

Garland County
Ordinance Committee Meeting
May 9, 2022
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Owen, Vice Chairman Brown, Justices Reagan, Faulkner, Braziel, Hunter, and Young

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution **R-22-9**, a resolution approving an interlocal agreement with the City of Hot Springs for the operation and maintenance of the Garland County Courts Building. Chairman Owen explained the agreement that has been in place. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Faulkner. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion. Justice Reagan asked how the architect determined the division, and Judge Mahoney explained that it is by square footage. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-17**, an ordinance to establish a county road sub-fund called the Surplus Pave-It-Forward Fund and declare an emergency. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked Judge Mahoney to discuss this. Judge Mahoney explained that collections for an entire quarter after the bond is paid off would be deposited and divided per capita in this fund. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-18**, an ordinance to close the Court Costs and Fine/Debt Service Fund and redirect the pledged revenues to the County General Fund, and to declare an emergency. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Young. Judge Mahoney explained that the County had paid off the District Court Bond, and the County no longer needed a debt service fund. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-19**, an ordinance authorizing the County, by and through the Garland County Library and its Director, to continue to do business with advocates for all Arkansas Libraries. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Reagan. Judge Mahoney explained that this is to meet the requirements of transparency and disclose conflict of interest. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-20**, an ordinance authorizing the County, by and through the Garland County Judge to continue to do business with Hope Construction. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Faulkner. Judge Mahoney explained that this is to meet the requirements of transparency and disclose conflict of interest. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-21**, an ordinance authorizing the County, by and through the Garland County Judge to continue to do business with Dixon Construction. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Young. Judge Mahoney explained that this is to meet the requirements of transparency and disclose conflict of interest. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-22**, an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Librarian deposited \$65,154.82 in the County Library Reserve Fund with the County Treasurer for donations of \$25,720.82 and state aid of \$39,434.00. He would like to appropriate \$26,629.78 in the County Library Budget to purchase a 10 x16 prefabricated storage building for \$6,564.54, a Spartan RZ-C 54" mower for \$4,318.92, and a Cyclesafe for a bicycle storage facility with a repair station and pump for \$15,746.32.
- b. The County Librarian deposited \$340,040.00 in the County Library Fund with the County Treasurer from the Arkansas Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) and would like to appropriate \$119,324.91 in the County Library Budget to purchase four remote locker units.
- c. The County Librarian deposited \$100,236.79 in the County Library Fund with the County Treasurer from donations that have accumulated in the County Library Non-Tax Account and would like to appropriate \$87,404.00 in the County Library Budget to pay \$86,329.00 on the remaining balance of the bookmobile and \$1,075.00 to pay for the Libraries Employee Assistance Program (EAP).
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$10,518.60 in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Fund, County Judge's Budget to pay for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).
- e. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$2,510.00 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, Sheriff's Budget, to pay for overtime for the two new patrol officers position the County funded in 2022.
- f. The Sheriff would like to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund by appropriating \$24,562.00 in the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund, Sheriff's Budget, and transferring these funds to the OMH Sale Fund.
- g. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests an appropriation of \$40.95 be brought forward in the Juvenile Courtroom Projection Project Grant Fund, Circuit Court Division II Budget.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked Librarian Webb to explain. Mr. Webb explained the Library is now doing its mowing and needs a mover and a building to house it in. He explained the bicycle repair station need and the remote lockers to serve the community better. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion with none the motion passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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