

**Garland County
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 3, 2019**

Members Present: Chairman Matt McKee, Vice Chairman Jason Braziel, Justices John Horner, Thomas Anderson, Ray Owen, Ronald Hunter, and Larry Raney

Members Absent: None

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

A regular meeting of the Garland County Finance Committee was held June 3, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. in room 201 of the Garland County Courthouse.

Chairman Matt McKee led the opening prayer.

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and introduced a resolution to reappoint Karen Harbut to the County Library Board. Justice Owen made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the next order of business, the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in the Sheriff's various budgets.

- a. Reimbursements in the Juvenile Detention Budget, General Fund of \$6,387.60 from National School Lunch for three months.
- b. Insurance reimbursements, restitution, and a rebate of \$2,830.29 in the Sheriff's Budget, General Fund.
- c. Insurance proceeds, extraditions, and restitution of \$2,607.96 in the County Jail Budget, Detention Facility Fund.
- d. The Sheriff would like to contract with National Park College (NPC) for a patrol vehicle to be used by the Resource Officer. The college would pay \$599.78 a month for 60 months, and the vehicle would belong to Garland County.

Justice Anderson made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. Justice Anderson asked about the ownership and condition of the current vehicle used by the NPC Officer. Sheriff Mike McCormick stated that the vehicle is owned by Garland County and needs to be replaced due to the mileage. With no more questions or comments, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the next order of business, the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in the Solid Waste and Circuit Court budgets.

- e. The Solid Waste Fund received \$3,838 for insurance proceeds and the 2019 Spring Fling program.
- f. The Circuit Courts would like to purchase courtroom software and mixer upgrades to be used at the Detention Facility Courtroom.
- g. The Circuit Court Division IV would like to purchase a video distribution system with personal monitors for jurors, the witness stand, and the court reporter.

Judge Darryl Mahoney stated that the Solid Waste Fund reimburse is from the recycling program and is for the overtime that was spent participating in the program. In reference to the courtroom software and upgrades,

Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Lawrence noted that the monitors are needed to help juror see video imaging, tapes, and recorded confessions during trials. County Attorney John Howard noted that the software is proprietary to the system that is currently being used in the courtrooms. Justice Raney made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the next order of business, the consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, to appropriate funds in the Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney Budgets for pay increases approved by the Human Resources Committee. Justice Anderson made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Raney. McCormick stated that the details of the salary increases for the correctional officers are explained the letter he submitted to the Quorum Court. McKee stated that the salary increases would be partly funded through reimbursements from the Arkansas Department of Corrections inmate housing. Mahoney stated that there is enough money in the current Detention Center budget to pay for the raises this year, due to positions that have not been filled. Mahoney also said that there is about a \$5.6 million reserve in the Detention Facility Fund that could be used to fund the coming years. Mahoney also noted that revenues from the Oaklawn Race Track should be about twice what the county is receiving currently. Mahoney also stated that the Public Safety Act of 2019 would increase the amount of 911 revenue, which would help bridge the gap in spending. Mahoney also stated that the Fair Trade Act would help increase the collection of county sales tax, along with the passage of the sale of medical marijuana and noted that these proceeds would create a more significant revenue stream for Garland County. Mahoney said that in the past three years, the expenses have surpassed the reoccurring revenues in the Detention Center budget and is working with McCormick on the revenue streams. Mahoney also stated that the proposed changes that were recommended in the Jail Study should resolve the problems the Detention Center is currently addressing. McCormick stated that a committee would be formed to fill the proposed Finance Manager position and an assessment would be completed that would test the applicant on his or her financial knowledge. McCormick also stated that the position would be advertised statewide; the salary would be around \$52,000 per year and should take approximately thirty days to fill. Howard stated that there would be no waiting period once the appropriation had been approved and an emergency clause would be necessary to fill the position immediately. Justice Owen made a motion to add the emergency clause to fill the Finance Manager position in the next Quorum Court meeting. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee presented the June Hot Springs Metro Partnership (HSMP) invoice and introduced Mr. Gary Troutman, President of the HSMP. Troutman gave a monthly report of HSMP events and activities. Justice Anderson made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee went over the monthly overtime and sales tax reports.

A motion to adjourn was made by Justice Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lanie Martin

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