

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COUNTY COURTROOM 200
MARCH 7, 2022, AT 5:30 PM
MINUTES**

Members: Chairman McKee, Vice-Chairman Braziel, Justice Horner, Hunter, Anderson, and Owen.

Members Absent: None

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

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

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to establish a County Road sub-fund to be called the County Road and Bridge Improvement Fund. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-22-9; to correct scrivener's errors. Section 21 should have stated Public Defender and not Detention Facility, Section 22 should have said the Public Defender's Budget and not the County Jail Budget, and Section 31 should have stated a transfer to 1000/County General Fund and not 1800/OHM Sale Fund. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

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

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$11,413.25 in the Animal Control Fund, Animal Control Budget to increase the transfers out to \$61,413.25 to be transferred to the General Fund to offset the cost paid to the City of Hot Springs for the same amount as the adoption fees collected by the city in the year 2021.
- b. The County Judge deposited \$38,240.13 in the Solid Waste Fund from reimbursement from Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste and would like it appropriated in the Solid Waste Budget with \$20,000.00 in overtime and \$18,240.13 in small equipment.
- c. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$34,532.53 for fleet liability insurance increases due to new vehicle purchases in the prior year, with \$14,387.00 in the County General, Sheriff's Budget and \$20,145.53 in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation and transfer of \$447.15 for fleet liability insurance. He would like to transfer \$447.15 from the Solid Waste-Cedar Glades Park Fund, Solid Waste-Cedar Glades Park Budget to the SW-Stormwater Fund, Environmental Inspections Budget to correct the fleet liability insurance allocation.
- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$8,656.57 for fire and extended coverage insurance increases due to new property purchases and changes in

values in the prior year, with \$3,525.15 in the County General, General Services Budget; \$1,183.29 County General Fund, District Court Building Expenses Budget; \$1,192.01 County General Fund, Juvenile Court Building Expenses Budget; \$788.26 County General Fund, Assessor's Budget; \$788.26 County General Fund, Tax Collector's Budget; \$779.12 Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget; \$200.24 County General Fund, Office of Emergency Management Budget; and \$200.24 Emergency 911 Fund, Emergency 911 Budget.

- f. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$737.82 in the County General Fund, Coroner's Budget to add certification pay for a Deputy Coroner that meets the requirements in Ordinance O-21-40.

A motion for a 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.

2. Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:
 - a. The Sheriff requests \$643.33 be brought forward in the Bulletproof Vest Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
 - b. The Sheriff requests \$35,797.75 be brought forward in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
 - c. The Sheriff requests \$1,180.00 be brought forward in the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
 - d. The Sheriff requests \$24,191.69 be brought forward in the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
 - e. The Sheriff has been awarded a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant that is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer of \$16,500.00 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund.
 - f. The Sheriff requests \$16,274.00 be brought forward in the Juvenile Grant-In-Aid Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
 - g. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge has been awarded a Juvenile Accountability Court Grant that is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer of \$3,575.20 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund.

Justice Raney made a motion with a correction. The ordinance indicated O-20-45, and it should have stated O-21-45. Justice Owen seconded. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Gary Troutman, President of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Mr. Troutman gave his report on the economic development in the County. A motion for a do

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 asked the Justices to review the positions changes, overtime, sales tax, Oaklawn, and grant reports. There was some discussion on overtime; then 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