

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
July 2, 2018

Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice Chairman Horner, Justices Anderson, Mahoney, Griffin, and Raney

Members Absent: Owen

Also Present: Citizens, Elected Officials, Staff, and Media

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and introduced an ordinance to amend the 2018 Budget Ordinance O-17-55, appropriate, and transfer funds in various Budgets as follows:

- a. The Court Security Grant was awarded \$5,941.08 from the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee. This grant is for the purchase of a bullet resistant window for the Circuit Court and 1 AWIN radio for the Juvenile Court vehicle.
- b. The transfer of \$2.61 from the Ft. Lake VFD GIF II Grant to the General Fund was approved by the grantor to close the grant.
- c. The Hazard Mitigation Grant that was used to purchase, remove the structure, & maintain the property for use at 276 Galaxy Street originally received \$156,550 from OMH Sale Fund, and this money was reimbursed from Arkansas Natural Resources. OMH Sale Fund received \$131,098.31 in May of 2017, and the balance owed is \$25,451.69, now that the project is complete.

Justice Griffin made a motion for do-pass, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for question or discussion. Justice Mahoney asked if the grantor approved combining the ordinances and Comptroller Ashmore indicated they did. Justice Raney asked about the bullet resistant glass, and Judge Davis explain the need with the new fire-escape. With no further discussion, the ordinance was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2018 Budget Ordinance O-17-55 and appropriate funds in the Sheriff's Budget. This appropriation is to provide a salary for one Patrol Deputy- Lake Hamilton School District School Resource Officer. Justice Anderson made a motion for do-pass, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for question or discussion. Justice Mahoney asked if this is reimbursed by the school and the Sheriff indicated it is. With no further discussion, the ordinance was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2018 Budget Ordinance O-17-55 and appropriate funds in various budgets as follows:

- d. To appropriate an additional \$20,000 in the General Services Budget to cover the Architects and additional bid cost to renovate the fourth floor of the courthouse.
- e. To appropriate \$526 to pay the sales tax on the slide-in Animal Control Unit.
- f. To appropriate \$113,226 in the Nine-One-One Budget to pay the 911 telephone bills and purchase a VHF recorder.
- g. To appropriate \$149,200 in the Solid Waste Budget to pay for a trash can audit and tracking software.

Justice Mahoney made a motion for do-pass, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for question or discussion. Justice Anderson asked for more information on the Solid Waste Audit. Justice Mahoney explained that the county is being billed for over 24,000 cans by the haulers and only 22,000 are

being billed to the customers. He feels that hiring an independent firm will benefit the county to get an accurate count. The new software will work with a bar coding system, and the auditors will go behind the haulers. He indicated that the county is presently only collecting on 80% of the customers being billed. The audit should give the county a 95 to 99 percent accuracy, which will help the county with the contract renewals that are coming up. Justice Reagan asked if house to house contractors (haulers) will be able to scan on the new software and Billy Sawyer, Assistant Solid Waste Director said that they would not unless they also purchased the software. The software is \$1,200 a month. Justice Raney asked about the life of a trash can, since the warranty is 10 years. Justice Mahoney indicated that there are some cans out that are 20 years old, but some have to be replaced sooner for several reasons. Justice Raney asked the price of a can and Sawyer indicated each can runs \$43. With some additional discussion, the motion was voted on, and the ordinance was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Cole McCaskill with Hot Springs Metro Partnership who gave a progress report on economic development in the county. Justice Raney made a motion for do-pass to pay the HSMP July invoice, seconded by Justice Anderson. With no further questions, the invoice was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Sheriff McCormick, who reported on the Spay and Neuter Program. Justices were disappointed that there were not more participants. Justice Mahoney asked Comptroller Ashmore to email him the flyer, so he could share it on Facebook.

Chairman McKee went over the overtime report, Treasurer's summary, mid-year budget summary report, 2018 General Fund percentage report and sales tax report.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Susan Ashmore, CPA
Garland County Comptroller