

Garland County  
Ordinance Committee  
March 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 and introduced Resolution **R-21-6**, a resolution appointing Anita Bogard to the Royal Water Public Facilities Board. Chairman Owen abstained due to representing the Board. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan 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-21-8**, an ordinance amending the personnel policy and changing the pay period from semimonthly to biweekly. Chairman Owen asked Judge Mahoney to explain. Judge Mahoney explained that due to the leap year the county moved to a semimonthly pay period to save the county approximately \$750,000.00 for a 27<sup>th</sup> pay period. However, due to accounting issues the pay periods need to be shifted back to the biweekly pay periods. He did indicate that in 2026 the 27 payperiods will come up again and the county will need to budget for this at that time. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-9**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various grant budgets:

- a. The County Judge requested \$30,564.91 be brought forward in the Coronavirus Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- b. The County Judge requested \$11,872.30 be brought forward in the Mountain Valley Community Block Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- c. The County Judge requested \$1,060.60 be brought forward in the Morfe Windows Community Block Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- d. The County Judge has been awarded a Hazard Mitigation Safe Room Grant that is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer of \$428,610.81 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursed.
- e. The Sheriff has been awarded a Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Grant Fund from the Arkansas Department of Human Services for \$50,000.00.

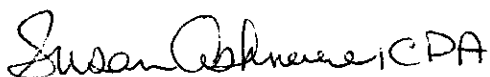
This grant is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursed.

- f. The Sheriff requested \$16,846.25 be brought forward in the Juvenile Grant-In-Aid Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
- g. The Sheriff requested \$2,677.00 be brought forward in the Bulletproof Vest Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- h. The Sheriff requested \$2,500.00 be brought forward in the Entergy Grant – Boating Safety Program Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- i. The Sheriff was awarded a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant, which requires a local match of \$18,222.00 from the General Fund.
- j. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requested \$989.00 be brought forward in the Juvenile Drug Court Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Circuit Court Division II Budget.
- k. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requested \$261.37 be brought forward in the Juvenile Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Circuit Court Division II Budget.

Judge Mahoney went over each appropriation and explained the need. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young seconded by Justice Reagan. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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