

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
GARLAND COUNTY
COURTHOUSE COUNTY
COURTROOM 200
JUNE 12, 2023,
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chairman Owen, Vice-Chairman Braughton, Justices Young, Braziel, Myers, and Peters

Members Absent: Hunter

Others Present: Citizens, Staff, Officials, and Media

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution R-23-15, a resolution confirming the appointment of Amy Shipman to the Garland County Library Board of Directors for her first term. Justice Myers asked Librarian Adam Webb what the application process that the Library used. Mr. Webb explained the networking process to find willing participants in the geographic area, and they found 12 that met the criteria. The 12 were interviewed, and four were chosen to present to the County Judge for selection. Mr. Webb felt that Ms. Shipman was a good choice. She is a practicing Librarian herself, a member of the First Baptist Church, and a good fit for the Library in that district. Mr. Webb said she couldn't attend tonight because she has been working at vacation bible school and had left for her own vacation this week. That is how the process has historically been done. Justice Myers asked if Mr. Webb went through and chose the candidates to present to the County Judge. Mr. Webb said yes. Justice Myers stated that the Library Board is responsible for the administration of the Library staff, and he did not believe that an employee of the Library should be in charge of interviewing his employer even though he thinks Mr. Webb is doing a very good job managing the Library. He said he would like to offer a suggestion to send this back out so the whole public has a chance to apply to serve on the board. He indicated there was a lady in the audience who would like a chance to apply.

Justice Myers made a motion to Table Resolution R-23-15 until we have a 30-day application period. The motion was seconded by Justice Braughton, and said he would like the opportunity to meet Ms. Shipman. Chairman Owen indicated that the time to deal with this is during the Quorum Court meeting. Justice Raney explained that the Ordinance Committee should only deal with the form of the resolution or the ordinance form. Judge Mahoney explained that the resolution's content is not part of what this committee does. He indicated that it is more appropriate to be discussed in the Quorum Court. There was some discussion on which committee the discussion should take place. Justice Myers withdrew the table and changed his motion to a do pass, and Justice Braughton withdrew the table and changed his second the motion to a do pass. The motion was passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution R-23-16, a resolution authorizing the Division II Juvenile Judge to apply for a fiscal year 2023 Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts supplemental Juvenile Court grant totaling \$26,760 with no local match required. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Peters, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution R-23-17, a resolution authorizing the Garland County Sheriff to apply for a fiscal year 2023-2024 selective traffic enforcement program grant totaling \$120,000. The grant is for \$100,000, and the local match will be \$20,000. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Myers, seconded by Justice Peters. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance O-23-19, an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-22-57; to appropriate in various budgets and close five inactive funds.

- a. The County Librarian requests an appropriation of \$2,000,000 in the County Library Fund to the County Library Budget, distribution line item to distribute property taxes as they are collected, per Ordinance O-22-48.
- b. The County Clerk requests an appropriation of \$28,000 in the County General Fund to the County Clerk Budget for postage.
- c. The Sheriff requests a transfer of \$708.47 from position control number (PCN) 1000.0400.0570 to PCN 1000.0400.0545 in the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget, to meet contract requirements for resource officer.
- d. The Division II Juvenile Court Judge requests an appropriation of \$46,000 in the County General Fund to the Circuit Court Division II Budget to purchase a vehicle and insurance.
- e. The County Judge requests to close the Mountain Valley Community Block Grant Fund, the Morfe Windows, LLC Community Block Grant Fund, Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Grant Fund, the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant Fund, and the County Library Reserve Fund. All five of these funds have a zero balance in the Treasurer's bank account.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Peters, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen explained the form of the ordinance and how the ordinance combines several subject matters in an effort to save on publication. He asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller