

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
GARLAND COUNTY
COURTHOUSE COUNTY
COURTROOM 200
JULY 10, 2023,
MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: Justice Peters

Others Present: Citizens, Staff, Officials, and Media

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution R-23-18, 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 of Arkansas 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 do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance O-23-20, an ordinance adopting certain rules and regulations concerning external noise attenuation of data centers and to prevent noise disturbance in Garland County and within its unincorporated limits and declared an emergency. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Myers. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney said the Association of Arkansas Counties sent out this ordinance due to legislation coming down for the State of Arkansas. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance O-23-21, an ordinance to amend the Garland County Code, Chapter 46 – Master Road Plan and Specifications (O-13-55), regarding the operation of tracked vehicles on county-maintained roads. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Myers. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained that we have had three incidents where a contractor damaged the county road. There was some discussion on the type of tracks. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance O-23-22, an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-22-26, amending the Garland County Personnel Policy to include a vehicle use policy for elected officials and declaring an emergency. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Myers, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the need for the ordinance, and with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance O-23-23, an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-22-57; to appropriate funds and establish positions in the Library and Solid Waste budgets.

- 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.

Justice Young requested to separate the ordinance vote. There was some discussion regarding the responsibilities of the Ordinance Committee. Attorney Howard explained that this committee had historically considered form, not substance. To change the procedural ordinance of this committee would be advised to be done by an ordinance at the next meeting. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for further questions or discussion with none. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with all voting for except Justice Young, who abstained.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance O-23-24, an ordinance to amend the 2023 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-22-57 to anticipate revenue, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets.

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Myers, seconded by Justice Braughton. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained each request. With no further discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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