

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WASHINGTON
COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-44 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD."**

WHEREAS, the Washington County Quorum Court adopted Ordinance No. 2017-44 on the 21st day of September, 2017 and it was filed on record with the Washington County Clerk on September 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance is entitled "An Ordinance Creating the Washington County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board," and upon its enactment established the Washington County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board pursuant to the Criminal Justice Efficiency and Safety Act of 2017 (Act 423) which encouraged counties to create such a board; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board is an essential component of justice reforms for Washington County as outlined in the 2020 Criminal Justice Assessment Study commissioned by the Washington County Quorum Court and performed by the National Center of State Courts; and

WHEREAS, Article 2 of Ordinance 2017-44 provided that members of the Board shall consist of local judges, local corrections officials, the prosecuting attorney, law enforcement officials, county officials, medical professionals, and mental health professionals; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the original board members expired in September of 2023 and since that time the Board has been suspended.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

ARTICLE 1. Article 2 of Ordinance No. 2017-44 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article 2. The Washington County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board shall consist local judges, local corrections officials, the prosecuting attorney, law enforcement officials, county officials, *or designees of their respective offices*, medical professionals, mental health professionals *and members of the public*.

PATRICK W. DEAKINS
County Judge

DATE

BECKY LEWALLEN,
County Clerk

Introduced by: JP Beth Coger

Date of Adoption:

Members Voting For:

Members voting Against:

Members Abstaining: None

Members Absent: None

Committee History:

Quorum Court History: