

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COUNTY COURTROOM 200
FEBRUARY 6, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chairman Braziel, Vice-Chairwoman Dixon, Justices McGrew, Anderson, Owen, Hunter, and Raney

Members absent: None

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

Chairman Braziel called the meeting to order and presented the invocation.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance authorizing the county to continue doing business with Brian Peters, Lake Hamilton Animal Hospital, and Hot Springs Animal Hospital. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds to various budgets.

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$5,469.06 in the County General Fund to various budgets to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$669.99 in the County Road Fund to the County Road Budget to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.
- c. The Sheriff requests an appropriation transfer of \$213.78 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$15.30 in the Solid Waste-Cedar Glades Park Fund to SW Cedar Glades Park Budget to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.
- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$60.00 in the Solid Waste-Stormwater Fund to the Solid Waste Environmental Inspections Budget to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.
- f. The Sheriff requests an appropriation transfer of \$19.59 in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.
- g. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation transfer of \$50.00 in the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund to the Prosecuting Attorney's Budget to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.
- h. The County Librarian requests to anticipate revenues and appropriate \$181,889.10 in the County Library Reserve Fund to the County Library Budget to pay for a community garden, park, and outdoor programming area.

Judge Mahoney explained the need to make these final adjustments to the 2022 budget, and Librarian Adam Webb explained the need for the community garden. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-22-57; to anticipate revenues and Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance appropriate funds to various budgets.

- a. The Sheriff applied for the Arkansas Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer Salary Stipend Act of 2022 grant and received \$10,765.00 from the Department of Finance and Administration. Ordinance O-22-27 approved this grant, and the funding is to pay for two eligible county law enforcement officers at \$5,000.00 each plus the social security matching. He would like to appropriate \$5,382.50 in the County General Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to pay one eligible officer and appropriate \$5,382.50 in the Detention Facility Fund to the County Jail Budget to pay one eligible officer.
- b. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$766.00 in the County General Fund to the Sheriff's Budget and \$766.00 in the Detention Facility Fund to the County Jail Budget to pay retirement matching on stipends received in these budgets.
- c. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$9,375.00 in the Detention Facility Fund to the County Jail Budget to pay certification pay to nine employees, with \$3,975.00 being paid for 2022 and \$5,400.00 appropriated to be paid for 2023.
- d. The Sheriff requests to carry forward \$24,802.30 in anticipated revenues and appropriations in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to pay for intoximeters and radar equipment.
- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$1,079.25 in the County General Fund to the Grant-In-Aid Budget to increase the county's share of operational costs in the Hot Springs District Court for certification pay.
- f. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$100,000.00 in the Solid Waste Fund to the Solid Waste Budget for the engineering cost of the Phase III expansion.
- g. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests to carry forward \$15,471.55 in anticipated revenues and appropriations in the Supplemental Juvenile Court Funding Grant Fund to the Circuit Court Division II Budget to pay for juvenile services.
- h. The Assessor requests an appropriation of \$16,000.00 in the Assessor's Late Assessment Fund to the Assessor's Budget to pay for an upgrade in aerial photo imagery.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Dixon, seconded by Justice McGrew. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced Mr. Gary Troutman, the President of Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Mr. Troutman gave his monthly report on the past month of economic development and recruiting.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Dixon and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced the salary adjustments and overtime report. There was some discussion on overtime. The committee reviewed the revenue reports, rebate reports, and comparison reports.

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