

RESOLUTION REGARDING SALINE COUNTY LIBRARY

Whereas, it has been revealed that, in sections intended for minors, the Saline County Library (SCL) maintains a substantial number of explicit, pornographic, and other books which are inappropriate by the community standards of Saline County, Arkansas;

Whereas, after the Saline County Quorum Court (SCQC) passed a resolution asking that these books be moved, Director Patty Hector went to the media saying she would not move the books, in blatant defiance of that resolution;

Whereas, in a public meeting held on June 28, multiple instances of waste, fraud, and abuse of our tax dollars were revealed that occurred under Director Hector's leadership of SCL;

Whereas, Director Hector has weaponized Saline County residents' tax dollars against them by funneling money to third-party organizations which are currently suing the state over Act 372;

Whereas, more information comes forward on an almost daily basis as to the nefarious actions, obstructions, and lack of transparency of Director Hector and the SCL under her leadership;

Whereas, SCL has operated essentially as a fourth branch of government, with no oversight by elected officials, and only subject to the oversight by an appointed library board which acts as a rubber-stamping authority for Director Hector's unethical behavior and egregious violations of community trust;

and Whereas, the SCQC is currently considering amending the 1978 ordinance which established the Library Board to allow more direct oversight by the County Judge and SCQC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SALINE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE:

The Saline County, Arkansas, Republican Committee SUPPORTS the SCQC's amended ordinance for elected officials to regain control over SCL; be it further

Resolved, The Saline County, Arkansas, Republican Committee urges the County Judge and SCQC to remove Director Hector at the earliest possible time; be it further

Resolved, The Saline County, Arkansas, Republican Committee urges the SCQC to replace the three most senior members of the library board and the current vacancy with community members who better reflect the conservative nature, ethics, and morals of the county as a whole.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2023:


Chairman


Secretary