Intro to Local Government

Real Democracy, Where the Rubber Meets the Chip-seal Road

Remember This?

Federal System

Marriage

Unitary Nation State

Children

Confederation

Club

Counties and Cities

Cities are Creatures of the Legislature

Cities in Arkansas operate under legislative charter, based on population size

Dillon’s Rule

Counties are Creatures of the Constitution

Counties in Arkansas have Home Rule

Local Government operate within a Federal system and as creations of a Unitary system

City Services

Fire

Police

Sanitation

Water

Sewer

Utilities

Streets

Museums

Social Services

Emergency Medical Service

Emergency Preparedness

Construction and Building codes

Code Enforcement

Planning and Zoning

Traffic Control

Parks and Recreation

Public Hospitals

Public Libraries

Economic Development

Education

County Services

Traditional

Health

Welfare

Education

Criminal Justice

Law Enforcement

Courts

Jails

Roads

Record keeping

And now…

Federal Programs Administration

Water Supply

Libraries

Sewage

Airports

Flood Control

Emergency Management

Home Rule, Population Shifts and New Federalism all have expanded County Services

Let’s Go to the Web

Searcy

Mayor Council

4 wards/2 Aldermen per ward

Elected Clerk and Attorney

Elected District Judge

Mayor appoints department heads

http://www.searcy.com/city/city-hall/government-organization

White County

Quorum Court

Elected County Judge

Thirteen Justices of the Peace

Separately elected:

Sheriff

County Clerk and Circuit Clerk

Treasurer

Assessor

Collector

http://www.whitecountyar.org/

Now let’s talk about those papers…