

Garland County, Arkansas
Special Joint Committee Meeting Between Human Resources;
Finance; and Environmental Services, Public Works, and Buildings Committees
Minutes
December 11, 2017

Members Present: Chairman Anderson, Chairman McKee, Chairman Mahoney, Vice Chairman Raney, Vice Chairman Horner, Vice Chairman Young, Justice, Griffin, Owen, Faulkner, Braziel, Reagan, and Hudgens

Members Absent: Justice Marion

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

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution supporting the County Judges' Association of Arkansas to further advance their leadership role and affirmative effort to pursue all available ways and means to address this unprecedented crisis; the substantial and rising incidence of heroin and opioid addiction in Arkansas. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Griffin, seconded by Justice Owen. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of an ordinance to call a special election in Garland County, Arkansas, on the question of establishing a fire protection district. Justice Mahoney stated that this would allow the fire departments pursue collections through litigation. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Mahoney. Justice Raney abstained. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2017 Budget Ordinance O-16-95, to appropriate and anticipate revenue of \$50,000 in the Sheriff's Budget, from the Sheriff's Commissary Fund to purchase inmate supplies. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Mahoney. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2017 Budget Ordinance O-16-95, to appropriate and anticipate revenue of \$2,304.37 to the Juvenile Detention Budget for the National School Lunch Program. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Mahoney. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2017 Budget Ordinance O-16-95, to appropriate and anticipate revenue of \$8,484.04 to the County Road Budget for funds received from APERMA to repair a 2013 Mack Truck. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Mahoney, seconded by Justice Anderson. Justice Mahoney stated that one of the dump trucks was involved in an accident. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2017 Budget Ordinance O-16-95, to appropriate and anticipate revenue in the Detention Facility Budget to pay for the investment cost of \$4,403.77. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Griffin, seconded by Justice Raney. Comptroller Ashmore stated that this fee is for investing 4.4 million dollars in CDs and T-Bills. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2017 Budget Ordinance O-16-95, to appropriate and anticipate revenue in the Court Cost Division IV Budget of \$5,000 to pay for IT Hardware for e-filing. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Mahoney, seconded by Justice Griffin. Justice Owen stated that the court is now filing items electronically to reduce paper consumption. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of a line item transfer in the County Jail Budget, Jail Operation, and Maintenance Fund for the completion of a carport erected at the Garland County Detention Facility. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Mahoney, seconded by Justice Griffin. Judge Davis stated that the carport would be used to store the Marine Patrol boats. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of a line item transfer in the County Road Budget. Judge Davis stated that the Road Department found two needed trucks. A deposit is required to hold them until next year when the balance can be paid. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Griffin. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of a line item transfer in the Sheriff's Budget, eCrash/eCite System Grant Fund. The price the Sheriff's Office was able to negotiate was lower than the \$1,500 threshold for capital. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Griffin. Sheriff McCormick stated that with the saving, the Sheriff's Office would be able to purchase two additional computers. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Mr. Gary Troutman with the Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Mr. Troutman stated that they have fourteen projects; twelve of them are business retention and expansion projects. Mr. Troutman also requested the March, November, and December distribution of \$18,750.00. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Owen. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Mr. James Montgomery to give an on the update Pave it Forward program. Mr. Montgomery stated that 8% of the 50 million dollar budget would be used by the end of 2017 and 26% of the funds would be used by the end of 2018.

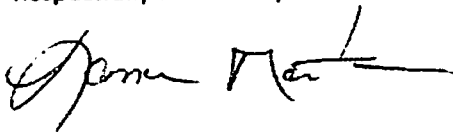
Chairman McKee introduced the analysis of the sales tax collections in the General Fund and the Solid Waste Fund.

Chairman Anderson introduced the discussion of hiring a full-time county attorney. Judge Davis stated the county needed an attorney to handle the legal issues, policies and day-to-day legal issues that arise. Justice Mahoney stated that in the past, legal assistance was not available when advice was needed. Judge Davis also stated that this position would not start until around April. Justice Owen made a motion to create a County Attorney position, seconded by Justice Griffin. With no further discussion, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman Mahoney introduced a discussion concerning the Courthouse terra cotta building repairs. Judge Davis stated that the terra cotta is separating and falling off the building. He recommended hiring an architect to look at the entire building and establish what repairs are needed. Chairman Griffin made a motion to hire an architect to look at the entire building and establish what repairs are needed, seconded by Justice Brazier.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lanie Martin