

Garland County
Special Finance Committee Meeting
July 11, 2022
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice Chairman Braziel, Justices Horner, Owen, Anderson, Hunter, and Raney

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a FY 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant with a 50% local match. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a FY 2022 Office of Justice Programs, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) totaling \$25,846.00. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. There was some discussion on the license plate recognition system, and Sheriff McCormick explained how the system worked and said this will make nine the county will have. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of a resolution authorizing the Garland County Prosecuting Attorney to apply for a FY 2022-2023 Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Program (SDCEP) Federal Funds of \$58,547.00 with a local match of \$14,637.00 required. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a FY 2022-2023 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant totaling \$120,504.25 with a local match of \$20,000.00. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. Justice Owen told about the history of how the county first started receiving this grant and that it is used for checkpoints. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of an ordinance repealing ordinances O-20-05, O-20-28, O-21-17, O-21-27, and O-21-40 relating to the Cell Phones and Electronic Devices Policy, Longevity Pay, Family Medical Leave Act, Catastrophic Leave, and the Garland County Personnel Policy and Declaring an Emergency. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. Attorney Howard explained the need to amend the policy to incorporate several stand-alone ordinances. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-19-46 to include the codification section that was inadvertently omitted and declare an emergency. A motion for a do pass was

made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of an ordinance authorizing the request for an acceptance of grant funding for salary stipends authorized by the Arkansas Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer Salary Stipend Act of 2022. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Braziel. Justice Raney wanted to know if this was the first time for this stipend, and Judge Mahoney explained that it was and that the officers must meet specific criteria. He also indicated that the county would be responsible for paying the retirement. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in County Judge's Budget:

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, County Judge's Budget for \$5,000,000.00 to be transferred to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund as the remaining standard allowance allowed by Treasury's final rule.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation and transfer in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund, County Judge's Budget for \$9,395,657.05 to be transferred to the County General Fund for reimbursement of salaries and benefits paid to county employees from March 16, 2021, through June 4, 2022.

Chairman McKee asked for clarification, and Comptroller Ashmore explained the transfer and how the Treasury encouraged supplanting salaries and benefits. This will help the county avoid federal procurement compliance. Judge Mahoney indicated that this is how we have been advised by Horne, the consulting firm hired to manage the ARP Funds. There was some discussion on the ARP Fund's allowable use. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation and transfer in the County General Fund, Transfers Out Budget for \$1,000,000.00. He would like \$500,000.00 appropriated and transferred to the County Road Fund, County Road Budget, and \$500,000.00 to be appropriated and transferred to the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget with both appropriations in the Machinery and Equipment line item.
- b. The County Judge would like to un-appropriate \$1,874.90 in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund, Solid Waste Budget, that was over appropriated on the purchase of the 2015 frontload trash truck.
- c. The Sheriff would like to appropriate \$8,168.90 in the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund, Sheriff's Budget, to replace funds used to purchase a van for juvenile transport.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$7,848.90 in the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the County Judge's Budget to pay the sales and use tax on the electronic poll books.
- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$50,000.00 in the Solid Waste Reserve Fund, Solid Waste Budget to be transferred to the Solid Waste Fund.
- f. The County Judge deposited \$140,075.00 with the County Treasurer in the Solid Waste Fund from the 2022 auction and would like to appropriate these funds in the Solid Waste Budget.

- g. The County Judge deposited \$43,500.00 with the County Treasurer in the County Road Fund from the 2022 auction and would like to appropriate these funds in the County Road Budget.
- h. The Prosecuting Attorney has applied for a Drug Task Force (DTF) Investigator Grant and would like to appropriate \$31,019.84 in the DTF Investigator Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget to pay salary and benefits.
- i. The County Judge would like to appropriate \$69,900.00 in the County General Fund to various budgets to cover the rising cost of fuel.
- j. The County Judge would like to appropriate \$72,000.00 in the County Road Fund to the County Road Budget to cover the rising cost of fuel.
- k. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$65,425.00 in the Solid Waste Fund to the Solid Waste Budget to cover the rising fuel cost. He would like \$64,925.00 appropriated in the Fuel line item and \$500.00 in transfers out to be appropriated in the SW Stormwater Fund, Environmental Inspections Budget.
- l. The Sheriff would like to appropriate \$7,500.00 in the Detention Facility Fund to the County Jail Budget to cover the rising cost of fuel.

Judge Mahoney indicated he would be happy to answer any question. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. Judge Mahoney talked about the fuel costs; with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked for consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in various budgets:

- a. The Sheriff deposited \$6,584.23 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund for refunds, restitution, three months of National School Lunch Programs reimbursements, and Freedom of Information Act reimbursement costs. The Sheriff would like \$3,070.48 appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget and \$3,513.75 appropriated in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
- b. The Sheriff deposited \$240.00 with the County Treasurer in the Boating Safety Fund for donations, which he would like appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget.
- c. The Sheriff deposited \$1,273.54 with the County Treasurer in the Detention Facility Fund for restitution and extradition, which he would like to appropriate in the County Jail Budget.
- d. The Sheriff requests an un-appropriation of \$208,945.00 in the County General Fund, Juvenile Detention Budget to offset the cost in the County General Fund, Juvenile Housing and Transport Budget.
- e. The Sheriff requests an appropriation in the County General Fund, Juvenile Housing and Transport Budget for \$208,945.00 to pay for fuel and maintenance costs of \$15,000.00, the cost to house juveniles at \$193,375.00, and fleet insurance on the new van of \$570.00.
- f. The Sheriff requests an appropriation in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget for \$23,000.00 to pay for overtime pay.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Gary Troutman, President of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Mr. Troutman deferred presenting his report to the full Quorum Court since the finance meeting was the same night, and the committee agreed.

Chairman McKee asked the Justices to review the position changes, overtime, sales tax, Oaklawn, and grant reports. There was some discussion on staffing; then, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'A'.

Susan Ashmore, CPA
Garland County Comptroller