

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

MINUTES

Members: 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 to order, and Justice Anderson presented the invocation.

Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution authorizing the Garland County Prosecuting Attorney to apply for an FY 2022-2023 Victims of Crime Act, Victims Assistance Grant Program matching grant on behalf of the Prosecuting Attorney's office. The total grant is \$123,657.02, of which the federal award is \$95,082.32, and the local match is \$28,574.70. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Justice Owen indicated that this is a grant that the county applies for each year. With no further discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution authorizing the Division II Circuit Judge to apply for an FY 2023 Juvenile Accountability Court Fund Grant on behalf of the Division II Circuit Court. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance 0-22-57; to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds to various budgets.

- a. The Sheriff requests \$909,506.00 be brought forward in the County General Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget to purchase body and dash cameras on backorder in 2022.
- b. The County Judge requests \$275,936.00 be brought forward in the Solid Waste Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Solid Waste Budget to purchase a compactor that was on backorder in 2022.
- c. The County Judge requests \$3,500.00 be brought forward in the County General Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Office of Emergency Management Budget to purchase a switch that was on backorder in 2022.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$1,584.00 in the County General Fund to the Coroner's Budget for fleet liability insurance on the two new units.

- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$5,981.75 in the Solid Waste Fund to the Solid Waste Budget to pay for under-appropriated general liability insurance.
- f. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$10,345.99 in the Detention Facility Fund to the County Jail Budget to pay for under-appropriated general liability insurance.
- g. The County Judge received a refund of \$14,476.80 and would like it appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund to the Solid Waste Budget for machinery and equipment.

This ordinance was voted on in sections, and a motion for do pass for section a. was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the need to roll the money forward. Chairman Braziel said the first three requests are all items approved in 2022 that were unavailable and are being rolled forward. Justice Owen asked to keep the motion only on section a. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

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

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

A motion for do pass for section g. was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the refund for sales tax. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance 0-22- 57; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds to various budgets.

- a. The Sheriff requests \$12,331.66 be brought forward in the Bulletproof Vest Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriffs Budget.
- b. The Sheriff was awarded a 2022-2023 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant from Arkansas State Police for \$115,600.00. This grant is reimbursable and requires a \$20,000.00 match. The local match of \$20,000.00 will need to be appropriated and transferred to the County General Fund, Transfer Out Budget. A transfer of \$95,600.00 will need to be appropriated and transferred from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund, Special Projects Budget until

- reimbursements are received.
- c. The Sheriff requests \$26,358.71 be brought forward in the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriffs Budget.
 - d. The Sheriff requests \$25,000.00 be brought forward in the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriffs Budget and will be transferred to the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund when the reimbursements are received.
 - e. The Sheriff requests \$16,407.71 be brought forward in the Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the County Jail Budget and will be transferred to the Detention Facility Fund to pay for a portion of the salary and benefits of our Peer Specialist and close the grant.
 - f. The Sheriff requests \$16,500.00 be brought forward in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget and will be transferred to the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund when the reimbursements are received.
 - g. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests \$3,575.20 be brought forward in the Juvenile Drug Court Accountability Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue. She would like to appropriate these funds in the Circuit Court Division II Budget and will then transfer them to the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund when the reimbursements are received.
 - h. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge would like to close the Juvenile Court Incentive Grant Program Fund by appropriating and transferring the remaining \$1.01 to County General Fund.
 - i. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge would like to close the Juvenile Court Officer Grant Fund by appropriating and transferring the remaining \$0.01 to County General Fund.
 - j. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge would like to close the Juvenile Court Projection Grant Fund by appropriating and transferring the remaining \$0.01 to County General Fund.
 - k. The County Judge requests \$125,182.00 be brought forward in the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the County Judge's Budget.
 - l. The County Judge requests \$61,250.00 be brought forward in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Grant-In-Aid Public Safety Budget and including a transfer of \$26,250.00 to the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund when the reimbursements are received.
 - m. The County Judge requests \$85,018.51 be brought forward in the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget, and \$84,960.00 will be

transferred to the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund, and \$58.51 will be transferred to the Detention Facility Fund.

- n. The County Judge requests \$6,966.30 be brought forward in the Mountain Valley Community Block Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- o. The County Judge requests \$1,060.60 be brought forward in the Morfe Windows LLC Community Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Grant-In-Aid Budget.
- p. The County Judge requests \$295,413.02 be brought forward in the Mid-America HVAC Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Grant-In-Aid Budget.

This ordinance was voted on in sections, and a motion for do pass for sections a. through f. was made by Justice Dixon and seconded by Justice McGrew. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion; Comptroller Ashmore explained that these are grants we do not budget during the regular budget period. We pull these forward. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

A motion for do pass for sections g. through j. was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

A motion for do pass for sections k. through p. was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion; Comptroller Ashmore explained that these requests are to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital Sale Fund and close three old grants with an immaterial amount left on the books. Treasurer Stockdale added that to open an account for some grants; they have to deposit a penny, which is what these balances are for. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced a transfer in the Emergency 911 Fund, 911 Communications Center, Budget of \$4,200.00 to purchase a new copier.

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount
3020.0506.2024	3020.0506.4004	\$4,200.00

A motion was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the transfer was to purchase a new copier for the Communication Center. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced Mr. Gary Troutman, the President of Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Mr. Troutman introduced their new Customer Service Manager, Jacob Travis.

Then he gave an extensive report on the past month of economic development and recruiting. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced the salary adjustments and overtime report. Comptroller Ashmore explained that the dispatch position will be changed to level I. There was some discussion on overtime. The committee reviewed the revenue reports, rebate reports, and comparison reports.

Justice Myers spoke to the committee regarding the appointment of the Hot Springs Water and Sewer Advisory Committee. He suggested that the county submit a resolution supporting Rick Davis and Forrest Spicher to be appointed to this committee. There was some discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "S" and "A" being particularly prominent.

Susan Ashmore, CPA
Garland County Comptroller