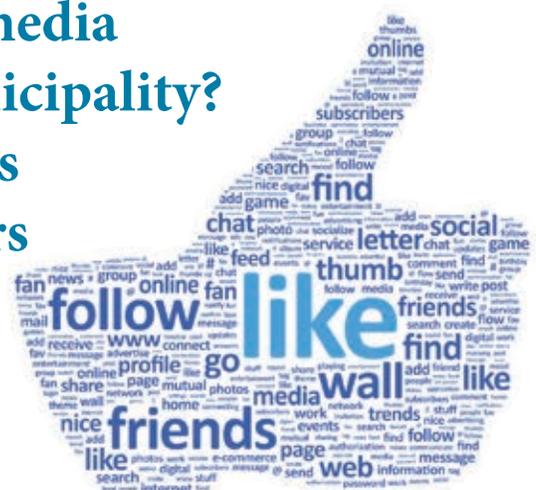


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machinery or supplies to or from farms can travel under the new hours-of-service exemption for the agricultural industry.

The new rule allows drivers operating under the exemption to travel a distance of 150 miles from the source compared with only 100 miles under the old rule. However, the new rule clarifies that operators of "covered farm vehicles" must be "farmers or ranchers, their families, and employees." Commercial, for-hire vehicles are not allowed the exemption.

Hopefully, Arkansas farmers will find this rule helpful and a benefit to them. Isn't it nice to get a break for a change?

Do you need training classes?

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Beware of “hazard trees”

By Doug Akin

Most people probably don't associate the word hazard with tree. But they are words that are used together too often by professional arborists and community foresters. A hazard tree is a tree with a structural defect and a target. Structural defects could be re-growth from topping (an improper pruning practice), a broken or partially attached branch, dead or dying branches, or the presence of decay. The U.S. Park Service defines a target as an “object, structure, or person that potentially may be hit or impacted by a falling tree or tree part.”

Structural defects can be grouped by the three areas where they occur on the tree. Those areas are the crown, trunk, and roots. Defects may be confined to one of the areas or may occur in all three areas on a single tree. The extent and location of hazards on a tree will dictate how the hazard is dealt with. For example, a single dead limb over a picnic table at a park can be removed to correct the hazard. Significant die-back of the crown, large cavities in the trunk or significant root damage/removal from construction may not be correctable and may require the removal of the tree.

Defining “hazard tree” is relatively easy. Identifying a hazard tree in the field can be difficult. The U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Park Service use a widely accepted point system to remove the subjectivity in this process. In this system, a defective tree is rated in two categories: risk of failure, and likelihood that a falling tree or tree part will affect a target. In the first category, defects are awarded points from 0 through 4 according to the type of defect. For example, 0 points would indicate that no defects are present. A 4 would indicate a dead tree. In the second category, points from 0 to 3 are awarded for the value of the target. For example, 0 would indicate that there is no target—perhaps the tree is in a wilderness area. A 3 may indicate people, permanent structures, or

This hazard tree on a downtown Little Rock street has several targets beneath it and may be a good candidate for removal.



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parked cars are at risk. The numbers in both categories are then multiplied and the total score indicates the hazard rating. The higher the number on this scale, the higher the hazard.

Effectively evaluating trees for their potential hazard can be detailed and complicated. It is something that should be done by professionals. Hazard rating is also something that should be a part of a municipality's comprehensive tree management plan.

Many online resources are available for additional reading about hazard trees. The U.S. Forest Service hosts “The Hazard Tree Web Page” at na.fs.fed.us/fhp/hazard_tree. Several great publications can be found at this website, including “How to Recognize Hazardous Defects in Trees,” “How to Prune Trees,” and the U.S. Park Service Hazard Tree Guidelines.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) website at www2.champaign.isa-arbor.com contains several publications about tree care, including recognizing hazard trees. The ISA website also

contains an area where one can search by zip code for professional arborists. I highly recommend using ISA certified arborists to conduct maintenance on public trees, whether evaluating trees for hazard or pruning.

If you have questions about a potential hazard tree, go to the Community Forestry section of the Arkansas Forestry Commission website, Community Forestry section at forestry.arkansas.gov and look for the contact list for assistance. You can also email Urban Forestry Coordinator Patti Erwin at patti.erwin@arkansas.gov.



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Economic impact analysis measures business worth

Identifying the economic impact of local business helps municipal leaders understand the value of business and assists cities in planning and budgeting, as well as in retaining and recruiting businesses.

By Mark S. Goodman, CEcD

In economic development, we focus much attention on “business development,” which covers everything from new start-ups to business recruitment, and from the retention of existing businesses to business expansion. Analyzing what a business (whether existing, future, or potentially lost) means to the community and region in terms of jobs, income, and revenues is critical to successful business development. This kind of evaluation is known as economic impact analysis.

Economic impact analysis is a method of calculating the economic effects associated with a change in economic activity, whether it be a policy change (e.g. a tax change) or an employment and income change (e.g. the location of a new business). Those measuring economic impact use quantitative models (there are several available to choose from) to assist in calculating these effects. Each of the models relies on state and national data sets, and on what are known as input-output tables, which identify economic links between each and every business type. Given how valuable economic impact analysis can be for a community’s economic development initiatives, we often emphasize its importance in our Center for Economic Development Education training sessions across the state.

Measuring economic impact

First of all, economic impact analysis is not an exact science. However, when properly performed, it will provide the best estimate of activity, whether it is the current activity of an existing industry or the potential of a prospective business. So what is a business’s contribution to your community and region? An existing industry employing 100 people, for example, with their employee benefits packages and the spending of their salaries, as well as the spending of the industry itself, generates other economic activity in the community and beyond. This is what we refer to as the multiplier effect. Those 100 jobs are really responsible for fostering a number of other

jobs in the community, in everything from construction to manufacturing, retail/service, transportation, finance, government, and others. From a community’s perspective, this economic activity equates to city revenues and fees, etc.

Multiplier effect

When it comes to multipliers and economic effects, all businesses are not the same. Companies that build a product in a community and sell it outside of the area bring new money into the area as a result. Consequently, they generally have a larger multiplier effect on the region. Businesses such as retail and service industries typically have a smaller effect as they generally move money around the economy through local transactions. An exception to this is in the tourism industry, where retail and service activity is bringing new money into the area by attracting tourists whose spending contributes to the local economy.

Multipliers are calculated for employment, income, and output (which is the local equivalent of gross national product). Typically, the economic developer or city leader is interested in employment and income activity and multipliers. If a company employing 100 people is responsible for creating an additional 100 jobs in the area economy, it would have a multiplier of 2.0 (i.e. total employment of 200 divided by direct employment of 100). You will rarely see employment or income multipliers greater than 3.0. If you have a study conducted in support of a project and see a multiplier greater than 5.0, ask for a second opinion, especially if you are using the results to initiate public sector financial support.

It is also important not to confuse the multiplier with the turnover of dollars in your local economy. Multipliers can be innocently misrepresented as the number of transactions (rounds of spending) in the local economy the money from an initial business transaction

goes through (which can be as high as 10 times) before it leaves the community. This is not a multiplier of 10, but rather 10 rounds of spending turnover. There may or may not be any relationship between multipliers and turnover.

For more information on impact analysis and selected impact models, or for a presentation to a local audience discussing impact analysis further, please contact us at the IEA Center for Economic Development Education.

Where do I get help?

Economic impact analysis is frankly tedious and complicated, but it is critical to successful business retention and development in our communities. A comprehensive impact analysis requires a model and specific data from the model vendor and/or Bureau of Economic Analysis, in addition to other data sources. For this reason, cities and economic developers generally rely on third party providers to do this work. Consultants and university or government research agencies often are used for impact analysis. However, models and data can be purchased (along with the training to use these models) for those interested in doing the analysis themselves. Your choice of external assistance will depend on how much you are able to spend, how quickly you need the results, and how often you want to conduct impact analysis.

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From the Office of Attorney General Dustin McDaniel

Rule 32 employers confidential

Opinion: 2012-143

Requestor: Bell, A. Watson—Chair, Workers' Comp. Commission

Do the confidentiality provisions of ACA 11-10-314 prohibit the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission ("AWCC") from disclosing the identity of employers in the Rule 32 program (extra-hazardous employer program) in response to a FOIA request for records documenting businesses in the program? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the answer to your question is "yes."

Spending restrictions apply to interest earned on tax

Opinion: 2013-009

Requestor: Wyatt, David—State Senator

Pursuant to the language of the ballot title enacted to impose a special purpose sales and use tax for improved fire protection, (Q1) may the fire department use the funds to purchase equipment for combating wild land fires? (Q2) Can tax funds be used to provide emergency medical services even though this service is not mentioned in the ballot title? (Q3) Will the interest earned from the tax funds have the same spending restrictions as the tax funds? **RESPONSE:** For the reasons explained in the opinion, I cannot respond to Questions 1 and 2. The answer to Question 3 is "yes."

Council quorum may declare vacancy if oath not taken in time

Opinion: 2013-017

Requestor: Barnett, Jonathan—State Representative

Does ACA14-42-106(d), or any other applicable statute, require a quorum of the council or aldermen to declare an office vacant because the elected or appointed official did not take the oath, or may any member of the council or any individual alderman declare the position vacant without a quorum? Q2) Should ACA 14-42-106(d) be interpreted as requiring the oath to be taken in ten days after the first of January, or should it be interpreted as requiring the oath to be taken in either the ten days prior or ten days after the first day of January? **RESPONSE:** Q1) In my opinion, only a quorum of the council may declare an office vacant based upon the putative occupant's failure to take the oath. Notwithstanding your suggestion to the contrary, I believe any such declaration would lie in the discretion of the council rather than being mandatory. Until he takes the oath, however, any such officer will be acting in a purely de facto capacity. Q2) The statute does not specify any window for taking the oath for an elective office of the sort here at issue; rather, it merely provides that the council may declare an office vacant if the officeholder has not taken the oath within ten days of the January 1 following the election. Given the context of this statute as setting the earliest date by which the council may act, I interpret the statute as exposing an elective officer to a risk that his office will be declared vacant if he does not take the oath by the tenth day after the first post-election January 1.

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CALENDAR

Arkansas Municipal League
79th Annual Convention
Wednesday-Friday, June 19-21, 2013
Hot Springs, Arkansas

League seminar covers planning, zoning

As part of its voluntary certification program for municipal officials, the League hosted a planning and zoning workshop April 18 and again on April 19. League staff members and League partners covered topics such as changes to state planning and zoning laws resulting from this year's legislative session, the history and purpose of planning, establishing and defining the role of a local planning commission, developing a comprehensive plan, dealing with old buildings, and more.

The next certification sessions will take place at the League's Annual Convention, June 19-21 in Hot Springs, where we'll cover improving the economy through sustainability and new acts affecting municipalities resulting from the recent legislative session.



League planning consultant Jim von Tungeln covers the ins and outs of forming a planning commission before a packed house of municipal leaders April 18 at the League's North Little Rock headquarters. A total of 222 city and town officials attended the seminar over two days.

County equalization boards to meet in August

County equalization boards will meet Aug. 1 through Oct. 1 to equalize the assessed value for all acreage lands, city and town lots, other real property and personal property. "Equalization" means to adjust the valuation of property in order to bring about a uniform tax rate (ACA § 26-27-315; *Black's Law Dictionary*). The boards will meet as often as necessary during this time to complete their work (ACA § 26-27-309). If a county's ratio of assessed-to-market value is out of compliance, the equalization board may meet after Oct. 1, but no later than the third Monday in November (ACA § 26-27-311).

County equalization boards have two responsibilities: (1) to review and equalize overall county assessments as assessed by the assessor, and (2) to hear assessment appeals by property owners. The board begins the review of assessments on Aug. 1, when the county assessor delivers the completed assessment records to the county clerk, who serves as the secretary for the board. Assessment appeals from landowners begin no later than the second Monday in August (ACA § 26-27-317).

Cities and towns have a part to play in deciding who sits as a member of the county equalization board. Cities and towns select one member of a five-member board (counties with a population less than 79,000) and

two members of a nine-member board (counties with a population greater than 79,000) (ACA § 26-27-303 and 304).

To select county equalization board members, city and town representatives within the county shall hold a meeting during the month of May of each year in which the terms of any of the members of the county equalization board shall expire (ACA § 26-27-304(b)(2) (A)). The mayor of the city or town or his or her designee shall serve as the representative of his or her city or town (*Id.*). The mayor of the county seat shall be the chair of the meeting, and if there are dual county seats, the mayor of the larger of the two seats shall be the chair of the meeting (*Id.*). Those at the meeting shall select the member of the board via majority vote, and each city or town shall be entitled to one vote (*Id.*). No action shall be taken unless a quorum is present. A majority of all of the representatives of all cities and incorporated towns in the county shall constitute a quorum (*Id.*).

Information for this article comes from "Arkansas Property Tax Equalization and Appeal System," a publication of the Assessment Coordination Department. For more information, contact the Department at 501-324-9240, or visit www.arkansas.gov/acd.

Brownfield success story: From hazardous waste to greenspace in Fayetteville

By Jean Koeninger, P.G.

The R&P Electroplating site in an industrial park on Fayetteville's south side was used primarily as a chromium metal plating facility from 1974 to 1997. The site lies on the western bank of the West Fork of the White River and is immediately south of a city-owned baseball park.

R&P was permitted by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) as a large quantity hazardous waste generator and was also permitted to discharge wastewater to Fayetteville's wastewater treatment system. The facility had numerous violations of both its hazardous waste permit and its wastewater permit and, in 1997, R&P abandoned the site, leaving a concoction of hazardous wastes behind, including cyanides, acid plating solutions, solvents, acids, caustic soda beads, soda ash, oils, spent solutions and sludge.

Arkansas, like most states, has a Brownfield Program that encourages the investigation and clean up of abandoned properties like R&P so that the environmental threat can be addressed and redevelopment pursued. Reuse and redevelopment of Brownfield properties can produce numerous economic and social benefits for the affected communities in which they are located. The Brownfield Program in Arkansas is administered by ADEQ.

Between 1998 and 2005, a number of investigations conducted at R&P by the ADEQ Brownfield Program indicated that metals had been released to the environment. Data compiled from the site were used to identify chemicals of concern in surface water, sediment, soil, and groundwater. Based on the site assessment, ADEQ determined that remedial action was warranted.

ADEQ contracted with FTN Associates, Ltd., an engineering and environmental consulting firm, to design a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) that evaluated several different remedial actions based on technical feasibility and cost. The selected remedial action included the dismantling of the existing buildings, demolition of the concrete

building slabs and sumps, removal of scrap equipment, excavation of contaminated soils, and grading and seeding of the site.

The remedial action began in March 2010 and was completed in August 2010. The following materials were removed from the R&P site during the remediation:

- 21 tons of concrete floor slab materials and fiberglass sump liners and 6,276 gallons of sludge and sediments characterized as hazardous waste.
- 2,407 tons of non-hazardous concrete floor slab and trench sump material and 291 tons (161 cubic yards) of non-hazardous soils.
- 107 tons of non-hazardous scrap materials and abandoned shop equipment.
- 217,790 gallons of stormwater and sump water.

Environmental protection and principles of sustainability were integral parts of the remediation of the R&P site. Due to the proximity to the West Fork of the White River and a city baseball park, FTN designed an earthen berm that surrounded the entire site during the remedial action to prevent any potential releases of surface water to the surrounding area. All stormwater was collected and analyzed before it was released to Fayetteville's



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The site of the former R&P Electroplating facility in Fayetteville was heavily contaminated and sat unused and unusable for nearly 20 years.

sanitary sewer system. FTN also assisted with clean up by identifying potential ways to reuse or recycle building materials and abandoned equipment located on the site. The American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas in March 2011 honored FTN with its Engineering Excellence Award for their work on the project.

The R&P site is the 30th property to be cleaned up under the Arkansas Brownfield Program. The property will ultimately connect the 49-acre White River Baseball Complex with the 80-acre Combs Park and will be used as an "Ultimate Frisbee" field and will also have trails and picnic tables.

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The site is now cleared of industrial waste and the city has plans to connect it to the parks system.

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Dare we enforce what we enact?

By Jim von Tungeln

Sometimes in the rush to correct a perceived problem, planning commissions and municipal officials enact regulations that they may not be willing to enforce in a uniform manner. We may be quick enough to apply it to outsiders. But will our resolve fade when we foist it upon the locals? It can happen.

I'll never forget the look on a former (and very popular) mayor's face when he discovered that the construction of his new dream home would violate the last planning regulation passed during his administration. Oops. After a few apologies and a couple of tortured variance approvals, he proceeded as planned. The regulation still stands for anyone else.

What causes us to pass regulations that we may not possess the resolve to apply evenly? In most cases it occurs from an honest desire to address a problem. The trouble is that it may not be a problem worthy of a regulation. We might consider whether it is likely to occur again. Is it a pervasive problem? Is it a case of someone's finding a loophole that could be closed without another full-blown regulation?

We might also borrow the concept of "efficiency" from our economist friends. They tell us that taxes can reach a level at which the cost of collecting them exceeds the revenue gained. So it is with regulations. The costs in resources, goodwill, and investment potential can outweigh the good to be gained by some laws.

Examples sometimes occur with excessive minimums for lot widths and yard setbacks. While these can be important when considered along with street widths, parking considerations, and utility capacity, we might reach a point where such standards are best set by the market. A sure sign of a problem in this respect is a large number of variance requests. When this happens, it usually means that the planning commission should re-evaluate the regulations.

Other regulations may not allow uniform application because of their very complexity. One only has to review the bewildering regulations that some municipalities pass to control lighting to witness this. Sign control can be another source of confusion. Even with two college degrees and 40-plus years of experience, there are sign ordinances in our state that I can't decipher.

There is no doubt that such regulations are well intended. They grow from a desire to "cover all bases" so to speak. As the late Bob Middleton, a planning pioneer in Arkansas once observed, though: "It is impossible to create a foolproof regulation. There are simply too many fools."

Perhaps, then, the solution, as mentioned in recent columns, is to have fewer regulations and limit them to ones that are fair, achieve a public good, and can be applied to all, regardless of position or rank.

This brings us to what I call "The Bank President Rule." This simply implies that we should never adopt a resolution that we wouldn't enforce against the wishes of the bank president who holds our home mortgage.

That rule is a close cousin to the old coaches' adage that one should never adopt a team rule that one can't apply to all. That is because, the old timers warn, one's star quarterback will, inevitably, be the first to break it.

The power of a single individual is not the only force that can undermine our will to follow our own regulations. There is also the problem of numbers. A large group, no matter how irrational their claims may be, can sap the resolve of many planning commissions or governing bodies. It is not a problem easily solved.

The easiest way to avoid this, although not one entirely without political risk, is to make more regulations "by-right" types, avoiding unnecessary public hearings. This doesn't imply that the public





The success of Central Avenue in Hot Springs grew from the dreams of its people and was sustained by the support of the governing body.

should be denied information or access to the planning process. It simply recognizes that major decisions can be made during the planning process and must not always be revisited over and over again in the regulatory phase.

Additionally, there are administrative reviews over which the planning commission and the elected body have limited discretion. Our state's Supreme Court ruled in *Richardson v. City of Little Rock* that when a subdivision plat meets the minimum standards of the city's subdivision code, the planning commission has no alternative other than approval. Despite this, some cities in our state insist on conducting public hearings for subdivision plat approval.

How weird is that?

In summary, three points come to mind. The first is that land-use regulations should exist to carry out or protect the provisions of our community's plans. They work best when applied this way and not as knee-jerk reactions to a problem that may never arise again.

Second, it would be useful to take a moment and consider the simple matter of complexity versus resolve. Would it be better to have fewer regulations that we will uniformly apply without undue variances, or massive and complex documents that constantly bedevil us and will generate resistance from those being regulated? That

is a question each city must settle in light of the problems specific problems facing it.

Finally, there is the eternal balancing act that regulatory bodies face in crafting rules. How far can we go in resolving issues facing our communities before we cross over the tipping point at which further regulation becomes politically impossible? As with politics itself, planning can become the "art of the possible." In other words, let us achieve what we can at the moment and be satisfied.

In plain words, whether we are staff, volunteer commissioners, or elected officials, we are first about the task of providing good government. Good design puts our best foot forward. It is nice to achieve it, no doubt. Good planning provides a solid foundation for good regulations. It is also worth seeking. But they must be harnessed with a high level of resolve if we are to continue making great cities and a great state.



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2013 State Turnback Funds

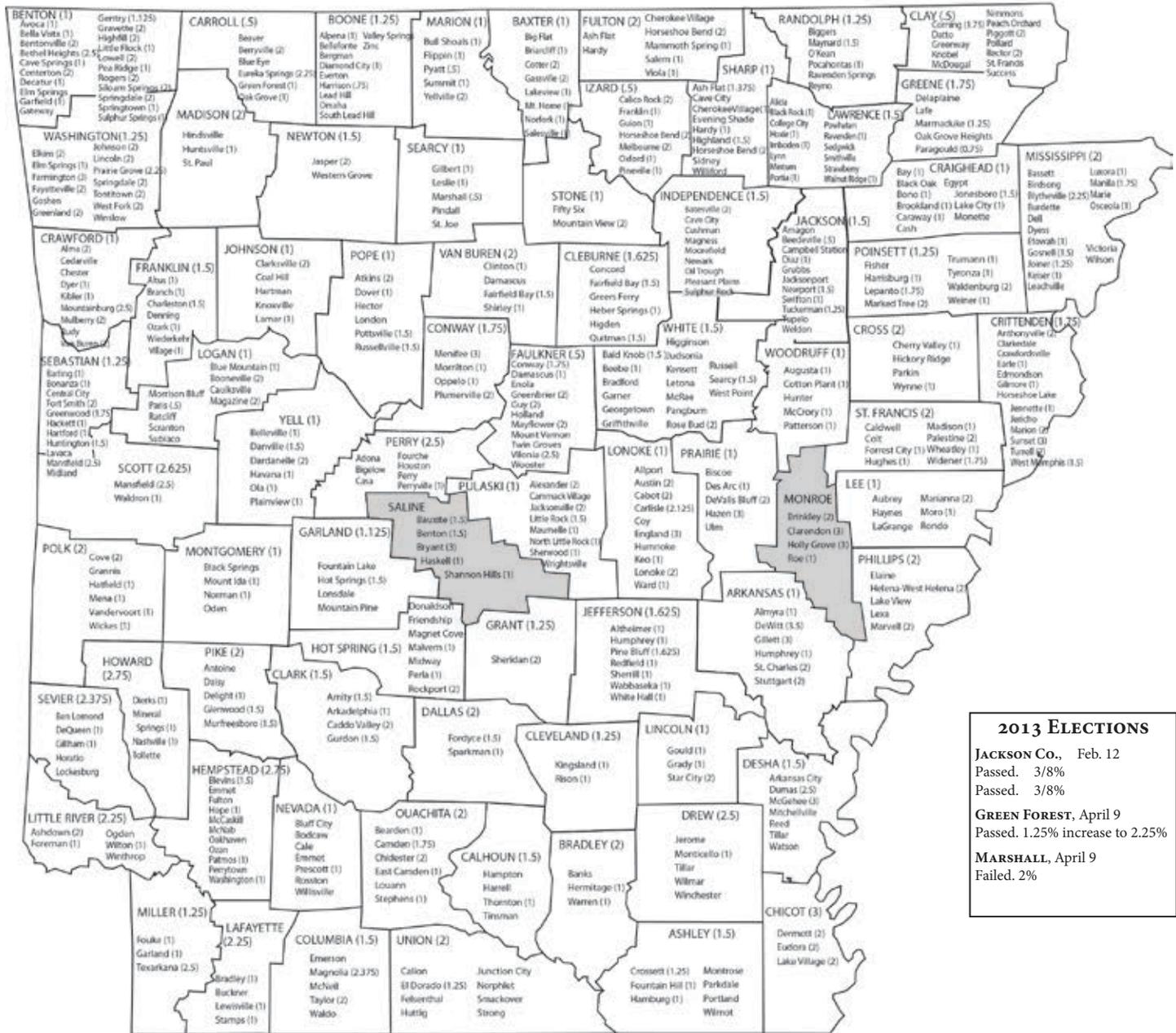
Actual Totals Per Capita						
	STREET		SEVERANCE TAX		GENERAL	
MONTH	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
January	\$3.4786	\$3.2369	\$0.2859	\$0.3020	\$3.1339	\$3.1338
February	\$3.7795	\$3.4064	\$0.2584	\$0.3873	\$1.0053	\$1.0094
March	\$3.2521	\$3.0946	\$0.4307	\$0.3953	\$1.0055	\$1.0055
April	\$3.4633	\$3.2024	\$0.2705	\$0.3438	\$1.0017	\$1.0056
May	\$3.6848		\$0.1999		\$1.0053	
June	\$3.8035		\$0.2104		\$1.0056	
July	\$3.7480		\$0.1996		\$3.1087	
August	\$3.5350		\$0.1567		\$1.0052	
September	\$3.6430		\$0.1899		\$1.0056	
October	\$3.4734		\$0.2654		\$1.0056	
November	\$3.4269		\$0.2902		\$1.0054	
December	\$3.4321		\$0.2501		\$0.91	
Total Year	\$42.7202	\$12.9403	\$3.0077	\$1.4284	\$16.1978	\$6.1543

Actual Totals Per Month						
	STREET		SEVERANCE TAX		GENERAL	
MONTH	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
January	\$6,537,582.03	\$6,083,989.12	\$537,347.01	\$567,571.55	* \$5,889,623.14	* \$5,890,046.27
February	\$7,103,104.25	\$6,402,534.31	\$485,627.91	\$728,037.16	\$1,889,245.23	\$1,897,309.37
March	\$6,111,822.72	\$5,816,498.28	\$809,523.74	\$742,998.16	\$1,889,603.23	\$1,889,913.31
April	\$6,508,820.12	\$6,019,069.40	\$508,320.37	\$646,153.53	\$1,882,530.42	\$1,890,083.64
May	\$6,925,015.17		\$375,733.12		\$1,889,362.42	
June	\$7,148,252.90		\$395,417.87		\$1,889,865.20	
July	\$7,043,886.87		\$375,173.84		** \$5,842,460.26	
August	\$6,643,716.19		\$294,503.90		\$1,889,164.55	
September	\$6,846,853.12		\$356,918.13		\$1,890,041.23	
October	\$6,528,081.50		\$498,817.98		\$1,890,041.23	
November	\$6,440,629.62		\$545,491.57		\$1,889,559.03	
December	\$6,450,883.49		\$470,059.64		\$1,703,306.66	
Total Year	\$80,288,647.98	\$24,322,091.11	\$5,652,935.08	\$2,684,760.40	\$30,434,802.60	11,567,352.59

* Includes \$4 million appropriation from the Property Tax Relief Fund

** Includes \$3,517,657 supplemental in July

Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



KEY: Counties not collecting sales tax

Source: Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer See also: www.dfa.arkansas.gov

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2013 with 2012 Comparison (shaded gray)								
Month	Municipal Tax		County Tax		Total Tax		Interest	
January	\$43,764,256	\$37,846,866	\$39,379,372	\$37,289,267	\$83,143,628	\$75,136,134	\$12,329	\$12,533
February	\$51,585,273	\$46,523,853	\$44,215,215	\$44,592,756	\$95,800,488	\$91,116,609	\$26,338	\$22,619
March	\$42,875,487	\$40,360,002	\$38,040,827	\$36,819,087	\$80,916,314	\$77,179,089	\$8,508	\$13,222
April	\$44,204,032	\$41,324,697	\$39,707,294	\$37,882,489	\$83,911,326	\$79,207,186	\$24,953	\$27,247
Total	\$182,429,048	\$166,055,418	\$161,342,708	\$156,583,599	\$343,771,756	\$322,639,018	\$72,128	\$75,621
Averages	\$45,607,262	\$41,513,855	\$40,335,677	\$39,145,900	\$85,942,939	\$80,659,755	\$18,032	\$18,905

April 2013 Municipal Levy Receipts and April 2013 Municipal/County Levy Receipts with 2012 Comparison (shaded gray)

CITY SALES AND USE	AMOUNT	LAST YEAR	Gilbert	160.87	141.95	Ozark	69,865.23	73,519.39	Bella Vista	318,230.85	302,278.00
Alexander	46,258.15	51,267.44	Gillett	8,200.20	9,960.84	Palestine	15,429.76	6,906.65	Bentonville	424,544.32	403,262.00
Alma	180,146.67	176,128.80	Gillham	3,034.57	1,042.06	Paragould	122,154.66	281,153.70	Bethel Heights	28,526.65	27,096.61
Almyra	3,185.70	2,640.99	Gilmore	443.59	406.11	Paris	23,957.09	22,648.71	Cave Springs	20,793.66	19,751.28
Alpena	2,861.14	2,428.12	Glenwood	58,965.97	55,694.47	Patmos	132.93	117.39	Centerton	114,431.30	108,694.88
Alzheimer	3,090.41	3,022.51	Gosnell	15,154.83	17,009.88	Patterson	1,281.91	1,288.15	Decatur	20,432.87	19,408.58
Altus	6,107.86	6,844.66	Gould	3,817.19	3,627.22	Pea Ridge	25,799.90	26,460.45	Elm Springs	457.00	434.09
Amity	9,153.54	7,199.88	Grady	5,372.15	3,519.82	Perla	1,970.90	3,923.54	Garfield	6,037.26	5,734.61
Anthonyville	144.61	145.27	Gravette	107,256.44	128,379.54	Perryville	15,870.46	17,867.11	Gateway	4,870.70	4,626.53
Arkadelphia	151,573.72	155,692.26	Green Forest	25,466.87	19,957.01	Piggott	60,496.63	56,271.11	Gentry	37,979.40	36,075.50
Ash Flat	75,447.25	72,720.45	Greenbrier	130,478.81	128,533.49	Pine Bluff	987,462.93	1,003,273.66	Gravette	27,961.40	26,559.70
Ashdown	106,214.34	109,786.16	Greenland	13,504.24	14,217.47	Pineville	688.40	972.40	Highfill	7,011.40	6,659.92
Atkins	45,084.47	46,085.58	Greenwood	154,285.21	153,896.81	Plainview	2,883.44	3,989.74	Little Flock	31,088.27	29,529.82
Augusta	21,735.52	22,724.65	Guion	6,102.33	11,703.40	Plumerville	11,251.01	4,772.81	Lowell	88,117.51	83,700.20
Austin	21,595.58	9,769.63	Gurdon	19,165.62	21,079.10	Pocahontas	107,512.16	107,419.66	Pea Ridge	57,654.61	54,764.40
Avoca	2,416.50	2,312.45	Guy	4,372.55	5,235.15	Portia	2,195.24	1,220.30	Rogers	673,046.04	639,306.38
Bald Knob	51,273.44	45,550.94	Hackett	2,619.04	5,482.83	Pottsville	21,058.84	.00	Siloam Springs	180,865.19	171,798.45
Barling	17,222.87	18,906.71	Hamburg	28,504.33	27,089.37	Prairie Grove	70,443.37	70,340.04	Springdale	72,807.89	69,158.04
Batesville	546,726.37	265,588.94	Hardy	14,962.55	13,877.46	Prescott	44,295.04	45,083.23	Springtown	1,046.30	993.85
Bauxite	17,194.86	13,184.56	Harrisburg	24,272.38	21,335.14	Pyatt	448.78	657.25	Sulphur Springs	6,145.50	5,837.43
Bay	7,935.28	10,927.09	Harrison	233,295.20	222,631.08	Quitman	21,795.14	26,612.07	Boone County	321,107.93	320,568.69
Bearden	9,549.60	10,963.98	Hartford	1,726.84	1,741.14	Ravenden	2,411.75	1,943.18	Alpena	3,388.39	3,382.70
Beebe	85,143.19	85,821.57	Haskell	17,443.22	21,794.89	Rector	24,515.60	23,625.20	Bellefonte	4,822.34	4,814.24
Beedeville	104.38	110.15	Hatfield	2,776.80	2,430.00	Redfield	17,689.49	13,782.52	Bergman	4,663.01	4,655.18
Bella Vista	109,599.44	109,789.93	Havana	2,275.49	3,111.60	Rison	12,046.27	12,124.95	Diamond City	8,306.32	8,292.38
Belleville	2,115.93	2,184.34	Hazen	52,936.21	43,747.61	Rockport	7,130.87	7,148.92	Everton	1,412.71	1,410.34
Benton	677,738.26	623,358.72	Heber Springs	125,958.93	134,643.64	Roe	700.00	433.03	Harrison	137,479.22	137,248.35
Bentonville	1,343,804.74	1,388,763.11	Helena-West Helena	250,554.00	275,709.37	Rogers	2,179,426.73	1,939,793.29	Lead Hill	2,878.53	2,873.70
Berryville	205,286.57	207,546.37	Hermitage	4,220.67	9,440.34	Rose Bud	23,829.09	21,318.98	Omaha	1,795.10	1,792.09
Bethel Heights	31,143.82	38,850.17	Highfill	58,370.64	58,707.23	Russellville	849,516.26	745,419.11	South Lead Hill	1,083.43	1,081.61
Black Rock	5,725.09	4,842.02	Highland	21,384.77	20,229.54	Salem	19,560.46	17,658.59	Valley Springs	1,943.81	1,940.54
Blevins	1,842.31	2,812.31	Holly Grove	8,671.02	8,500.09	Salesville	3,307.84	NA	Zinc	1,094.06	1,092.22
Blue Mountain	206.56	234.97	Hope	165,741.82	150,815.05	Searcy	804,642.93	257,370.32	Bradley County	117,868.09	114,884.90
Blytheville	509,285.61	287,939.77	Horseshoe Bend	17,653.47	17,488.06	Shannon Hills	15,047.03	16,020.42	Banks	910.12	887.09
Bonanza	1,678.39	1,598.77	Hot Springs	1,425,011.24	1,453,024.17	Sheridan	171,984.39	172,240.18	Hermitage	6,091.94	5,937.76
Bono	9,994.83	9,472.21	Hoxie	17,941.41	16,614.87	Sherill	778.67	676.47	Warren	44,060.17	42,945.02
Booneville	80,484.17	85,654.50	Hughes	8,811.52	8,521.53	Sherwood	369,440.83	355,651.24	Calhoun County	56,122.73	55,816.61
Bradley	3,281.51	2,882.56	Humphrey	2,572.97	2,526.66	Shirley	3,452.88	2,969.35	Hampton	12,357.64	12,290.23
Branch	1,555.29	1,398.42	Huntington	2,857.05	1,892.14	Siloam Springs	454,632.02	489,870.63	Harrell	2,370.73	2,357.79
Briarcliff	1,021.22	854.11	Huntsville	47,236.28	39,479.54	Sparkman	4,644.68	3,831.29	Thornton	3,798.76	3,778.04
Brinkley	105,373.05	104,226.10	Imboden	6,469.99	6,394.45	Springdale	1,669,142.94	1,657,526.07	Tinsman	504.01	501.27
Brookland	11,509.74	9,317.86	Jacksonville	626,032.48	606,493.09	Springtown	229.58	68.61	Carroll County	125,447.83	125,447.83
Bryant	922,533.65	893,511.16	Jasper	24,936.07	21,819.38	St. Charles	1,755.02	2,367.50	Beaver	459.25	.00
Bull Shoals	10,994.78	10,912.04	Jennette	208.17	109.67	Stamps	14,135.74	14,750.38	Blue Eye	137.77	.00
Cabot	647,786.16	587,993.54	Johnson	37,960.46	39,547.38	Star City	68,620.55	65,783.37	Chicot County	200,348.77	213,745.25
Caddo Valley	38,622.30	34,219.20	Joiner	2,525.50	2,469.33	Stephens	6,771.97	8,035.02	Dermott	20,920.50	22,319.37
Calico Rock	23,284.87	20,580.80	Jonesboro	1,880,501.46	1,570,672.60	Stuttgart	349,183.20	370,043.96	Eudora	16,430.82	17,529.47
Camden	282,428.83	290,621.06	Keiser	2,806.35	2,468.39	Sulphur Springs	1,386.03	2,728.01	Lake Village	18,646.69	19,893.53
Caraway	4,982.85	NA	Keo	1,839.72	1,464.12	Summit	3,437.55	2,671.81	Clark County	351,564.22	361,801.80
Carlisle	49,375.27	50,329.93	Kibler	1,663.90	1,782.66	Sunset	1,792.73	4,833.46	Clay County	48,044.33	48,805.31
Cave Springs	11,605.05	10,619.62	Kingsland	1,553.29	1,498.68	Swifton	3,217.92	3,195.06	Datto	331.89	337.15
Centerton	84,330.57	70,111.91	Lake City	10,252.89	10,153.35	Taylor	8,618.22	6,506.90	Greenway	693.65	704.64
Charleston	21,318.74	22,120.92	Lake Village	71,844.51	72,446.56	Texarkana	376,680.05	375,243.38	Knobel	952.52	967.61
Cherokee Village	12,420.18	11,288.21	Lakeview	2,889.52	5,546.69	Texarkana Special	187,012.09	186,990.80	McDougal	617.31	627.09
Cherry Valley	4,733.86	5,226.86	Lamar	8,703.78	8,054.75	Thornton	1,223.01	1,362.51	Nimmons	229.00	232.63
Chidester	2,094.72	2,221.68	Lepanto	20,752.19	21,907.23	Tontitown	90,890.00	78,814.18	Peach Orchard	448.05	455.15
Clarendon	39,584.07	29,327.18	Leslie	4,051.76	4,322.84	Trumann	67,953.72	71,588.02	Pollard	736.79	748.46
Clarksville	333,521.22	.00	Lewisville	9,420.54	8,228.19	Tuckerman	13,714.69	14,478.89	St. Francis	829.72	842.87
Clinton	75,702.50	81,677.90	Lincoln	31,247.85	20,085.62	Turrell	5,598.45	5,203.63	Success	494.54	502.34
Conway	1,751,079.68	1,733,070.03	Little Flock	5,579.71	6,350.46	Twin Groves	.035	898.22	Cleburne County	334,952.09	366,596.75
Corning	66,756.77	78,776.99	Little Rock	5,687,874.67	5,654,636.63	Tyronza	3,089.56	2,660.45	Concord	2,486.69	2,721.62
Cotter	7,838.19	6,980.54	Lonoke	135,394.77	129,322.81	Van Buren	541,804.75	247,110.32	Fairfield Bay	1,865.02	2,041.22
Cotton Plant	1,680.72	1,865.81	Lowell	179,624.84	156,873.32	Vandervoort	1,167.42	2,441.48	Greers Ferry	9,080.51	9,938.39
Cove	9,827.00	9,355.82	Luxora	3,248.74	3,467.68	Vilonia	72,776.71	92,183.40	Heber Springs	73,021.16	79,919.85
Crosscut	160,388.85	380,260.21	Madison	1,335.39	1,486.48	Viola	3,014.52	2,199.04	Higden	1,222.96	1,338.50
Damascus	8,052.77	NA	Magazine	7,136.96	6,857.35	Wabbaska	534.16	1,113.22	Quitman	7,460.09	8,164.88
Danville	42,191.96	37,846.80	Magnolia	450,580.40	400,889.76	Waldenbron	7,315.43	7,411.78	Cleveland County	37,380.45	36,968.01
Dardanelle	137,390.49	47,619.80	Malvern	145,485.33	152,275.66	Waldron	44,752.56	42,224.73	Kingsland	1,842.18	1,821.86
Decatur	14,786.50	7,348.98	Mammoth Spring	7,306.15	7,591.19	Walnut Ridge	68,526.06	62,258.29	Rison	5,538.92	5,477.80
Delight	4,444.03	3,765.72	Manila	38,400.56	16,859.76	Ward	18,215.77	19,827.28	Columbia County	394,590.88	427,084.09
DeQueen	88,943.21	91,734.19	Mansfield	29,356.24	24,438.60	Warren	67,698.72	60,768.87	Emerson	702.96	760.84
Dermott	28,340.46	27,493.78	Marianna	78,434.91	82,608.13	Washington	1,111.10	1,402.05	Magnolia	22,114.52	23,935.57
Des Arc	17,652.98	15,281.89	Marion	164,280.42	143,412.40	Weiner	8,865.46	6,786.34	McNeill	985.67	1,066.84
DeValls Bluff	6,914.15	8,068.05	Marked Tree	45,794.42	49,727.04	West Fork	49,002.59	24,231.74	Taylor	1,081.18	1,170.21
DeWitt	161,912.68	162,091.11	Marmaduke	19,658.57	10,775.14	West Memphis	576,402.33	564,442.02	Waldo	2,620.80	2,836.62
Diamond City	2,442.21	5,276.92	Marshall	12,373.59	10,823.59	Wheatley	3,092.17	4,955.77	Conway County	341,057.07	393,809.84
Diaz	3,948.71	2,983.10	Marvell	22,248.80	23,265.30	White Hall	57,860.11	53,041.33	Menifee	3,607.46	4,165.44
Dierks	14,891.55	8,764.29	Maumelle	153,503.81	170,042.44	Wickes	3,160.42	2,687.66	Morrilton	80,833.34	93,336.18
Dover	17,545.94	17,612.30	Mayflower	54,300.44	72,861.33	Widener	1,376.23	NA	Oppelo		

Earle	14,933.29	14,284.02	Jacksonport	1,998.18	1,946.87	Manila	33,731.60	41,887.03	St. Joe	714.61	703.87
Edmondson	2,641.47	2,526.63	Newport	74,262.47	72,355.51	Marie	847.83	1,052.82	Sebastian County	742,912.00	685,422.01
Gilmore	1,464.26	1,001.19	Swifton	7,521.44	7,328.30	Osceola	78,293.24	97,222.53	Barling	67,898.60	62,644.29
Horseshoe Lake	1,806.35	1,727.81	Tuckerman	17,550.03	17,099.37	Victoria	373.45	463.74	Bonanza	8,397.87	7,740.00
Jennette	640.26	612.42	Tupelo	1,696.57	1,653.00	Wilson	9,114.19	11,317.76	Central City	7,331.70	6,764.34
Jericho	736.15	704.14	Weldon	706.90	688.74	Monroe County	NA	NA	Fort Smith	1,259,081.53	1,161,647.96
Marion	76,367.64	73,047.32	Jefferson County	714,980.62	710,095.28	Montgomery County	36,363.16	44,076.65	Greenwood	130,743.86	120,626.30
Sunset	1,102.37	1,054.44	Alzheimer	10,301.52	10,231.13	Black Springs	469.97	569.66	Hackett	11,859.25	10,941.53
Turrell	3,424.01	3,275.15	Humphrey	3,224.46	3,202.43	Glenwood	199.38	241.67	Hartford	9,376.40	8,650.81
West Memphis	162,354.71	155,295.83	Pine Bluff	513,851.06	510,340.00	Mount Ida	5,107.93	6,191.45	Huntington	9,274.17	8,556.49
Cross County	235,193.63	256,031.67	Redfield	13,578.32	13,485.54	Norman	1,794.42	2,175.06	Lavaca	33,430.82	30,843.79
Cherry Valley	6,041.08	6,576.31	Sherrill	879.40	873.39	Oden	1,101.34	1,334.96	Mansfield	10,559.41	9,742.27
Hickory Ridge	2,524.07	2,747.71	Wabbaseka	2,669.60	2,651.36	Nevada County	31,354.80	31,399.53	Midland	4,746.62	4,379.31
Parkin	10,254.05	11,162.56	White Hall	57,851.82	57,456.53	Bluff City	869.41	870.65	Sevier County	232,177.10	241,487.22
Wynne	77,643.14	84,522.27	Johnson County	103,163.16	31,690.86	Bodcaw	967.57	968.95	Ben Lomond	1,057.65	1,100.06
Dallas County	142,350.93	135,917.09	Clarksville	75,776.83	23,278.01	Cale	553.90	554.69	DeQueen	48,097.39	50,026.05
Desha County	96,244.18	108,381.23	Coal Hill	8,355.43	2,566.72	Emmet	3,330.40	3,335.15	Gilham	1,167.06	1,213.86
Arkansas City	3,724.79	4,180.81	Hartman	4,285.05	1,316.33	Prescott	23,109.44	23,142.41	Horatio	7,615.05	7,920.41
Dumas	47,893.11	53,756.54	Knoxville	6,035.40	1,854.02	Rosston	1,829.96	1,832.58	Lockesburg	5,390.35	5,606.50
McGehee	42,936.90	48,193.55	Lamar	13,251.45	4,070.74	Willisville	1,065.72	1,067.23	Sharp County	64,301.27	60,829.42
Mitchellville	3,663.73	4,112.27	Lafayette County	81,792.38	84,833.83	Newton County	46,219.28	36,984.21	Ash Flat	7,691.35	7,276.07
Reed	1,750.45	1,610.64	Bradley	3,854.76	3,998.10	Jasper	1,849.57	1,480.00	Cave City	13,671.77	12,933.58
Tillar	213.72	239.88	Buckner	1,687.99	1,750.76	Western Grove	1,524.10	1,219.58	Cherokee Village	30,435.78	28,792.44
Watson	2,147.36	2,410.25	Lewisville	7,856.83	8,148.99	Ouachita County	338,125.60	350,880.13	Evening Shade	3,390.47	3,207.41
Drew County	428,135.48	387,838.19	Stamps	10,391.89	10,778.31	Bearden	8,871.46	9,206.10	Hardy	5,729.27	5,419.93
Jerome	465.31	421.51	Lawrence County	131,586.08	116,423.02	Camden	111,885.06	116,105.51	Highland	8,201.49	7,758.66
Monticello	112,950.12	102,318.95	Alicia	709.67	627.89	Chidester	2,654.09	2,754.21	Horseshoe Bend	62.79	59.40
Tillar	2,433.91	2,204.82	Black Rock	3,788.71	3,352.12	East Camden	8,550.03	8,872.55	Sidney	1,420.55	1,343.85
Wilmar	6,096.71	5,522.87	College City	2,604.02	2,303.95	Louann	1,506.13	1,562.94	Williford	588.62	556.84
Winchester	1,992.45	1,804.93	Hoxie	15,910.29	14,076.90	Stephens	8,182.68	8,491.33	St. Francis County	136,640.06	142,351.82
Faulkner County	636,968.50	658,177.07	Imboden	3,874.56	3,428.08	Perry County	85,527.60	88,853.56	Caldwell	8,990.54	9,366.36
Damascus	NA	781.25	Lynn	1,648.26	1,458.33	Adona	762.19	791.83	Colt	6,123.28	6,379.26
Enola	1,939.56	2,000.48	Minturn	623.82	551.94	Bigelow	1,148.76	1,193.43	Forrest City	248,997.54	259,406.04
Holland	3,196.26	3,296.66	Portia	2,501.01	2,212.81	Casa	623.61	647.86	Hughes	23,343.02	24,318.78
Mount Vernon	832.06	858.20	Powhatan	412.07	364.58	Fourche	226.10	234.90	Madison	12,457.16	12,977.90
Twin Groves	1,922.35	NA	Ravenden	2,689.87	2,379.91	Houston	630.90	655.44	Palestine	11,031.64	11,492.78
Wooster	4,934.99	5,089.99	Sedgwick	869.92	769.67	Perry	984.65	1,022.94	Phellie	5,750.70	5,991.10
Franklin County	144,645.94	154,618.56	Smithville	446.40	394.96	Perryville	5,324.39	5,531.44	Widener	4,422.39	4,607.24
Altus	5,666.97	6,048.92	Strawberry	1,728.38	1,529.22	Phillips County	113,292.12	108,398.69	Stone County	75,303.90	76,718.06
Branch	2,743.77	2,928.70	Walnut Ridge	27,986.07	24,761.16	Elaine	12,682.12	12,134.35	Fifty Six	1,375.23	1,401.06
Charleston	18,855.00	19,902.39	Lee County	31,570.46	32,549.75	Helena-West Helena	200,960.92	192,280.86	Mountain View	21,844.73	22,254.96
Denning	3,521.29	3,758.63	Aubrey	978.30	1,008.65	Lake View	8,833.61	8,452.07	Union County	510,124.15	512,429.32
Ozark	27,542.35	29,398.71	Haynes	863.21	889.99	Lexa	5,702.96	5,456.64	Callon	14,871.77	14,938.97
Wiederkehr Village	284.09	303.25	LaGrange	512.17	528.06	Marvell	23,649.36	22,627.89	El Dorado	633,222.37	636,083.80
Fulton County	88,106.64	79,677.19	Marianna	23,680.72	24,415.28	Pike County	127,916.69	151,744.50	Feisenthal	3,644.07	3,660.53
Ash Flat	348.57	394.77	Moro	1,243.02	1,281.58	Antoine	820.34	789.84	Huttig	20,383.43	20,475.54
Cherokee Village	2,709.99	3,069.12	Rondo	1,139.44	1,174.77	Daisy	806.32	776.34	Junction City	18,182.14	18,264.31
Hardy	143.53	162.55	Lincoln County	53,122.75	45,626.02	Delight	1,956.19	1,883.46	Norphlet	22,940.95	23,042.61
Horseshoe Bend	58.10	65.79	Gould	4,205.01	3,611.59	Glenwood	15,327.01	14,757.17	Smackover	60,354.91	60,627.64
Mammoth Spring	3,338.79	3,781.25	Grady	2,255.73	1,937.40	Murfreesboro	11,505.77	11,078.00	Strong	17,172.42	17,250.02
Salem	5,587.43	6,327.89	Star City	11,424.35	9,812.14	Poinsett County	109,194.97	111,538.72	Van Buren County	244,080.37	300,317.22
Viola	1,151.66	1,304.28	Little River County	152,565.68	174,709.08	Fisher	1,633.19	1,660.78	Clinton	21,681.59	20,677.09
Garland County	1,475,338.47	673,377.43	Ashdown	31,119.65	35,636.36	Harrisburg	16,859.22	17,039.78	Damascus	2,083.17	2,563.13
Fountain Lake	3,456.64	3,578.28	Foreman	6,661.44	7,628.28	Lepanto	13,863.82	14,098.04	Fairfield Bay	17,956.89	22,094.21
Lonsdale	645.97	668.70	Ogden	1,186.01	1,358.15	Marked Tree	18,792.69	19,110.18	Shirley	2,424.80	2,983.49
Mountain Pine	5,291.47	5,477.68	Wilton	2,464.27	2,821.93	Trumann	53,433.92	53,941.94	Washington County	1,098,050.15	1,074,572.80
Grant County	166,219.17	166,706.42	Winthrop	1,265.07	1,448.70	Tyronza	5,580.68	5,674.96	Elkins	32,703.79	32,004.55
Greene County	338,099.95	138,704.51	Logan County	83,744.00	69,474.85	Waldenburg	446.75	454.29	Elm Springs	18,488.51	18,093.21
Delaplaine	872.12	1,200.46	Blue Mountain	825.13	684.54	Weiner	5,243.79	5,332.39	Farmington	73,781.14	72,203.62
Lafe	3,443.36	4,739.73	Booneville	26,550.54	22,026.59	Polk County	225,345.32	212,460.50	Fayetteville	908,740.53	889,310.79
Marmaduke	8,352.79	11,497.48	Caulksville	1,417.36	1,175.86	Cove	6,759.48	6,372.98	Goshen	13,227.25	12,944.44
Oak Grove Heights	6,683.73	9,200.05	Magazine	5,636.17	4,675.82	Grannis	9,803.00	9,242.50	Greenland	15,549.12	15,216.67
Paragould	196,324.35	270,237.33	Morrison Bluff	425.87	353.31	Hatfield	7,308.02	6,890.16	Johnson	41,423.16	40,537.49
Hempstead County	557,558.33	542,085.85	Paris	23,502.89	19,498.22	Mena	101,515.98	95,711.50	Lincoln	27,775.99	27,182.11
Blevins	3,464.62	3,368.47	Ratcliff	1,344.16	1,115.13	Vandervoort	1,539.46	1,451.44	Prairie Grove	54,094.64	52,938.04
Emmet	472.95	459.82	Scranton	1,490.56	1,236.58	Wickes	13,342.00	12,579.10	Springdale	787,249.90	770,417.75
Fulton	2,210.75	2,149.41	Subiaco	3,806.24	3,157.69	Pope County	285,890.70	203,927.95	Tontitown	30,381.92	29,323.32
Hope	111,032.67	107,951.47	Lonoke County	236,513.28	234,945.53	Atkins	34,334.66	24,491.17	West Fork	28,615.82	28,008.98
McCaskill	1,055.88	1,026.58	Allport	956.37	950.03	Dover	15,687.39	11,189.93	Winslow	4,829.00	4,725.76
McNab	747.92	727.16	Austin	16,948.46	16,836.11	Hector	5,122.88	3,654.19	White County	878,056.89	906,189.25
Oakhaven	692.92	673.69	Cabot	197,726.43	196,415.78	London	11,828.15	8,437.11	Bald Knob	34,170.18	35,264.97
Ozan	934.90	908.95	Carlisle	18,412.11	18,290.06	Pottsville	32,308.28	23,045.73	Beebe	86,280.59	89,044.97
Patmos	703.92	684.39	Coy	798.36	793.07	Russellville	317,846.06	226,721.96	Bradford	8,952.42	9,239.25
Perrytown	2,991.67	2,908.65	England	23,493.32	23,347.51	Prairie County	31,515.10	33,314.45	Garner	3,349.79	3,457.11
Washington	1,979.78	1,924.84	Humnoke	2,361.81	2,346.15	Biscoe	2,613.06	2,762.25	Georgetown	1,462.58	1,509.44
Hot Spring County	245,638.37	286,883.44	Keo	1,128.95	2,114.84	Des Arc	12,359.85	13,065.53	Griffithville	2,653.88	2,738.91
Donaldson	1,987.32	2,321.32	Lonoke	35,302.35	35,068.35	DeValls Bluff	4,455.88	4,710.29	Higginson	7,324.71	7,559.39
Friendship	1,162.02	1,357.32	Ward	33,822.05	33,597.87	Hazen	10,567.42	11,170.76	Judsonia	23,814.15	24,577.14
Magnet Cove	NA	38.56	Madison County	154,780.92	145,635.38	Ulm	1,223.75	1,293.62	Kensett	19,438.20	20,060.98
Malvern	68,123.39	79,572.66	Hindsville	326.54	307.25	Pulaski County	812,335.35	813,594.72	Letona	3,007.73	3,104.10
Midway	2,568.33	2,999.98	Huntsville	12,558.49	11,816.44	Alexander	3,932.37	3,938.47	McRae	8,044.21	8,301.94
Perla	1,591.17	1,858.60	St. Paul	604.90	569.16	Cammack Village	12,796.88	12,816.72	Pangburn	5,620.59	5,715.93
Rockport	4,984.80	5,822.57	Marion County	69,974.70	74,362.31	Jacksonville	472,618.15	473,350.85	Rose Bud	5,685.20	5,867.35
Howard County	313,475.12	258,291.30	Bull Shoals	12,055.01	12,810.89	Little Rock	3,224,614.09	3,229,613.23	Russell	2,547.72	2,629.35
Dierks	15,356.73	12,653.35	Flippin	8,376.69	8,901.93	Maumelle	285,980.30	286,423.66	Searcy	269,610.63	278,248.78
Mineral Springs	16,373.28	13,490.95	Pyatt	1,366.23	1,451.90	North Little Rock	1,038,146.98	1,039,756.43	West Point	2,182.08	2,251.99
Nashville	62,714.54	51,674.34	Summit	3,733.96	3,968.09	Sherwood	491,930.11	492,692.75	Woodruff County	16,590.30	18,408.21
Tollette	3,252.96	2,680.31	Yellville	7,443.20	7,909.91	Wrightsville	35,224.74	35,279.35	Augusta	17,159.97	19,040.28
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New Acts of 2013 of Municipal Interest

HB 1171	Kerr, Allen	Changes “funeral expenses” paid upon the death of a police officer by local police and fire pension funds to “death benefits”; allows death benefits to be paid to a surviving spouse, the officer’s estate or another beneficiary chosen by the officer.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1206)
HB 1175	Catlett, John	Authorizes law enforcement agencies other than the Highway Police Division of the AHTD to send officers out-of-state in emergency vehicles or by commercial flight, for funerals that are for law enforcement officers, crime victims or witnesses.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 311)
HB 1187	Bell, Nate English, Jane	Prohibits state agencies and public officials from expending funds in support or opposition of a ballot initiative.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 312)
HB 1192	Hammer, Kim	Prohibits property owners' improvement districts from using eminent domain to acquire lands or rights-of-way outside of their boundaries, or water or sewer utilities within their boundaries but owned by a municipality or other improvement district.
	Bill History:	03-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 290)
HB 1203	Meeks, David	Creates the Human Trafficking Act of 2013, repealing and replacing provisions relating to trafficking of persons. Companions: SB 242 Irvin, Missy (Identical) 2-19-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 132)
	Bill History:	02-19-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 133)
HB 1210	McGill, George	Reduces the filing period for mayoral candidates in a city administrator form of government, from a 20-day period to a 15-day period that falls between the date that is 75 days prior to the primary election and the date that is 90 days prior.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 313)
HB 1215	Westerman, Bruce Sample, Bill	Repeals the grant program for solid waste management of the Department of Environmental Quality; limits use of Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund revenues for administrative costs; prescribes distribution of the revenue to waste districts.
	Bill History:	04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1333)
HB 1221	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Highway and Transportation Department for fiscal 2013-14 operations.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 222)
HB 1232	Copenhaver, Harold	Requires all vehicles transporting a child under fifteen, other than one operated for hire, to have the child secured in proper passenger restraints, deleting the reference to the vehicle being registered in this or other state.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 224)
HB 1233	Hickerson, Mary	Authorizes a city's governing body, rather than the county board of election commissioners, to determine new ward boundaries for the city.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 314)
HB 1234	Williams, Darrin Rapert, Jason	Eliminates the sales tax on food if the DFA Director determines that state payments to certain bonds, funds, and other expenses over the previous six months has declined by \$35 million. Companions: SB 135 Rapert, Jason (Same As) 4-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1398)
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1450)
HB 1235	Wagner, Wes	Repeals requirement for obsolete reports of theft or recovery of stolen vehicles to the Arkansas State Police by police departments.
	Bill History:	02-20-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 142)

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HB 1237	Wardlaw, Jeff Pierce, Bobby	Adds to law enforcement training requirements minimum training and certification requirements for law enforcement officers handling canines.
	Bill History:	02-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 168)
HB 1239	Gossage, Bill Stubblefield, Gary	Creates a new benefit program for volunteer fire service, providing an additional monthly retirement annuity of \$10 for each year of volunteer service, not to exceed the final average pay plus any additional for volunteer service.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 315)
HB 1241	Steel, Nate	Prohibits the reduction of any court ordered restitution by use of the time-served credit that a court may credit against fines.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 225)
HB 1245	Hammer, Kim	Changes the terms for regional waste management district board members from two-year terms to one-year terms, and removes the provision which limited members to two terms.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 316)
HB 1246	Copenhaver, Harold	Provides for a special license plate in support of law enforcement, with proceeds to benefit the Municipal Police Association.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1270)
HB 1250	Whitaker, David	Provides that driving while intoxicated is battery in the second degree when another person is seriously injured and requiring the court to order 30 days imprisonment when a DWI violations results in physical injury to another person.
	Bill History:	03-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 429)
HB 1252	Biviano, Mark Dismang, Jonathan	Authorizes private colleges and universities to maintain their own on-campus law enforcement agency; authorizes their security employees to attend the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and attain law enforcement officer status.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 227)
HB 1271	Catlett, John	Authorizes a court to seize the vehicle of a person who is convicted of a fourth DWI offense within five years of his or her first offense.
	Bill History:	03-15-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 412)
HB 1274	Hickerson, Mary	Authorizes municipalities to permit the operation of golf carts on city streets generally, removing the limitation that operation may only be permitted between the owner's residence and a golf course.
	Bill History:	02-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 170)
HB 1275	Wardlaw, Jeff	Requires the public notice of an application to sell alcohol at retail be published specifically in a newspaper with a physical address within the county of the proposed location of the business, or the nearest newspaper available.
	Bill History:	03-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 292)
HB 1280	Kizzia, David	Adds to the definition of prohibited novelty lighters those products intended for use lighting "gas grills and other combustible material" that have the prohibited audio or visual features.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 232)
HB 1281	Shepherd, Matthew Pierce, Bobby	Amends the sales tax exemption for required equipment used in manufacturing operations to remove pollutants, to include those operations of cities and towns, and to include sulfur removal processes during petroleum refining.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 233)

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HB 1282	Edwards, John Hutchinson, Jeremy	Requires the Highway and Transportation Department when acquiring property to make a written offer supported by a written appraisal to the land owner at least 40 days prior to filing a condemnation action and pay costs and fees in an abandoned action.
	Bill History:	03-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 502)
HB 1283	House, Douglas	Provides that an absentee ballot which is cast by active duty military stationed outside the U.S. will be counted even in the event that the voter dies before election day.
	Bill History:	03-21-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 466)
HB 1300	Collins, Charlie Bledsoe, Cecile	Extends the FOIA exemption for water system records by removing the provision's July 1, 2013 sunset clause.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 235)
HB 1310	Linck, Kelley	Requires consolidated school districts to donate, or lease with a low cost, unused property to an institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, county, or city for preservation or educational use.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 318)
HB 1311	Lea, Andrea Hickey, Jimmy	Requires poll workers to deliver election stub boxes to the county treasurer.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 236)
HB 1354	Branscum, David	Defines "infamous crime" for purposes of disqualification from public office, including felony offenses, misdemeanor theft, abuse of office, perjury or related offenses, and other misdemeanors involving deceit or fraud.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 724)
HB 1366	Hammer, Kim	Revises the priority of distributions from the Administration of Justice Fund, requiring that available revenue be used first to fully fund the Court Reporter's Fund and funds for trial court staff persons authorized by § 16-10-133.
	Bill History:	03-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 504)
HB 1369	Lenderman, Homer	Requires pawn shops and pawnbrokers to daily upload records pawn records, including price paid, to a centralized, secure, Internet-based tracking system and website designated by the chief law enforcement officer of a county or city.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 404)
HB 1383	Vines, John Wyatt, David	Increases the bid threshold for contracts for renovation of historic sites from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to make the requirement; allows counties to separately procure commodities, professional services and construction work for purposes of the bid threshold.
	Bill History:	03-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 494)
HB 1386	Rice, Terry Files, Jake	Provides for large nonresidential utility customers to opt-out of the utility-sponsored conservation programs otherwise required by the Public Service Commission.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 253)
HB 1392	Magie, Steve	Requires the list of persons eligible for promotion within civil service commissions for municipal police and fire departments be certified within 90 days of completion of the examination process.
	Bill History:	03-21-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 468)
HB 1393	Baltz, Scott	Makes various changes to requirements related to depository agreements between local governments and financial institutions; increases the time period for deposit of funds collected by county officials from 5 to 10 days.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 405)

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HB 1399	Farrer, Joe	Creates an income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters of up to \$1,000 of required equipment purchases and for any loss of personal property during the course of duty.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1452)
HB 1409	Neal, Micah Woods, Jon	Changes the definition of persons assessed as sexually violent predator to sexually dangerous person; changes assessment name from Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment to Community Notification Assessment.
	Bill History:	03-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 505)
HB 1417	Harris, Justin	Authorizes court bailiffs, retired law enforcement officers, and auxiliary law enforcement officers, current and retired, to carry a concealed handgun without a license.
	Bill History:	03-15-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 415)
HB 1425	Joint Budget	Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Department of Rural Services from the General Improvement Fund for improvement grants to fire departments, cities and counties.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 259)
HB 1440	Shepherd, Matthew Woods, Jon	Requires the Crime Information Center to maintain a database of certain court orders related to mental disorders and make the information available only to courts, law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys.
	Bill History:	03-21-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 470)
HB 1450	Fite, Charlene	Adds to the definition of the offense of aggravated assault on a family or household member the display of a firearm in a manner that creates danger of injury or death and impeding of respiration by choking or blocking breathing.
	Bill History:	03-15-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 418)
HB 1458	Neal, Micah Irvin, Missy	Authorizes use concealed handgun licensees to carry an electronic copy of the license in lieu of the printed license.
	Bill History:	03-15-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 419)
HB 1461	Linck, Kelley	Amends the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement to allow a notice and grace period for rate changes in local sales and use taxes relative to catalog purchases based on obsolete local tax rates published in the catalog.
	Bill History:	03-28-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 538)
HB 1463	Armstrong, Eddie	Requires city councils to fill council vacancies by a majority vote at the first regular meeting after the occurrence of the vacancy; requires councils to fill a vacancy in the office of mayor, either by electing a mayor or calling a special election.
	Bill History:	04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 978)
HB 1465	Armstrong, Eddie	Applies laws governing municipal chiefs of police to all municipalities (previously only applied to cities of the first class).
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 726)
HB 1466	Ballinger, Bob	Requires county clerks to mark an elector's voter registration record within 24 hours to indicate that the elector voted at an early voting location.
	Bill History:	04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 979)
HB 1493	Hammer, Kim	Appropriates \$100,000 to the Secretary of State from the State Central Services Fund for creation of an online public notice calendar for fiscal 2013-14.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1454)
HB 1503	Harris, Justin Irvin, Missy	Creates the offense of unlawful procurement of a firearm or ammunition, making the offense a Class D felony.
	Bill History:	03-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 507)

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HB 1533	Kizzia, David	Addresses the calculation of those municipal and county salaries which are established by the General Assembly or the local governing body, authorizing conversion to hourly wage, etc., and authorizing excess payments for overtime, etc.
Bill History: 04-02-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 572)		
HB 1542	Kizzia, David	Makes technical changes and clarifications to municipal annexation provisions, and specifies that municipalities, the landowner who requested annexation, and a landowner who began owning land after the request are parties to hearings.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1455)		
HB 1551	Love, Fred	Requires the State Board of Election Commissioners to appoint at least one certified election monitor per congressional district.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1456)		
HB 1552	Love, Fred	Requires all poll workers and certified election monitors to meet certain qualifications and to attend training.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1457)		
HB 1554	Slinkard, Mary Ingram, Keith	Requires district judges file financial interest statements with the local county clerk rather than the city clerk.
Bill History: 03-21-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 475)		
HB 1558	Steel, Nate	Increases the penalties for issuing multiple hot checks in a 90-day period by adjusting the amount thresholds per check and in sum total, so that lesser amounts trigger the Class C and D felonies offenses.
Bill History: 03-15-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 425)		
HB 1570	Neal, Micah	Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to maintain a web page with workforce-related information for employers and links to applications for required reporting, tax payments and other data submissions.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1458)		
HB 1574	Harris, Justin Woods, Jon	Extends the time period for investigative determinations in certain cases of crimes against children, from 30 to 45 days.
Bill History: 03-15-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 426)		
HB 1575	Scott, Sue	Authorizes private and local government employers to implement a voluntary veterans' preference employment policy which must be uniformly applied to employment decisions. Creates a registry and provides for verification assistance.
Bill History: 04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 598)		
HB 1594	Baird, Duncan	Appropriates \$60,000,000 to the Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer from the General Improvement Fund for distributions to counties and municipalities.
Bill History: 04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 730)		
HB 1638	Williams, Darrin	Creates the Comprehensive Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2013.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1460)		
HB 1672	Ferguson, Deborah	Requires health insurers to consult licensed dentists for review of dental claims that are denied and requires written communication of the reviewing dentist's contact information to the treating dentist upon request.
Bill History: 03-15-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 427)		
HB 1687	Branscum, David Dismang, Jonathan	Revises the determination process related to applications for water pollution permits from the Department of Environmental Quality and amends the process for appeals of denials to the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.
Bill History: 04-10-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1021)		

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HB 1688	Davis, Andy	Authorizes sewer utilities to request notification from a corresponding water utility of any change to customer information; requires a water utility to terminate water service when notified that a customer is over 25 days delinquent on sewer payment.
Bill History: 04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1210)		
HB 1701	Barnett, Jonathan	Makes various revisions to the Regional Mobility Authority Act, including membership provisions and a requirement that authorities within a single county must have its' terms and conditions set in the authorizing ordinance.
Bill History: 03-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 497)		
HB 1712	Bragg, Ken	Clarifies provisions regarding who is authorized to be in a polling area.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1461)		
HB 1713	Wright, Marshall	Raises judicial salaries in the districts of Conway County, Lee County, Hot Springs County, Little River County, Little Rock, Newton County, and West Fork. Raises clerk salaries in certain districts.
Bill History: 04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1346)		
HB 1737	Collins, Charlie	Requires an initial early/absentee vote count report within 30 minutes of polls closing; sets a limit of 3,000 voters for voting precincts, requires the Secretary of State website to display a statewide precincts map.
Bill History: 04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1211)		
HB 1756	Slinkard, Mary	Requires certification of a candidate as the party's nominee without holding a special primary, when the filing deadline has passed and no other candidate has filed.
Bill History: 04-02-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 580)		
HB 1771	Douglas, Dan	Extends the maximum sewage collection contract period for a municipality that contracts with other political subdivisions from 15 to 30 years.
Bill History: 04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 992)		
HB 1773	Cozart, Bruce Files, Jake	Changes territorial jurisdiction for cities, reducing those cities' jurisdiction to enforce planning ordinances from 5 to 1, 2 or 3 miles beyond the corporate limits.
Bill History: 04-10-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1053)		
HB 1797	Davis, Andy	Restricts the authority of a municipal board of health to order a property owner to build a sewer only to cases in which the existing sewer is subject to an enforcement action by the Department of Environmental Quality or a prosecutor.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1470)		
HB 1800	Cozart, Bruce Clark, Alan	Requires county clerks to notify by mail affected voters of an emergency change in polling sites made within 15 days of a general election, and to post information at the usual polling site in similar cases during school/special elections.
Bill History: 03-28-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 546)		
HB 1805	Word, James	Prohibits a person from running for election for more than one state, county, or municipal office simultaneously.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1471)		
HB 1826	Whitaker, David Lindsey, Uvalde	Provides that appeals from the rezoning decision of administering municipal bodies follow the procedure for administrative appeals that are held by the District Court Rules of The Supreme Court.
Bill History: 04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 749)		
HB 1827	Whitaker, David Lindsey, Uvalde	Requires a majority of the total number of members of a civil service commission be present to constitute a quorum for any business, meeting, or hearing. (Previously set at 3 members)
Bill History: 04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 750)		

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HB 1841	Wright, Marshall	Makes various changes to bail bondsman fees and the disposition of moneys collected from those fees, other.
Bill History: 04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1283)		
HB 1850	Word, James	Increases from 5 to 7 the maximum number of citizens who may serve on city water-works commissions.
Bill History: 04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 752)		
HB 1851	Love, Fred	Amends provisions concerning right of appeal in cases involving the suspension, discharge, or reduction in rank of a civil service employee; allowing circuit court to award attorney's fees to the prevailing party.
Bill History: 04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 994)		
HB 1855	Shepherd, Matthew Irvin, Missy	Revises various provisions related to nonpartisan candidates and elections, including judicial positions and prosecuting attorneys.
Bill History: 04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1110)		
HB 1870	Hodges, Monte	Authorizes the issuance of bonds under Amendment 82 for financing the construction of the Big River Steel mill and provides details of the agreement. Companions: SB 820 Burnett, David (Identical) 4-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1084)
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1476)		
HB 1875	Slinkard, Mary	Authorizing county clerks to establish one or more vote centers with secure electronic connections to a computerized registration book for voting by qualified electors from any precinct in the county may vote.
Bill History: 04-19-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1389)		
HB 1888	Armstrong, Eddie Flowers, Stephanie	Authorizes mayor to designate an elected official to serve in his or her place during a disability or absence; allowing an unelected employee or resident to be designated if the selection is approved by the city council.
Bill History: 04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 753)		
HB 1901	Steel, Nate	Prohibits private and public employers from causing a current or prospective employee to disclose his or her username or password or change privacy settings to social media accounts, or to refuse to hire a prospect for exercising this right.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1480)		
HB 1929	Davis, Andy Sanders, David	Requires the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to develop and implement standards for assessment of streams feeding domestic water supplies to determine mineral content.
Bill History: 04-08-13 G Law without signature (Act: 954)		
HB 1931	Douglas, Dan	Amends the Regional Economic Development Partnership Act, requiring consistency with the Governor's Strategic Plan for Economic Development and revising requirements for applications, renewals and termination of partnerships.
Bill History: 04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1112)		
HB 1956	Altes, Denny	Changes the uniform requirements for constables, deleting the required black shirts and certain hats except when participating in search or rescue activities.
Bill History: 04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1113)		
HB 1958	Wardlaw, Jeff	Excludes ambulances owned and operated by a licensed hospital for its own admitted patients from regulations for nonemergency ambulance services.
Bill History: 04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1218)		

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HB 1966	Carter, Davy	Increases the exemption of capital gain income from income tax from 30% to 50% and provides a \$2,000 deduction for individuals, increasing to \$2,200 Jan. 1, 2015.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1488)
HB 1971	Lowery, Mark English, Jane	Prevents disclosure of information that was received by an emergency responder acting as a peer counselor to another responder; allowing disclosure when it includes the divulging of a crime, and other situations.
	Bill History:	04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1353)
HB 1972	Lowery, Mark	Authorizes courts to recover costs against the owner of a property that is used for drug-related purposes; allows county attorneys, the AG, and neighborhood organizations to enjoin drug-related activity on a property.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1219)
HB 1975	Williams, Darrin	Enhances penalties for offenses of theft by receiving and criminal mischief by five years if the stolen property was nonferrous metal; broadens scrap metal recyclers reporting requirements; more.
	Bill History:	04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1354)
HB 1984	Slinkard, Mary	Requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain an electronic voter registration list and allows use of an electronic poll book by poll workers for voter lookup, precinct assignment, address change, and other.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1297)
HB 1990	Kizzia, David	Establishes the Thirty-Third District Court, composed of the counties of Grant and Hot Spring with five departments and one state district judge.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1489)
HB 1996	Steel, Nate	Creates the "Automatic License Plate Reader System Act," regulating use, disclosure and retention of records by law enforcement agencies.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1491)
HB 2007	Copenhaver, Harold	Authorizes the State Police to establish the Emergency Contact Information System, which shall be used solely for notification purposes of a participator's designated emergency contact.
	Bill History:	04-02-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 590)
HB 2014	Bell, Nate	Allows a local police chief or county sheriff to exempt an auxiliary law enforcement officer or a employee of a local detention facility from handgun licensing requirements.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1220)
HB 2019	Branscum, David	Allows the Public Service Commission to increase the peak limits for individual net-metering facilities and requires any excess generation amount to be credited to the customer's account for use during the next billing cycle.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1221)
HB 2021	Shepherd, Matthew	Provides factors that an agency must consider before adoption of a rule, requires agencies to file financial impact statements under the AAPA with all rules and requires adoption of the least costly rule, with exceptions.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 759)
HB 2031	Malone, Stephanie	Requires development of regulations regarding the sale, lease, or disposal of surplus governmental commodities to nonprofit organizations; requires governmental entities to accept reasonable bids from nonprofits.
	Bill History:	04-10-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1020)

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HB 2036	Slinkard, Mary	Requires a new political party's petition to select nominees for the next general election to be filed at least 60 days before the party filing period.
Bill History: 04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1356)		
HB 2065	Lea, Andrea	Changes the period for nonpartisan candidates to pay filing fees and political practice pledges; requires district judges to file notices with the Secretary of State; requires Secretary of State approval of candidates' petition forms.
Bill History: 04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1286)		
HB 2084	Lea, Andrea Stubblefield, Gary	Requires the county clerk to record an early-vote in the voter registration system within 24 hours of the vote being cast, or by the the close of business on the following Monday if cast on a Friday or Saturday.
Bill History: 04-10-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1059)		
HB 2087	Broadaway, Mary	Authorizes municipalities to pass ordinances to allow the sale of alcohol for on-site consumption within counties that authorized the sale of liquor after November 1, 2012 and that have at least 100 active ABC permits.
Bill History: 04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1008)		
HB 2105	Barnett, Jonathan	Requires the Dept. of Finance and Administration to transfer 1 cent per gallon from revenues distributed under the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law to the State Aid Street Fund for maintenance of city streets.
Bill History: 04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1010)		
HB 2157	Barnett, Jonathan	Authorizes the State Highway Commission to contract with county or municipal authorities to transfer land in fee simple when right of way is transferred to them.
Bill History: 04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 764)		
HB 2161	Armstrong, Eddie	Extends the probationary period for prospective certified law enforcement officers from one year to two years.
Bill History: 04-10-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1061)		
HB 2211	Burris, John	Prohibits naming public facilities after an elected official still living within 10 years of its construction.
Bill History: 04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1225)		
HB 2229	Wright, Marshall	Requires petition signatures of 15% of the aggregate number of ballots cast for mayor in the preceding general election to call an election for aldermanic form of government.
Bill History: 04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1291)		
HB 2233	Baird, Duncan	Amends the Revenue Stabilization Law to allocate budgeted state revenue for fiscal year 2013-14.
Bill History: 04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1517)		
HB 2250	Hammer, Kim	Makes all-terrain vehicles used in the commission of criminal trespass subject to seizure and forfeiture.
Bill History: 04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1363)		
HB 2252	Leding, Greg	Prohibits ADEQ from granting or denying a discharge permit for a concentrated animal feeding operation until the applicant publishes a notice of intent twice a week for six weeks in a newspaper of statewide daily publication.
Bill History: 04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1511)		
HB 2275	Whitaker, David	Authorizes counties and cities to regulate by ordinance the use of wheel clamps.
Bill History: 04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1364)		

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HB 2281	Douglas, Charlotte	Amends various provisions concerning pawn shops, pawn brokers, and other businesses that buy precious metals.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1293)
HB 2289	Douglas, Charlotte	Repeals provisions allowing city courts to charge a \$20 fee from each defendant convicted to be used to help defray jail costs.
	Bill History:	04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1365)
SB 2	King, Bryan	Requires a person to present picture identification in order to receive a ballot. Provides for a person without identification to cast a provisional ballot and later present identification to the county board or execute an affidavit.
	Bill History:	04-02-13 G Law without signature (Act: 595)
SB 4	Sample, Bill	Makes technical changes to provisions authorizing community college boards to levy a millage for operations; specifically authorizes the funds to be used for debt retirement resulting from construction bonds.
	Bill History:	02-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 7)
SB 5	Sample, Bill	Increases the tax levied annually on timberlands from \$.15 to \$.20 per acre.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1391)
SB 11	Stubblefield, Gary	Creates an exemption from sales and use taxes for the purchase of expendable supplies for farm machinery, including bailing twine, bagging and wrap.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1392)
SB 13	Stubblefield, Gary	States that the owner of an animal seized under the animal welfare law is responsible only for expenses incurred for the animal's care while it was in custody.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1160)
SB 21	Joint Budget	Makes various revisions to the Revenue Classification Law. Establishes the State Aid Street Fund.
	Bill History:	Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1393)
SB 22	Joint Budget	Amends the Revenue Stabilization Law to allocate budgeted state revenue for fiscal year 2013-14.
	Bill History:	04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1516)
SB 40	Sample, Bill	Makes technical changes to state law governing the Local Police and Fire Retirement System.
	Bill History:	02-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 40)
SB 41	Sample, Bill	Makes technical changes to state law governing the Fire and Police Pension Review Board.
	Bill History:	03-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 500)
SB 51	Sample, Bill	Makes technical changes to the Local Police and Fire Retirement System.
	Bill History:	02-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 41)
SB 70	Teague, Larry	Increases from one to two the number of special vehicle license plates firefighters and professional firefighters may obtain.
	Bill History:	02-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 66)
SB 81	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Rural Services Department for 2013-14 operations.
	Bill History:	02-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 150)
SB 101	Files, Jake	Creates the Arkansas Video Service Act to regulate providers of video services, which includes cable service and video service delivered by a community antenna television system.
	Bill History:	03-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 276)

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SB 105	Key, Johnny	Makes various changes to public retirement system eligibility, membership, contribution, and termination provisions.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 332)
SB 107	Lindsey, Uvalde Leding, Greg	Authorizes municipal firefighters and medical technicians to operate all-terrain vehicles on public streets and highways while performing official duties.
	Bill History:	02-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 69)
SB 111	Thompson, Robert	Exempts investment management contracts of state retirement systems from the mandatory expiration provisions of state purchasing law.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 304)
SB 118	Thompson, Robert	Requires the Legislative Council to approve a uniform legal form of a qualified domestic relations order for use by the state-supported retirement systems; allows the systems to disallow domestic relations orders that do not follow the form.
	Bill History:	02-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 44)
SB 120	Joint Budget	Appropriations funds to the Human Services Department, Division of Youth Services for fiscal 2013-14 operations.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1396)
SB 125	Pierce, Bobby	Expands rebate incentives for conversion of school buses to natural or propane gas to include conversion of dedicated and bi-fuel compressed natural gas and propane vehicles by other public entities, companies and organizations.
	Bill History:	02-26-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 152)
SB 131	Holland, Bruce	Prohibits release of names and zip codes of applicants for or holders of a concealed handgun license.
	Bill History:	02-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 145)
SB 135	Rapert, Jason	Requires sales tax on food be reduced to zero when it is determined the prior six-month aggregate amount spent from general revenues for certain listed uses has declined by \$35 million under the same period of the previous year. Companions: HB 1234 Williams, Darrin (Same As) 4-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1450)
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1398)
SB 137	Sample, Bill	Revises provisions related to member deposit accounts, Deferred Retirement and cost of living adjustments in the local Police and Fire Retirement System.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1065)
SB 140	Irvin, Missy	Requires school districts to provide training to all staff and, where applicable, students in preventing and responding to violence and natural disasters, including conducting annual active shooter drills and safety assessments.
	Bill History:	03-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 484)
SB 144	Key, Johnny	Provides that the spouse of a deceased firefighter who married after retirement is only entitled to a pension if the marriage occurred within five years of the retirement date.
	Bill History:	03-28-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 520)
SB 169	Johnson, David	Adds employees of the Arkansas Fire Training Academy and the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy as 'employees' for purposes of the Local Police and Fire Retirement System.
	Bill History:	03-28-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 522)
SB 171	Key, Johnny	Adds posing as a law enforcement officer for the purpose of harassing or intimidating another person to the offense of criminal impersonation in the second degree.
	Bill History:	03-19-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 433)

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SB 180	Johnson, David Vines, John	Makes technical corrections to various provisions related to elections, initiative and referendum.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1126)
SB 184	Johnson, David Vines, John	Makes technical corrections to various provisions related to law enforcement, emergency management and military affairs.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1129)
SB 187	Johnson, David Williams, Darrin	Makes technical corrections to various provisions related to land, house, property rights.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1130)
SB 190	Johnson, David Williams, Darrin	Makes technical corrections to various provisions related to utilities and regulated industries.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1133)
SB 191	Johnson, David Williams, Darrin	Makes technical corrections to various provisions related to public retirement.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1134)
SB 192	Johnson, David Vines, John	Makes technical corrections to various provisions related to taxation.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1135)
SB 215	Irvin, Missy	Prohibits persons from being candidates for more than one municipal office each election.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1066)
SB 217	Irvin, Missy	Authorizes municipalities to cease paying an elected city official from the date of suspension or revocation of the official's professional license or registration. Requires the city to initiate measure to restore salary when license is restored.
	Bill History:	03-28-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 523)
SB 218	Irvin, Missy	Requires health insurance companies to develop a uniform prior authorization form and to use the form to request prior authorization for coverage of a prescription drug benefit.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 338)
SB 222	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Highway and Transportation Department for fiscal 2013-14 road and bridge repair, grants, expenses of the NOAA weather warning system and the Public Transportation Program.
	Bill History:	02-19-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 113)
SB 225	Williams, Eddie Joe	Prohibits release of the names and addresses of minor passengers that appear in motor vehicle accident reports.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1229)
SB 227	Files, Jake	Permits licensed alcoholic beverage product wholesalers to maintain storage facilities within dry counties.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 305)
SB 242	Irvin, Missy Meeks, David	Replaces current law governing the offense of human trafficking. Companions:HB 1203 Meeks, David (Identical)
	Bill History:	2-19-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 133)
	Bill History:	02-19-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 132)

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SB 243	Teague, Larry	Allows proof of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage to be presented in electronic form, as well as paper form, for purposes of vehicle registration and renewal of registration.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 175)
SB 271	Key, Johnny Wardlaw, Jeff	Exempts from the requirement of a Certificate of Public Convenience certain general and transmission cooperatives providing for the extension of a public service.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 341)
SB 276	Irvin, Missy	Appropriates supplemental \$15 million to the Highway and Transportation Department for State Aid for Streets.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 306)
SB 298	Dismang, Jonathan	Exempts electricity, liquefied petroleum gas and natural used by a grain drying and storage facility from sales and use taxes.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1401)
SB 299	Teague, Larry Bragg, Ken	Increases the amount exempt from sales and use taxes in purchases of timber harvesting equipment from the first \$50,000 dollars of the purchase price to the entire amount of the purchase.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1402)
SB 300	Dismang, Jonathan	Allows compensation to purchasers of tax delinquent property for the cost of repairs necessary to prevent deterioration of improvements on the property or the cost of improvements necessary to comply with any code requirements.
	Bill History:	04-02-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 556)
SB 307	Johnson, David Vines, John	Prohibits a petition for adoption in a guardianship proceeding, requiring a separate action; prescribes requirements to collect and deposit certain fees in the county and the state Administration of Justice fund; more.
	Bill History:	03-06-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 282)
SB 344	Joint Budget	Appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of Career Education - Rehabilitation Services from the General Improvement Fund for various maintenance and equipping improvements.
	Bill History:	03-01-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 189)
SB 357	Files, Jake	Adds testing of saliva for chemical content to DWI law and implied consent provisions that apply to operating motor vehicles, aircraft, boats, etc., and to obtaining hunting licenses .
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 361)
SB 365	Teague, Larry	Amends Act 3 of 2013, the General Appropriation Act, increasing the appropriations for salaries of Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, circuit and district court judges and prosecuting attorneys.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1406)
SB 374	English, Jane Williams, Darrin	Allows a special election for the approval of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in a voting district that is within a defunct voting district that previously voted dry.
	Bill History:	04-09-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1018)
SB 385	Burnett, David	Authorizes continued existence of a single-county solid waste district if the county's population drops beneath the 50,000 population threshold for creation of single-county districts.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 371)

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SB 388	Irvin, Missy	Expands provisions governing body artists licensed by the Department of Health, including licensing fees, procedure definitions, body art trainer requirements, record keeping, violations and fines.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 596)
SB 410	Maloch, Bruce	Creates the Asbestos Abatement Grant Program withing the Department of Environmental Quality to administer up to \$150,000 in grant fund per year.
	Bill History:	03-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 489)
SB 426	Sanders, David	Requires ballot question committees, public servants and candidates to include on their financial reports all expenditures made by an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultant on behalf of the committee or person.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 381)
SB 427	Sanders, David Broadaway, Mary	Provides that the use of campaign funds to pay a candidate's personal expense for food, lodging and travel to attend a national presidential nominating convention is not a taking of campaign funds as personal income.
	Bill History:	03-14-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 382)
SB 432	Thompson, Robert Wright, Marshall	Changes the ratio of off-premises alcohol sales permits from one for each 4,000 population to one for each 5,000 population of the county, including residents of a dry political subdivision of a county.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1068)
SB 440	Hendren, Jim Westerman, Bruce	Requires public agencies to make advanced technology available to sight-impaired persons that is available to other employees and members of the general public.
	Bill History:	03-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 308)
SB 455	Maloch, Bruce	Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to issue rules governing payment standards for health benefit plans in regards to coverage for orthotic and prosthetic devices.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1233)
SB 500	Woods, Jon Neal, Micah	Revises provisions governing collection and remittance of an E911 emergency services charge on prepaid wireless telephone devices.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 623)
SB 502	Johnson, David Williams, Darrin	Makes technical correction to provisions related to local government short-term financing, changing the reference governing maximum term and interest rate from Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 78 to Amendment 89.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1139)
SB 530	Sample, Bill	Prohibits municipal annexation that creates an enclave, an improved or developed area that is enclosed within a single city or town.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1071)
SB 531	Sample, Bill	Prohibits municipal annexation of lands that do not include residents and lands less than the width of public road right-of-way, except as agreed upon by the mayor and county judge.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1072)
SB 535	Maloch, Bruce	Deletes requirement that limits investment of public funds to bank certificates of deposit.
	Bill History:	03-21-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 458)

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SB 541	Maloch, Bruce Jean, Lane	Allows municipalities and counties to pledge special sales tax proceeds to bonds for “surface transportation projects” including sidewalks, curbs, gutters, land and right-of-way acquisitions, in addition to streets and bridges.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1241)
SB 575	Chesterfield, Linda Wilkins, Henry	Amends various provisions related to unemployment compensation, including the addition of a definition of misconduct in connection with work as a disqualification for benefits; procedure for recovery of overpayments; more.
	Bill History:	04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 956)
SB 585	Files, Jake Douglas, Charlotte	Authorizes municipal annexation of lands when the municipality is surrounded by unincorporated areas on only three sides due to the fourth side being a boundary with military bases lands, state park or national forest land.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1243)
SB 598	King, Bryan	Changes requirements for creation of new regional solid waste management districts, allowing more than one district in counties that have a population of 25,000 or more and are served by one county sanitation authority.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1244)
SB 630	Rapert, Jason Meeks, David	Establishes civil liability for acts of terror, providing for forfeiture of property and money related to terrorism violations established in § 5-54-201 et seq.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1295)
SB 640	Johnson, David Leding, Greg	Authorizes counties and municipalities to establish energy improvement districts to fund loans for energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy and water conservation projects.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1074)
SB 670	Pierce, Bobby	Exempts small water systems and small sewage systems from regulation authority of the Public Service Commission.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 662)
SB 688	Teague, Larry	Lowers from 10% to 3% of new motor vehicles registered as leased vehicles as the trigger for the expiration of the long term rental vehicle tax.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1164)
SB 777	Wyatt, David	Limits the number of auxiliary law enforcement officers in a municipality to twelve, with the exception of auxiliary officers appointed to serve as school resource officers or search and rescue officers.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 705)
SB 785	English, Jane	Requires public officials and candidates for office to include in their statements of financial interest the name and address of each governmental body to which the person is obligated for a past due amount, plus description and amount of the debt.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 706)
SB 795	Rapert, Jason Wren, Tommy	Authorizes the Public Service Commission to regulate energy demand aggregators, defined as entities that aggregate energy demand from end-use customers for selling the demand to utilities or wholesale energy markets.
	Bill History:	04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1078)
SB 799	Hickey, Jimmy	Requires a housing authority to record the fictitious name under which it will operate with the local circuit clerk rather than with the Secretary of State.
	Bill History:	04-10-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1038)

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SB 808	Hester, Bart	Extends authority of municipal improvement districts to building and operating off-street parking facilities; repeals the weight of city planning commission denials of petitions for forming municipal improvement districts.
Bill History: 04-02-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 563)		
SB 819	Clark, Alan	Revises the requirements for a landlocked land owner to petition and acquire an access easement when the adjoining owner refuses to allow the use of a privately owned easement or road through his property.
Bill History: 04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1083)		
SB 820	Burnett, David	Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds under Amendment 82 for the Big River Steel Mill project. Companions: HB 1870 Hodges, Monte (Identical) 4-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1476)
Bill History: 04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1084)		
SB 821	Ingram, Keith Slinkard, Mary	Requires sponsor of initiative petitions to provide canvassers with the Secretary of State's handbook on initiatives, to educate them about relevant laws and to provide canvassers' names and addresses to the Secretary of State.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1413)		
SB 822	Ingram, Keith Slinkard, Mary	Amends requirements for submission of contribution and expenditure reports by ballot question committees.
Bill History: 04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1085)		
SB 842	Clark, Alan	Authorizes counties to regulate the manner that property owners or managers remove vehicles or other pieces of equipment, including regulation of towing and storage charges for nonconsensual towing and storage.
Bill History: 04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1319)		
SB 853	Teague, Larry	Exempts from sales and use taxes the sale of dental appliances to or by a dentist, orthodontist, oral surgeon, maxillofacial surgeon or endodontist.
Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1414)		
SB 861	Irvin, Missy	Requires municipal administrators to file annual report of all annexations that became final in the previous 8 years and a report of services provided to the annexed areas; allows petition for detachment is service not provided within 3 years.
Bill History: 04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1502)		
SB 916	Woods, Jon Harris, Justin	Requires health benefit plans to notify enrollees at least 60 days before an increase in the enrollees' financial responsibility for a prescription drug if the increase is due to a change of the plan's drug formulary.
Bill History: 04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1260)		
SB 921	Williams, Eddie Joe	Provides that a certificate of indigency function as a legally binding contract promising to repay the costs of legal representation provided by the court, and authorizing the state to garnish state income tax refunds and other income to satisfy the debt.
Bill History: 04-08-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 961)		
SB 926	Teague, Larry	Names the Director of the Department of Information Systems as the State Broadband Manager, charged with maintaining a state broadband plan and coordinating efforts to expand broadband capacity.
Bill History: 04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1168)		
SB 942	Cheatham, Eddie	Authorizes the Law Enforcement Support Office of the Department of Career Education to distribute surplus military property to state and local law enforcement agencies.
Bill History: 04-11-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1097)		

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SB 961	King, Bryan	Prohibits the destruction of ballots or related materials until two years after the election and only upon the direction of the county board of election commissioners.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1261)
SB 973	Hendren, Jim Lea, Andrea	Adds three members to the Emergency Telephone Services Board: the Emergency Management Department Director and one consumer appointed by the leadership of each legislative chamber.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1170)
SB 974	Dismang, Jonathan Wren, Tommy	Creates the Legislative Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Local 911 Systems to study and recommend system improvements.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1171)
SB 1006	Hutchinson, Jeremy	Exempts goods and services sold to a nonprofit blood donation organizations from sales tax.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1419)
SB 1016	Stubblefield, Gary	Requires animals seized by law enforcement or animal control be kept within the state while held in custody and within 20 miles of owner's residence if practicable.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1175)
SB 1020	Bookout, Paul	Prescribes the creation and administration of the "private option" for expansion of health care insurance to low income Arkansans. Companions :HB 1143 Burris, John (Identical) 4-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1498)
	Bill History:	04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1497)
SB 1024	Ingram, Keith	Make entities and persons providing vehicle immobilization service subject to provisions applicable to towing services in § 27-50-12.
	Bill History:	04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1421)
SB 1035	Ingram, Keith Ferguson, Deborah	Allows two or more cities that have an advertising and promotion tax to agree to undergo a joint audit of their A&P tax records to determine tax liability of a taxpayer and share the cost of the audit.
	Bill History:	04-04-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 712)
SB 1039	Irvin, Missy	Creates the Healthcare Quality and Payment Policy Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising the Department of Human Services on providing of high-quality and efficient care.
	Bill History:	04-16-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1266)
SB 1044	Chesterfield, Linda	Prohibits civilian passengers in law enforcement patrol vehicles unless specific written supervisor approval is granted.
	Bill History:	04-12-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1183)
SB 1047	Hutchinson, Jeremy	Provides that an election by a city council to fill a vacancy in the office of alderman may not be vetoed by the mayor.
	Bill History:	04-18-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1325)
SB 1058	Hester, Bart Neal, Micah	Requires an annexing municipality to honor county permits and approvals if the county had issued the same prior to the commencement of municipal annexation proceedings.
	Bill History:	04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1506)
SB 1062	Flowers, Stephanie	Expands authorization for public schools to permit members of the community to use land or school facilities for community purposes; authorizing school districts to charge a fee or accept gifts to offset the cost of the use.
	Bill History:	04-23-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1507)

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SB 1067 English, Jane Revises provisions relating to absentee voters, voters who need assistance in the voting booth, and voters confined to long-term care facilities.

Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1424)

SB 1097 Elliott, Joyce
Lowery, Mark Requires municipal improvement districts to maintain detailed records of board meetings, include itemized revenues and expenditures in their annual reports; more, and give 10-day notice of meeting to all property owners in the district.

Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1428)

SB 1118 Ingram, Keith Requires persons receiving or spending \$500 for the purpose of passing or defeating a local-option ballot question to file financial reports with the Ethics Commission; prohibits contributions exceeding \$100.

Bill History: 04-22-13 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1432)

SB 1189 Bookout, Paul
Biviano, Mark Provides for licensed navigators, guides and application counselors for the Health Insurance Marketplace and prohibits insurers from acting in these capacities.

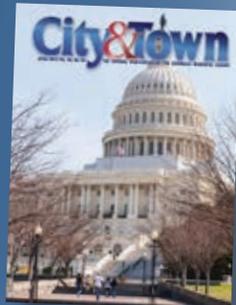
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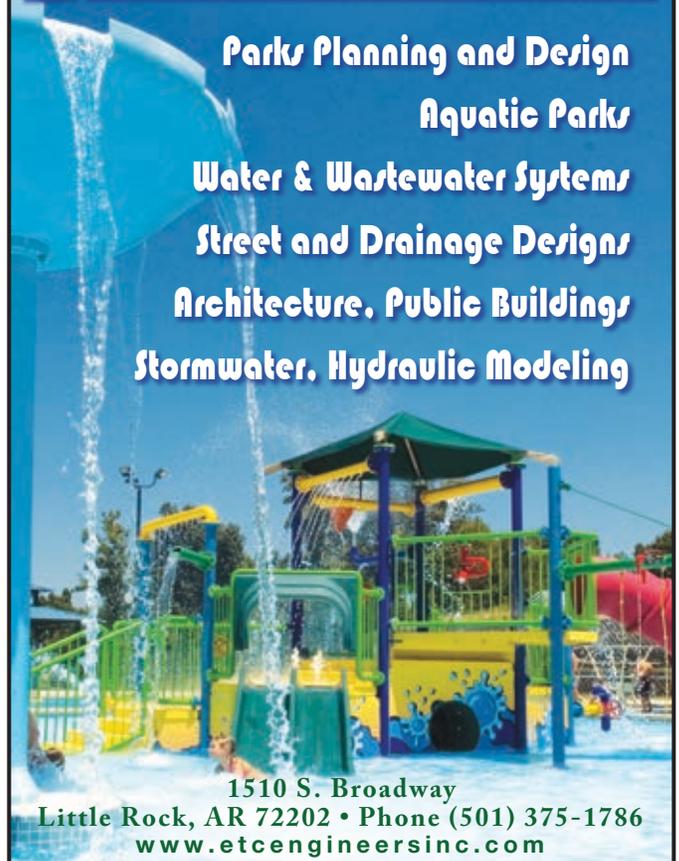
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Municipal Notes

3 Arkansas River Bridges to be lit this year

Three bridges spanning the Arkansas River between Little Rock and North Little Rock will be illuminated by the end of the year thanks to a gift from Entergy Arkansas and the Entergy Charitable Foundation, THV reported April 22.

The Clinton Presidential Park Bridge, the Main Street Bridge, and the Junction Bridge Pedestrian Walkway will be illuminated using environmentally friendly LED lighting.

In addition to Entergy, the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock, the Clinton Foundation, the Pulaski County Junction Bridge Authority, Philips Lighting Company, and Koontz Electric are investing in the \$2.4 million project. Philips Lighting, which has installed lighting on several landmarks throughout the world, will provide the LED lighting for the three bridges.

Fort Smith named Tree City USA

Fort Smith has been named a 2012 Tree City USA by the Arbor Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management, Arkansas Business reported April 29. The city, which has earned this designation for seven consecutive years, also received a Tree Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care.

Obituaries

LEROY BURDEN, 81, who served 18 years as the mayor of Cash, died April 5.

RICHARD T. COCKRILL, 78, who served on Marion's City Council for 25 years, from 1988 to the present, died April 16.

RANCE GIDDENS, 90, Morrilton's City Inspector for 20 years, died April 17.

WAYNE NICHOLS, 76, mayor of Marked Tree since 2010, a former city alderman, and a former member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, died May 4.

DON PERKEY, 85, who served 13 terms from 1973 to 1998 on the Paragould City Council, died April 4.

FEMA calls for Individual and Community Preparedness Awards submissions

The application period for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 2013 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards is now open, the agency has announced. The awards recognize outstanding individuals, organizations, Citizen Corps Councils, and programs working to make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for any disaster or emergency event.

Submission deadline is June 5. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Outstanding State Citizen Corps Council Initiatives

- Outstanding Local Citizen Corps Council Initiatives
 - Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team Initiatives
 - Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness
 - Preparing the Whole Community
 - Awareness to Action
 - Community Preparedness Heroes
- Winners will be announced in the fall.

For more information and to download instructions for submitting an application, visit www.ready.gov/citizen-corps-awards.

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CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL—The City of Harlingen, Texas, is seeking Chief Building Official. Directs the Building Inspections program to ensure that all building and construction aspects comply with construction codes and building-regulatory ordinances. Minimum qualifications: Assoc. degree or 3 years experience in the inspection of building construction for compliance, including 2 years in a supervisory capacity and Building Official Certification. Turn in a completed application to Human Resources Department, 118 E. Tyler, Harlingen, TX 78550. Applications can be found online at www.myharlingen.us Open until filled.

CHIEF OF POLICE—Hampton is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Chief of Police. Call 870-798-2753 for a complete job description and an application, or mail a resume to: City of Hampton, Attn: Mayor, P.O. Box 783, Hampton, AR 71744, or email Hamptontreasurer@yahoo.com.

CONTROLS FIELD ENGINEER—West Memphis Utilities seeks a F/T Controls Field Engineer. Position reports directly to the Utility Engineer and will research, design, develop, or test electronic components and systems for commercial, industrial, or municipal use; employ knowledge of electronic theory and materials properties; will provide technical support to all departments of West Memphis Utilities. Qualifications: BS in Engineering preferably in electrical or electronic. Must possess a Class IV Arkansas Wastewater Treatment Operator license, Water Treatment IV and Water Distribution IV Arkansas Operator License or obtain within the designated period determined by management; must also have a valid driver's license; and obtain a successful Drug Screen and Background Check. 2013 graduates encouraged to apply. Salary: \$40,000-\$60,000. Applications available at the City of West Memphis Human Resources Department, 604 E. Cooper, West Memphis, AR. Open until filled. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1868, West Memphis, AR 72303. Phone 870-702-5121.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE—Benton is accepting applications for Director of Finance & Administration. This position has the dual role of planning, organizing, managing and directing the financial operations and services for the City of Benton General Funds under the direction of the Mayor and Benton Utilities matters under the direction of the Utilities General Manager. The incumbent serves in a managerial capacity to ensure compliance with all regulatory financial statutes/guidelines and quality of departmental services and also serves as the city's financial liaison to City Council and Council committees. Candidates must have a comprehensive knowledge of principles/practices/methods of

public finance administration and utility administration; comprehensive knowledge of cost/revenue projection methods and techniques; comprehensive knowledge of investment options and risk management issues. Qualifications include a Bachelor's and 8 years related experience or equivalent combination of education and experience and a minimum of 8 years of management experience. An application, complete job description, and benefit summary can found at the city website, www.benton.ar.gov. Mail application and cover letter to Kathy Kirk, Human Resources Manager, P.O. Box 607, Benton, AR 72018-0607; 501-776-5900 Ext. 106; fax 501-776-5912. Open until filled. EOE

DISTRICT MANAGER—The Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (pop. 3,300; \$4 million budget; 45 employees) is seeking applicants for District Manager. Holiday Island is a planned community in the scenic Ozark Mountains on Table Rock Lake. The District Manager is the chief executive and operational officer and is responsible to an elected Board of Commissioners for the overall affairs of the District's service offerings, finances, programs, policies, and priorities. A Bachelor's in public administration, business administration, or related field is required. Applicants should have substantial management and administrative experience in municipal government or a public agency. A competitive compensation package, commensurate with qualifications and experience, includes base salary, health and life insurance, vacation and sick leave, and employee retirement savings plan. Full job description is at hisid.info/DM.pdf. Send resume, cover letter and detailed salary history to: Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District ATTN: District Manager Search, 110 Woodsdale Drive, Holiday Island, AR 72631.

FOR SALE—The City of Decatur is accepting sealed bids on two used Police Cars. A 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, 4dr 130,446 miles, white and a 1999 Ford Explorer, 4dr, 4X4, white 145,779 miles. All bids must be turned in to the Decatur City Hall no later than 5PM on May 13th, 2013. For more information contact the Decatur City Hall at 479-752-3912 or PO Box 247 Decatur Ar. 72722. The city reserves the right to reject all bids.

GENERAL MANAGER—Clarksville Light & Water Commission seeks applicants for the position of General Manager. The General Manager is responsible to the Utility Commission for the daily management and operations of CL&W, which serves approximately 4,500 residential, commercial and large industry customers and consists of a 50-megawatt peak electric system, a 12 MGD water treatment facility and a 2 MGD wastewater treatment facility. CL&W has 70 employees

and an annual budget in excess of \$25 million. Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Business or related field and experience in electric or water distribution, water treatment operations and/or engineering. Must have management and leadership experience and a solid understanding of both public utilities and public finance. Must have proven organizational and personnel management skills. Must hold or be eligible to obtain an Arkansas Health Department Grade 4 Water Operator's License. Send resume and cover letter with present salary by April 20, 2013 to: Robert E. Slavin, President, Slavin Management Consultants, 3040 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite A-1, Norcross, GA 30071; Phone: 770-449-4656; Fax: 770-416-0848; email: slavin@bellsouth.net; website: www.slavinweb.com. Salary DOQ, excellent benefits. EOE.

POLICE OFFICERS—Gentry is accepting applications for the positions of Full-Time Police Officer, Part-Time 1-Paid Police Officer and Part-Time 2-Paid Police Officer. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21, possess a valid DL, and meet or be able to meet all min. standards requirements set forth by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training. Applicants chosen for further review will undergo a thorough personal/professional background investigation, as well as, personal/formal-professional interviews. For further information, contact Gentry Police at 479-736-8400. Open until filled. EOE.

POLICE OFFICER—Mountainburg is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Preference given to fully certified officers with at least one year of experience. Salary \$24K-28K depending on education, training, experience. Promotion possible upon completing a one year probationary period. City provides \$400 monthly allowance for medical/dental insurance, 15 days paid vacation per year, 20 days annual sick leave, enrollment in LOPFI. For full application and other requirements, call city hall at 479-369-2791.

POLICE OFFICER—Weiner is taking applications for a certified police officer. Contact 879-684-2284.

WATER & SEWER SUPERINTENDENT—Bay is seeking applications for a Water and Wastewater Superintendent. Applicants must have a minimum of a class 2 water treatment and distribution license and class 2 wastewater license. Benefits include health insurance package, paid vacation, sick leave, and retirement. For more information call Bay City Hall at 870-781-3386. Email resume to darrell@bayarkansas.org or mail to City of Bay, P.O. Box 99, Bay, AR 72411.

Volunteer Community of the Year nominations open now

It's time to consider nominating your city or town for the annual Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Awards. The awards, co-sponsored by the Arkansas Municipal League, the Governor's Office and the DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support, honor 12 communities each year for outstanding citizen volunteerism. For nomination details and to download an entry form online, visit www.humanservices.arkansas.gov/dcsns and click the Volunteer Community of the Year Award link.

Nominations were accepted beginning in July. The nomination deadline is Sept. 30. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please call Dekritra Ross-Larry at 501-682-7540, or email dekritra.ross-larry@arkansas.gov.



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