

Garland County
Ordinance Committee
April 12, 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-21-7**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Rod Morse to the Westwood Village Sewer Facilities Board. Chairman Owen abstained due to a business relationship. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-21-8**, a resolution certifying local government endorsement of FiberPro LLC to participate in the tax back program. There was some discussion regarding the tax back process and some informative information on FiberPro LLC. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-21-9**, a resolution authorizing Garland County and all of its departments and subdivisions to purchase goods or services exempt from soliciting bids as authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated §14-22-106 (21). A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked Attorney Howard to explain the update to the previous resolution passed in 2021. He indicated the resolution would add an organization and broaden the scope of the county purchasing power. Librarian Adam Webb commented on the savings he will see from this change. The new resolution will give the Library the ability to piggyback off a contract with Maricopa County, Arizona, to purchase automation equipment at rock-bottom prices that a county our size could not obtain. There was some additional discussion on how the process works and the county's savings by using these interlocal purchasing systems and government contracts. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-10**, an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-19-55, O-20-08, O-20-11, O-20-13, O-20-35, O-21-6, and O-21-9 to establish various grant funds. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Young. Comptroller Ashmore explained that these grant funds need to be established for audit purposes. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-11** to amend, incorporate, merge, and replace Garland County Ordinance O-13-66, as amended by O-13-84, and as amended by O-14-15, regulating animal control; prescribing the responsibilities of owners, and fixing penalties for violations. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Faulkner.

Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-12**, an ordinance amending the 2021 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-20-35.

- a. The County Judge requests \$85,000.00 in revenues anticipated to the beginning balance and an appropriation of \$55,389.65 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, County Judge's Budget, to cover health, dental, and life insurance benefits paid in January for December expenditures. He would also like to appropriate \$20,000.00 to pay for software through Civic Plus to send out notifications.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation in the General Fund for \$31,000.00 to pay for repairs to the District Court Building geothermal system. He would like \$15,500.00 to be appropriated to both the District Court Building Expenses Budget and the Juvenile Court Buildings Expenses Budget since the costs are shared.
- c. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$10,000.00 in the General Fund, Financial Management Budget, to pay for specialized tax and wage and hour advice.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$115,000.00 in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget, to pay for 11-yard and 20-yard dumpsters.
- e. The County Judge deposited \$8,738.91 with the County Treasurer for reimbursement to the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant and would like to appropriate these funds to the Special Projects Budget to reimburse the Sheriff's Budget and Jail Budget for Coronavirus expenditures.
- f. The Sheriff requests \$8,738.91 be reimbursed to the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget, for overtime of \$4,292.81, and the General Fund, Sheriff's Budget, for coronavirus equipment of \$4,446.10.
- g. The Sheriff requests to transfer \$32,566.66 in the Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Grant Fund from Other Professional Services to Salaries, full-time, benefits, IT Hardware, and supplies.
- h. The Sheriff was awarded an eCite/eCrash Grant for \$86,700.00 with \$78,030.00 being reimbursable and a county match of \$8,670.00 being required from the General Fund as indicated in Resolution R-20-35. This fund was established initially by Ordinance O-17-61 and will need to be funded by the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund.
- i. The Sheriff was awarded a Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) Grant for \$25,000.00 will need to be funded by the OMH Sale Fund. This grant application was approved by Resolution R-20-37, and the Sheriff would like to establish the fund and appropriate the proceeds to help combat opioid abuse.
- j. The Sheriff requests \$1,180.00 be brought forward in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and an appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget to purchase small

equipment. This fund was initially established by Ordinance O-15-29, and the authorization to apply was approved by Resolution R-19-16.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-13**, an ordinance amending the 2021 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-20-35.

- a. The Sheriff deposited \$2,302.89 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund for various reasons and would like \$452.13 appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget and \$1,850.76 appropriated in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
- b. The Sheriff deposited \$200.00 with the County Treasurer in the Boating Safety Fund for donations and would like it appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget.
- c. The Sheriff deposited \$1,353.01 with the County Treasurer in the Detention Facility Fund for extraditions, restitution, and a refund, which he would like to appropriate in the County Jail Budget.
- d. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$7,168.26 in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget to pay for equipping the transport van at the Detention Center.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller