

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 7, 2021, at 5:30 PM

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

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and introduced the consideration of a resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) totaling \$19,304,565.00 for aid to the county. Justice Owen made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of a resolution authorizing Sheriff Mike McCormick to apply for an FY 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Grant. Justice Owen 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 consideration of a resolution authorizing Sheriff McCormick to apply for a 2021-2022 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. Justice Owen made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the consideration of a resolution certifying a local government endorsement of US Vanadium, LLC to participate in the tax back program. Cole McCaskill, Hot Springs Metro Partnership Vice President of Economic Development, gave an update on the project, stating that US Vanadium is expanding its facility, increasing production, and creating twenty-two new positions. Justice Owen 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 consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets.

- The County Judge deposited \$43,653.80 with the Treasurer in the Solid Waste Fund from an overpayment of use tax of \$35,129.00, a reimbursement of a Landfill expense of \$3,449.90, and a 2021 Spring Fling reimbursement of \$5,074.90.

- The Sheriff requested \$1,180.00 of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) local match funds to be transferred from the General Fund to the JAG Fund.

Justice Owen 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 consideration of a transfer in the Solid Waste Budget from the Vehicle line item to the Machinery and Equipment line item to pay for a used John Deere 210 excavator. 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 Gary Troutman, President of Hot Springs Metro Partnership, to give a monthly update on economic developments in Garland County.

- Mr. Troutman recognized the 2021 Chamber Man of the Year, Judge Darryl Mahoney
- ACTI Committee met to talk about pushing for an environmental study.
- Resumed the Business After Hours meeting with guest speaker Sarah Huckabee Sanders
- Kelly Ashlock is the new Ritter contact person
- Trip to Meridian, Mississippi, to talk about an adventure park for Hot Springs.
- Visit from Senator Bozeman
- Garland County Education Council resumed its meetings
- Mr. Troutman will attend the Annual Mid-South Aero Space Summit

Justice Anderson made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman McKee reviewed the Position and Salary, Overtime, Sales Tax Collections, and Oaklawn reports.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lanie Martin
Garland County Finance Director