

Garland County
Ordinance Committee
February 8, 2021
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Owen, Vice-Chairman Brown, Justices Braziel, Reagan, Young, Faulkner, and Hunter
Members Absent: None
Also present: Citizens, Elected Officials, Staff, and Media

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order introduced Resolution **R-21-2**, a resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for an Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ADECP) Grant. Chairman Owen explained these are conditions required to be awarded these types of grants. Judge Mahoney said this would go a long way in helping the county with funding. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-21-3**, a resolution to establish a policy prohibiting excessive force by Law Enforcement agencies within the applicant's jurisdiction against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. Chairman Owen indicated this is more of the requirements for the ACEDP grants. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan and seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-21-4**, a resolution to authorizing Division II Juvenile Judge to apply for an Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts Grant. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Faulkner and seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-21-5**, a resolution establishing a wage cap for part-time and temporary extra help employees and setting related procedures. Chairman Owen asked Judge Mahoney to explain, and he explained that this is to keep our policies in line with the minimum wage increases. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Faulkner. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-3**, an ordinance authorizing the county to continue to do business with Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Sheild where Justice Brown is employed. Chairman Owen explained the conflict of interest and how an ordinance is required. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Hunter, with Justice Brown recusing himself. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-4**, an ordinance amending the 2021 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-20-35 to create the Election Coordinator position. A motion for a do pass

was made by Justice Faulkner seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-5**, an ordinance amending the 2020 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-19-54.

- 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 that were 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, and 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 Braziel seconded by Justice Faulkner. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-6**, an ordinance amending the 2021 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-20-35.

- 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.
- 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 Reagan, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-7**, an ordinance approving an interlocal governmental cooperative agreement between Garland County and the City of Hot Springs. Chairman Owen spoke about the discussion in the Public Health Committee meeting. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Faulkner seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller