

A RESOLUTION BY SEVIER COUNTY SUPPORTING ISSUE 1, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; AND CITY STREETS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, levies a one-half percent sales and use tax to provide additional funding for the state's four-lane highway system, county roads, and city streets; and,

WHEREAS, the one-half percent sales and use tax under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91 is due to expire on June 30, 2023 unless a new constitutional amendment is passed; and,

WHEREAS, Issue 1 proposes that the sales and use tax levied under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91 be continued to provide special revenue for use of maintaining, repairing, and improving the state's system of highways, county roads, and city streets;

WHEREAS, without continuation of this sales and use tax the state will be unable to meet the severe and pressing needs to maintain and improve the state's system of state highways, county roads, and city streets; and,

WHEREAS, Sevier County will lose 400,000.00 annually for our local county roads without the continuation of this sales and use tax, such amount being in addition to amounts lost by cities and towns in Sevier County; and,

WHEREAS, the continuation of the one-half percent sales and use tax will ensure future investment in the state highway system, county roads, and city streets; and,

WHEREAS, this investment will create jobs, aid in economic development, improve quality of life, and provide additional transportation infrastructure, including specifically, a four-lane highway construction plan designed to connect all regions of the state, and;

Whereas, the Arkansas Department of Transportation plan dedicates 76 percent of state highway funds to system preservation, improve almost 7,000 miles of non-Interstate highways over 10 years, repair/replace poor condition bridges over 10 years,

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for all counties to support Issue 1 as a necessary funding mechanism for our travel-infrastructure and will serve as an economic boom for the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That we do hereby support the legal proposals found in Issue 1, as well as its adoption by the people of the State of Arkansas at the next general election.

Sept. 11, 2020
Date Adopted

APPROVED

[Signature]
County Judge

ATTEST: Deborah K. Akin
County Clerk