

**LITTER TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
COUNTY COURTROOM 200  
MARCH 27, 2023, AT 5 PM  
AGENDA**

Members: Chairman Anderson, Justices Dixon, Myers, Peters, McGrew, and Brown

Members absent: None

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

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order and asked Justice Dixon to present the invocation. Chairman Anderson opened the meeting up for discussion on roadside trash pickup. Chairman Anderson summarized the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on identifying streets and strategies to get organized. Judge Mahoney indicated that Justice Peters had contacted the local school districts; several are present. He also said he reached out to Dr. Nehus, and the Hot Springs School District will be willing to participate.

Judge Mahoney indicated an event date and rainout date need to be determined. There was some discussion on events that might interfere, and it was suggested that May 6 with May 13 as the rainout date. Then there was some discussion of how the volunteers will disperse to pick up in their area. Judge Mahoney said he would have the landfill place dumpsters around the county.

He talked about the Justice of the Peace choosing ten roads in their districts. He would like this to be an annual event. In the near future, the County Attorney and the Judge will request a proposal to have a company come in three times a year to pick up our roads.

Judge Mahoney introduced the audience's visitors, including Nell Gladner, with the US 97 radio station, Traci Berry from the City of Hot Springs, and Katie Yamauchi from Leadership Hot Springs. Several school districts in the county represented include Lake Hamilton, Fountain Lake, and Hot Springs. There was some discussion on getting the students organized and providing supervision.

Justice Myers said he spoke with the Board of Realtors. Justice Dixon indicated that Sarah Fowler, with United Way, has agreed to help coordinate the event and use the Day of Caring website.

Dr. Murphy had questions about how would transportation to and from the locations be organized? Judge Mahoney said he would reach out to a local taxi service with vans; the other option would be if the schools could provide a bus from each district. Adults could ride share to locations, and the students could meet at the school districts and ride the bus. There was some discussion on establishing some perimeters from each location. It was asked if the county would provide bags and vests and where the drop-off points would be. Justice Dixon indicated Keep Arkansas Beautiful would provide 250 vests, gloves, 900 bags, and some signage. Judge Mahoney indicated that the county would provide additional supplies. He also said he would contact Wheeler Printing to see if they would provide additional signage.

There was some discussion on having dumpsters at each school district, and then the students could put the trash bags back on the bus to be through away once they reach the dumpsters. Judge Mahoney said he would have landfill staff help with picking up trash bags.

Justice Anderson said he would contact Dr. Hale and see how he would like to participate. There was some discussion about where to get individuals to sign up to volunteer. Justice Dixon said that Sarah Fowler could set that up for the county. Judge Mahoney said that once everything is set in place, we can

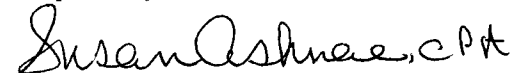
get the local newspaper to share the information. Justice Myers talked about asking the Board of Realtors to send out an internet blast. We can link it to the Garland County website as well. Gary Troutman discussed a competition among not-for-profit organizations, and it was discussed contacting the local banks to help. There was some discussion on the size of bags needed. There was some discussion on having a picnic for volunteers after the event.

Judge Mahoney also said he wants this to be used as a prevention campaign. There was some further discussion and the establishment of a service to help keep the county roads clean.

Chairman Anderson asked if there was anything further, and with nothing, the next meeting was set for April 10, 2023, at 5 pm.

The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



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Garland County Comptroller

Justice Dixon 1. KAB- 250 vests, 250 gloves, 900 trash bags, and some signage. 2. Contact Sarah Fowler to coordinate volunteers and set up a sign-up link on the Day of Caring website.

Justice Anderson 1. Contact Dr. Hale

Judge Mahoney 1. Assign dumpsters to locations. 2. Provide additional vests, gloves, trash bags, and bottled water. 3. Post a link for volunteers to the Garland County website. 4. Contact Wheeler Printing to provide signage on roads 5. Contacting a local taxi company for transportation. 6. Coordinate designated roads with the Justice of the Peace for the event

Justice Myers – 1. Contacting the Board of Realty to help with volunteers and provide an internet blast of the event.

Justice Peters – 1. Contacting the School Districts to help coordinate student volunteers and transportation.

School District staff in attendance – 1. Willing to help organize student volunteers and transportation.

Gary Troutman, President of Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce- 1. Help coordinate groups of volunteers