

**LITTER TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
COUNTY COURTROOM 200  
APRIL 10, 2023, AT 5 PM  
MINUTES**

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

Members absent: Justice Dixon

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

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order and asked Justice Braziel to present the invocation. Chairman Anderson opened the meeting up for discussion on roadside trash pickup. Chairman Anderson indicated a summary in the March 27 minutes and asked Judge Mahoney if he had anything to add. Judge Mahoney provided each member with a list, and he went over the list in the meeting.

1. A number of volunteers you each have.
2. Location of dumpsters (all schools)
3. How the volunteers will be dispersed in the county
4. Start time so that volunteers can be ready.
5. Finish time so dumpsters can be retrieved.
6. Distribution and collection of signs, grabbers, and vests... volunteers will retain gloves.

Judge said that he would have the vests, gloves, bags, and grabbers. He will have supplies at each school.

Justice Peters said he had told the schools that the Judge would email them with instructions. Billy Sawyer, Landfill Director, asked Judge Mahoney to ask the schools to email him where to place the dumpsters, and Judge Mahoney said he would. Judge Mahoney said he spoke with the City Manager, Mr. Burrough, and the City of Hot Springs would put some frontload dumpsters at the schools in the city limits.

There was some discussion on a list of volunteers. Sarah Fowler with United Way offered to set up a sign-in link on their website.

Justice Anderson indicated we might need a map of the districts, and Sarah said she could add that. Justice McGrew said she had several recovery groups that would volunteer.

Judge Mahoney said he would have a list of streets available. He called the local taxi company and said they only had one van. He is hoping the school districts will provide buses. Justice Anderson said he would try to get his church van.

There was some discussion from Justice Myers on coming back through with trucks and picking up the bags. Judge Mahoney asked if each member would invest some time in organizing their group and roads. Judge Mahoney said he would prioritize the main roads based on the number of volunteers.

Judge Mahoney said in his request for proposal that he will have the trash picked up in April, September/October, and January. He is working on prevention through the Landfill. He is also working with the Sheriff's office to increase the litter crews that pick up in the county. There was some discussion on safety, and the Judge has 150 signs to put out. He does not want anyone to put themselves in harm's way; if there are large items, they will need to report them, and the Landfill will get them picked up.

The date was clarified as May 6; the rainout day is May 13.

Chairman Anderson asked if there was anything further, and with nothing, the next meeting was set for April 20, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

The meeting is 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