

Garland County, Arkansas  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
March 2, 2020

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

Members Absent: Justice Anderson

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order started with a prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Grant. County Match is 25%. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2020 Budget Ordinance O-19-54, and to appropriate \$441,935.62 to open Unit F at the Detention Facility. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for discussion, then asked Sheriff McCormick if he had anything he wanted to say. Sheriff McCormick said he would like to turn it over to Chief Elrod. Chief Elrod said opening up Unit F would increase the facilities ability to hold 499 inmates. Justice Raney asked for details on the line item request and there was some discussion. Chairman McKee asked how things have improved since the assessment. Chief Elrod said opening up the unit last year resolved the problem with the overcrowding of the females and hiring an Expeditor has helped with managing the population. There was some discussion on the judicial systems impact. It was mentioned that the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee needed to have a quarterly meeting to discuss the problem of holding prisoners that are awaiting sentencing. 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, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets.

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation in the General Fund, Veterans Service Budget for \$419.44 to purchase signage indicating that Garland County is a Purple Heart County by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and by Resolution R-18-01.
- b. The County Judge deposited \$12,189.48 with the County Treasurer and would like to appropriate \$12,189.48 in the 911 Dispatch Center Budget to purchase software in the Communication Center.
- c. The County Judge sold a dozer from Solid Waste Fund and deposited \$50,005.00 with the County Treasurer, and he would like these funds appropriated to machinery and equipment.
- d. The County Judge deposited \$594.27 with the County Treasurer for an insurance reimbursement, and he would like these funds appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund to replace a damaged hose reel.

- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation in the General Reserve Capital Improvement Fund, Special Projects Budget for \$225,000.00, and a transfer from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital Sale (OMH) Fund of \$250,000.00 to purchase the property at 518 and 510 ½ West Grand Avenue, plus closing cost.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Horner and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, then he asked Judge Mahoney if had anything he wanted to discuss and the Judge said he did want to discuss section e. He indicate the offer was accepted on the two pieces of property now we are waiting on a survey of the property for the title company to do the paperwork. He also told the committee about the Purple Heart signs. 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, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets.

- a. The Sheriff deposited \$6,858.80 with the County Treasurer to pay for damage to a 2015 Chevrolet Express Passenger LS 3500 and he would like these funds appropriated in the County Jail Budget to pay for repairs.
- b. The Sheriff deposited \$1,040.00 with the County Treasurer in donations to the Boating Safety Fund and would like to appropriate these funds for boat repairs.
- c. The Prosecuting Attorney requests \$7,379.00 be appropriated in the General Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget for overtime and benefits.
- d. The Prosecuting Attorney requests that overtime of \$3,690.00 be appropriated to the Victim Witness Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget for overtime and benefits.
- e. The Circuit Court Judges Division I and IV are requesting to anticipate revenue of \$10,000.00 and appropriate \$8,387.70 in the Circuit Court Automation Budget to have new network cabling run and switches for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- f. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests a transfer of \$9,991.19 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital Sale Fund to the Juvenile Drug Court Accountability Grant until the grant reimburses the funds.
- g. The Sheriff was awarded a \$16,000 Project Safe Neighborhood Grant, and would like to transfer \$16,000.00 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital Sale Fund to fund the grant until reimbursements are received and appropriate the grant.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Braziel. There was some discussion. Judge Mahoney explained that the insurance claim was due to an accident caused by a lift in the courthouse parking area. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with nothing further the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of a transfer for the switches purchased by IT at a rate under the capital outlay threshold and these items need to be transferred out of machinery and equipment. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Cole McCaskill with Hot Springs Metro Partnership, and he presented the report. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice

Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the Position and Salary Adjustments, Overtime, Sales Tax, and Oaklawn Revenue report. There was some discussion on each report.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Susan Ashmore, CPA  
Garland County Comptroller