

Garland County, Arkansas  
Finance Committee  
Minutes  
August 2, 2021

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

Members Absent: Justice Raney

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and presented the prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution expressing the willingness of Garland County to utilize Federal Aid Funds for the paving and maintenance of a portion of Blacksnake Road and authorizing the County Judge to enter into necessary contracts. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Judge Mahoney explained the work to be done on Blacksnake. He said it is 2 miles of work with guardrails, notch and widening of turns, overlay, and striping. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$41,000.00 from the Emergency 911 Reserve Fund to pay for two 911 dispatch consoles.
- b. The Sheriff requests an appropriation for \$600,000.00 in the Sheriff's Commissary Fund, Sheriff's Budget for inmate telephone and supplies.
- c. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation of \$545.45 in the General Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Budget to pay part of the cost of a copy machine.
- d. The Librarian will be receiving an ARP grant from the State Library Board and donations to purchase a bookmobile for \$200,000.00. The Library Board of Trustees has approved this purchase and would like these funds appropriated in the Library Fund, County Library Budget.
- e. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests an appropriation of \$122.00 to the Juvenile Drug Court Accountability Grant Fund, Circuit Court Division II Budget

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Braziel. Comptroller Ashmore explained that there might be changes in the fund for the Library ARP money. The committee agreed to have a special finance meeting, if necessary. Justice Horner asked about the Sheriff's Commissary Fund. Sheriff McCormick introduced Heather Crawford, the Detention Finance Director. Ms. Crawford explained the increase in supplies and phone usage. She explained with the inmates receiving stimulus money, the new devices and other factors have increased sales. Comptroller Ashmore explained this fund is a pass-through. The commissions received are deposited in a different fund with the Treasurer. The Sheriff deposits a portion of these profits back in the Detention Facility Fund. Attorney Howard asked to converse with the

Sheriff before this ordinance is passed. Chairman McKee moved to the next consideration on the agenda.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the General Fund, Department of Emergency Management Budget, from several line items to the Machinery and Equipment line item to pay for an alarm system that is a capital asset.

Transfer out	Transfer in	Amount
1000.0500.2002	1000.0500.4004	\$ 834.00
1000.0500.2007	1000.0500.4004	1,500.00
1000.0500.2020	1000.0500.4004	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total		\$3,834.00

Judge Mahoney explained the need for the new system. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Hunter, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the General Fund, Juvenile Detention Budget, from Supplies-Other Sundry line item to the Machinery and Equipment line item to pay for a new washing machine.

Transfer out	Transfer in	Amount
1000.0422.2011	1000.0422.4004	\$3,322.23

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Horner, seconded by Justice Braziel. Ms. Crawford explained that the washer is a commercial machine and the Detention Maintenance Department chose it. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.


Chairman McKee asked Mr. Gary Troutman to give his monthly Hot Springs Metro Partnership update on economic development in Garland County. 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.

After Mr. Troutman's presentation, Chairman McKee returned to the appropriation ordinance that already had a motion. Attorney Howard had resolved his questions for the Sheriff. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked the committee to review the reports in the other business section of the agenda. There was some discussion. The committee agreed to conduct budget meetings on October 20 starting at 8:00 am and on November 3 for personnel and capital asset review.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller