

Garland County  
Special Finance Committee Meeting  
January 9, 2023  
Minutes

Members Present: Justice McGrew, Braziel, Dixon, Anderson, Owen, Hunter, and Raney

Members Absent: None

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

Judge Mahoney called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the 2023 Chairperson. Justice Anderson nominated Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Raney, and the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson, Justice Anderson nominated Justice Dixon, seconded by Justice Hunter, and the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution expressing the willingness of Garland County to utilize federal aid monies for the Walnut Valley bridge replacement. Judge Mahoney explains the grant that he found, which would be a 90/10 match. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Owen. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution authorizing Garland County and all its departments and subdivisions to purchase goods or services exempt from soliciting bids as authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated §14-22-106 (21). A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Dixon. Attorney Howard explained the need to add some language to include all cooperatives. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-22-26, the personnel policy relating to grievance hearing procedures, group insurance availability for Justice of the Peace, a wage cap for part-time and temporary employees, and declaring an emergency. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Raney. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend the 2023 budget Ordinance O-22-57.

- a. The Tax Collector requests an appropriation of \$11,076.00 in the Tax Collector's Automation Fund, Tax Collector's Budget, to purchase a folding machine.
- b. The Tax Collector requests an appropriation of \$5,475.00 in the Solid Waste (SW) House to House Fund, SW House to House Budget, to purchase a folding machine. The SW House to House Fund is a sub-fund of the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget, and this transaction will require a transfer from the Solid Waste Fund to the SW House to House Fund.

Judge Mahoney deferred to Rebecca Talbert, the Tax Collector, and she explained the need. There was some discussion. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Dixon, seconded by Justice Raney. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced the Hot Springs Metro Partnership President Gary Troutman, and since the Quorum Court was meeting the same night, he deferred his report to be presented there. A motion for do pass and accept the invoice for January was made by Justice Dixon, seconded by Justice Anderson. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel presented the position and overtime report. There was some discussion on overtime and the growth within the county.

Chairman Braziel presented the Sales Tax collection and Oaklawn Revenues.

Chairman Braziel adjourned the meeting.

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