

**LITTER TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COUNTY COURTROOM 200
APRIL 20, 2023, AT 5 PM
MINUTES**

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

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.

Judge Mahoney indicated he was having a problem with the consensus of volunteers. He said the roads turned in are 265 miles.

- a. Mrs. Burroughs from the City of Hot Springs said she has ten committed from District Court.
- b. CHI will cover the roads around the hospital campus.
- c. Susan Harper with Garvan Woodlawn Gardens will facilitate a group in her area.
- d. Hot Springs School District representative Erik Lunsford indicated he has approximately 50, and they would cover the roads around the High School and Junior Academy. He said he thought they could cover around 7 miles.
- e. Justice Dixon indicated that the Lakeside School District football team signed up as a group for District 5.
- f. There are only four signed up on the website form.
- g. Justice Braughton has contacted a soccer team and gymnastics team.

Justice Dixon suggested we provide water and a snack, and Judge Mahoney said the county could provide the water and snacks. Judge Mahoney said that he had the grabbers, gloves, vests, and trash bags ordered. Justice Dixon said Keep Arkansas Beautiful will be sending garbage bags and vests.

There was some discussion on how to log the community hours. The Hot Springs School District NSH Facility Adviser Erik Lunsford suggested a community service sheet. Judge Mahoney said the county will pull something together and suggested that Mr. Lunsford email an example of what they have used in the past, which he agreed to.

There was some discussion on how busy the students are at the end of the school year. Justice Dixon asked if it would be good to have phases in the project. There was some discussion.

Justice McGrew has 40 volunteers, including Harbor House, Recovery Point Ministry, Covenant Recovery, and some youth groups. Justice Peters said he would reach out to Our Promise House. Comptroller Ashmore said she would reach back out to Leadership Hot Springs. Justice Dixon contacted National Park College, the Math and Science School, Hot Springs Rotary, and Oaklawn Partnership Association. Justice Myers sent out a blast to the Board of Realtors.

Judge Mahoney said he would like to see at least 200 volunteers, and Justice McGrew has a group that wants to adopt a road. Justice Raney said you might make it a competition similar to a program he was involved in around the lake.

Mr. Lunsford suggested all groups with students remind the students not to pick up needles or anything dangerous. He also suggested we add the logo for each school to the community service documentation. It was also suggested that small children have a parent accompany them. There was some additional discussion, and Judge Mahoney said the plan is to reach out to all the Superintendents and get a good head count. Chairman Anderson asked if there was anything further, and with nothing, the next meeting was set for May 1, 2023, at 5:00 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