

ORDINANCE NO. 0-2026-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A RED RIVER INTERMODAL AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, MILLER COUNTY, AND SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO

WHEREAS, Little Rivr County, Arkansas (the "County") is authorized and empowered under the provisions of Title 14, Chapter 143 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Act") to join with one or more counties for the purpose of forming a regional intermodal facilities authority for the purpose of economic development for the water resources of the Red River and its tributaries in the State of Arkansas, to include navigation; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that Little River County join with the other five (5) before mentioned Counties to form a Red River Regional Intermodal A uthority under the Act of the purpose of acquiring, equipping, constructing, maintaining and operating regional intermodal facilities and such other facilities as authorized by the Act, as now or hereafter amended; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement for the formation of such an authority has been prepared, a copy of which has been presented to and is before this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1

- A. The Quorum Court hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of Little River County to join with the with the other five (5) before mentioned counties in the formation of a regional intermodal facilities authority for the purpose of acquiring, equipping, constructing, maintaining and operating regional intermodal facilities and such other facilities, to include navigation, as authorized by the act, as now or hereafter amended.
- B. The Agreement for the formation of the authority provides that the authority to be created shall have no independent right or power to levy truces to fund its operations or to pay its debts except truces levied upon and collected from shippers, transporters or users loading or unloading freight, commerce or passengers at a terminal or other facilities of the authority.

- C. The Agreement for the formation of the authority provides that the obligations of the authority to be created shall be payable from and secured by revenues, property and other resources of the authority and shall not constitute a general or limited obligation of the counties participating.

#### SECTION 2

The formation of a regional intermodal authority pursuant to the act to be known as the "Red River Intermodal Authority" (the "Authority") and the County's participation in the same are hereby authorized.

#### SECTION 3

There is hereby authorized the execution and delivery of an Agreement by and between Little River County and with the other five (5) before mentioned counties (the "Agreement") and Little River County Judge and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement for and on behalf of Little River County. The Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form submitted to this meeting and the County Judge is hereby authorized to confer with the parties thereto in order to complete the Agreement in substantially the form submitted to this meeting with such changes as shall be proposed by such persons executing the document, their execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

#### SECTION 4

The County Judge and County Clerk, for and on behalf of Little River County are hereby authorized to execute and directed to do any and all things necessary to affect the execution and delivery of the Agreement and the performance of all acts of whatever nature necessary to effect and carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance. The County Judge and County Clerk are hereby further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the County, to execute all papers, documents, certificates and other instruments that may be required for the carrying out of such authority or to evidence the exercise thereof.

#### SECTION 5

The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file in the office of the County Clerk, as part of the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted, for inspection by any interested person a copy of this Agreement and such document shall be on file for inspection by an interested person.

#### SECTION 6

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provision shall, for any reason be declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions.

SECTION 7

The Quorum Court finds that the immediate implementation of this ordinance is necessary and that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare for this ordinance to be effective immediately after its adoption so as to allow for the immediate execution of the Agreement and the pursuit of the endeavors contemplated therein.

Passed and approved this the 11 day of May 2026.

ATTEST:

Deanna Suley  
County Clerk

[Signature]  
County Judge

May 11, 2026