

**GARLAND COUNTY  
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
THE MAHONEY BUILDING  
210 WOODBINE STREET  
JULY 10, 2023, AT 5:00 PM**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Chairman Braziel, Vice-Chairwoman Dixon, Justices McGrew, Anderson, Owen, Hunter, and Raney

Members Absent:

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

Chairman Braziel called the meeting to order, and Justice Dixon presented the invocation.

Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution authorizing the Garland County Prosecuting Attorney to apply for a fiscal year 2023-2024 Drug Task Force (DTF) Investigator Grant for \$73,184 with the State funding \$58,547.00 and the local match of \$14,637 funded by the DTF. This grant pays for an investigator, a fiscal officer, and operating costs. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Dixon, seconded by Justice McGrew. Justice Raney asked if this was a new investigator, and Comptroller Ashmore explained that it is not a new position. This grant runs from July to June of each year and is a continuance of the current grant. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-22-57; to appropriate funds and establish positions in the County Library Budget and the Solid Waste Budget.

- a. The County Librarian requests an appropriation of \$58,521 in the County Library Fund to the County Library Budget to establish and pay for two new full-time positions and anticipate \$1,000,000 in revenues.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$20,010 in the Solid Waste Fund to the Solid Waste Budget to establish and pay for one new full-time position.

Judge Mahoney explained the need for the Landfill position. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Dixon, seconded by Justice Raney. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-22-57; to anticipate revenue, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets.

- c. The Prosecuting Attorney has been awarded a Drug Task Force (DTF) Investigator Grant and would like to appropriate \$30,600 to the Prosecuting Attorney's Budget to pay for the salary and benefits of one investigator for the remainder of the year.
- d. The County Judge deposited \$2,786.40 with the County Treasurer for reimbursement of the repairs of a damaged 2022 Mack transport trailer and would like it appropriated from the Solid Waste Fund to the Solid Waste Budget.
- e. The Sheriff requests an appropriation and transfer of \$25,189 in the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund.
- f. The Sheriff requests an appropriation and transfer of \$75,050 in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to pay back the OMH Sale Fund.

- g. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge has been awarded a Supplemental Juvenile Court Grant for \$14,000 and would like it appropriated to the Circuit Court Division II Budget to pay for a community summer program for adjudicated juveniles.
- h. The Sheriff requests an appropriation and transfer of \$175,000 in the General Capital Improvement Fund to the Sheriff's Budget to pay for five vehicles.

Justice Owen explained the way the county utilizes the Ouachita Memorial Hospital Sale Fund to fund our reimbursable grants. He also referred to the Sheriff's fleet. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice McGrew. Judge Mahoney explained the need for each line. Chairman Braziel asked for further discussion, and with none, the motion was passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced of transfer of \$3,942.00 from the juror and witness line item to the machinery and equipment line item in the County General Fund, Circuit Clerk's Budget, to purchase a copier in the Circuit Clerk's office. The copier is one that the lease has expired, and she has the option to buy; she has elected to continue the maintenance plan, which covers repairs and ink/toner costs.

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount
1000.0102.3092	1000.0102.4004	\$3,942.00

Judge Mahoney explained how the county has moved toward buying instead of leasing copiers. A motion was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman Braziel asked for discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel introduced a transfer of \$10,100 from repairs and maintenance to machinery and equipment to pay for two audio/video monitor systems for the meeting room in the Mahoney Building.

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount
1801.0112.2035	1801.0112.4004	\$10,100

Judge Mahoney explained the equipment. A motion was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Braziel asked for discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Braziel asked Mr. Troutman, the Hot Springs Metro Partnership (HSMP) President, to present his report, and the committee agreed to receive him during the Quorum Court meeting.

Chairman Braziel asked the Justices to review the position change report, overtime report, sales tax, and Oaklawn report. There was some discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Ashmore  
Garland County Comptroller