

Garland County, Arkansas  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
February 1, 2021

Finance Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice-Chairman Braziel, Justice Hunter, Horner, Owen, Anderson, and Raney

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order, and Justice Anderson presented the prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Garland County Judge to apply for an Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program Grant (ACEDP). A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Raney. Judge Mahoney explained the grant was through West Central Planning and Development District and the United Way. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Garland County Judge to establish a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the applicant's jurisdiction against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee explained that this resolution is a requirement of the grant and brought before the committee each year. He asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Division II Juvenile Judge to apply for an FY 2021 Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Grant on behalf of the Garland County Juvenile Court. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance authorizing the County to continue to do business with Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, where Jeremy Brown is employed. Justice Owen indicated a correction, and a motion for a do pass with the correction was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Justice Brown indicated that he would recuse himself during the Quorum Court meeting vote. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2020 Budget Ordinance O-19-54 to anticipate revenues, transfers, and appropriate funds in various budgets.

- a. The County Judge requests to transfer and appropriate funds within the General Fund personal services Salaries, Full-Time line items to the Workmen's Compensation line items under appropriated in various General Fund Budgets.

- b. The County Judge requests to transfer and appropriate funds within the County Road Fund personal services Salaries, Full-Time line item to the Workmen's Compensation line item under appropriated in the County Road Budget.
- c. The County Judge requests to transfer and appropriate funds within the Emergency 911 Fund personal services Extra Help line item to the Workmen's Compensation line item under appropriated in the 911 Communication Center Budget.
- d. The Sheriff requests to transfer and appropriate funds within the Detention Facility Fund personal services Salaries, Full-Time line item to the Overtime and Premium Pay, Workmen's Compensation, and Sick Leave Compensation line items that were under appropriated in the County Jail Budget.
- e. The County Judge requests to transfer and appropriate funds within the General Fund personal services Election Commission Budget, Salaries, Part-Time line item to the Health Insurance Matching line items under appropriated in various General Fund Budgets.
- f. The County Judge requests to transfer and appropriate funds within the General Fund personal services Election Commission Budget, Salaries, Part-Time line item to the Municipal Court line item under appropriated in the Grant-In-Aid Budget.
- g. The Sheriff deposited \$2,476.16 with the County Treasurer received for October and November reimbursements from the National School Lunch Program. He would like to appropriate these funds in the General Fund, Juvenile Detention Budget.
- h. The Sheriff deposited \$44,193.07 with the County Treasurer received for Sheriff's Commissary Sales, and he would like to appropriate these funds in the Sheriff's Commissary Fund, Sheriff's Budget.
- i. The County Judge requests to transfer and appropriate \$11,935.21 within the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant Fund personal services Overtime and Holiday Pay line item to the General Office Supplies line item that was under appropriated in the Special Projects Budget.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Justice Anderson asked why we had overages. Comptroller Ashmore explained the Workmen's Compensation was underestimated, but we are reviewing the current year numbers and will make these adjustments in early August. Judge Mahoney indicated that the County receives a refund each year that is deposited in the General Fund. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2021 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-20-35, creating the Election Coordinator position and appropriate/transfer the funds in the Election Commission Budget. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets.

- a. The County Judge requests \$24,220.00 be brought forward in the General Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriated to the Election Commission Budget to pay for license and fees that were not budgeted. There was a balance left in the Election Commission Budget for the 2020 budget.
- b. The County Judge requests \$62,765.40 be brought forward in the Emergency 911 Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriated to the 911 Communication Center Budget for 2021 contracts that are usually billed and paid in October of the prior year. These licenses and fees were budgeted in 2020 but not expended.
- c. The Sheriff has been awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund from the US Department of Justice for \$24,562.00. This grant is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursed. No match required.
- d. The Sheriff requests \$5,023.15 to be brought forward in the JAG Fund beginning balance and appropriated to the Sheriff's Budget for the grant proceeds not used in 2020.
- e. The Sheriff has been awarded a Bulletproof Vest Grant from the Office of Justice Programs for \$11,793.25. This grant is a reimbursable 50% matching grant. It will require an appropriation/transfer from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursed for \$5,896.63, and the General Fund will provide the match of \$5,896.62.
- f. The Juvenile Court Judge has been awarded a Juvenile Courtroom Projection Project Grant from the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for \$660.00 and would like to appropriate these funds in the Circuit Court Division II Budget.
- g. The Prosecuting Attorney requests a transfer of \$23,423.25 from the General Fund for the County's matching to the Victim of Crimes ACT (VOCA) Grant Fund.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the 2020 Budget General Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget for \$2,728.41 from Meals and Lodging to Machinery & Equipment to pay for a radio. A motion to pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

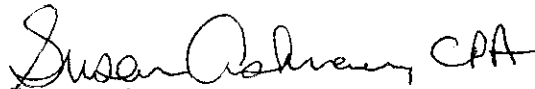
Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the 2020 Budget General Fund, Sheriff's Budget, for \$4,608.00 from Auto Parts & Repairs to Machinery & Equipment to pay for equipping a vehicle.

A motion to pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked Gary Troutman with the Hot Springs Metro Partnership to give his report. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Horner, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked the committee to review the other business reports. There was some discussion on the Sales Tax Rebates and the Oaklawn Report; the meeting was adjourned with nothing further.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Ashmore, CPA  
Garland County Comptroller