

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE COUNTY  
COURTROOM 200  
APRIL 3, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.  
MINUTES**

Members present: Chairman Braziel, Vice-Chairwoman Dixon, Justices McGrew, Anderson, and Hunter

Members absent: Justice Owen and Raney

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

Chairman Braziel called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

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

The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$1,374.00 in the County General, Veterans' Services Budget to pay for a license in the veterans' software program and retirement matching for the part-time veterans' officer.

The County Judge requests an appropriation of an additional \$17,711.18 in the County General, General Services Budget to pay for the increase in the generator cost for the Hot Springs Mountain Tower. The city and the county share in the cost 50/50. The county initially budgeted \$12,500.00 as their share, but the bid came back at \$60,422.37, including tax.

The Division II Juvenile Judge was awarded \$4,907.46 for a Juvenile Accountability Court Grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts and would like to appropriate these funds to pay for drug testing, incentives for juveniles, and staff training. This is a reimbursable grant and will need to be funded by the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund.

A motion for a do pass for section (a) was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the need. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

A motion for a do pass for section (b) was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, Justice Anderson asked for the generator size, and Judge Mahoney explained the need and agreed to send out the specs on the generator. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

A motion for a do pass for section (c) was made by Justice Dixon and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Justice McGrew asked if the grant required a match, and Judge Mahoney explained that it did not, but it did require funding. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

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

The Sheriff deposited \$16,990.31 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund for a donation, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, restitution, and insurance proceeds, as detailed in

the attached exhibit. He would like these funds appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget. The Sheriff deposited \$1,485.01 with the County Treasurer in the Detention Facility Fund for restitution and extraditions, which he would like to appropriate in the County Jail Budget. The Sheriff requests to appropriate \$12,324.76 in the Bulletproof Vest Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to pay the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund back for the 2018 and 2021 grants. A motion for a do pass for section (a) was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice McGrew. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the need. There was some discussion on the insurance proceeds. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

A motion for a do pass for section (b) was made by Justice Dixon and seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

A motion for a do pass for section (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.

Chairman Braziel asked for consideration of an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-23-08; to correct a scrivener's error by adding omitted sections 22, 23, and 24. During a review, it was noted that Ordinance O-23-08 had a scrivener's error where Sections 22, 23, and 24 were omitted. The omissions relating to the appropriation of funds for aerial imagery for the Garland County Assessor.

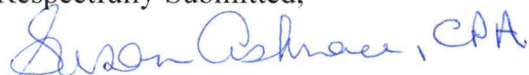
A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and Comptroller Ashmore explained the correction. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel asked Gary Troutman, President of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership, to give his report. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel asked the committee to review the position report, overtime report, sales tax collections, rebates, Oaklawn report, and 2021 Federal Audit report. There was some discussion on the continued struggle the county is having with retaining employees. Judge Mahoney reported on the Federal Audit report that there were no findings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Ashmore, CPA  
Garland County Comptroller