

Garland County, Arkansas
Special Finance Committee
Minutes
September 13, 2021

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

Members Absent: Justice Anderson

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

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

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Garland County Prosecuting Attorney to apply for a \$70,256.00 Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Matching Grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Justice Raney asked what the match amount was and Judge Mahoney indicated the match \$11,709.49 and paid by the DTF. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for an Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ACEDP) Grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for an FY 2021-2022 Arkansas Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Grant totaling \$50,000. No matching is required, but it is a reimbursable grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for an FY 2021-2022 Juvenile Detention Grant-In-Aid grant totaling \$28,574.00. No match required. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the County Judge to establish a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the applicant's jurisdiction against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to adopt a catastrophic leave policy. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Raney. Judge Mahoney explained the policy and need. 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 and County Librarian request an appropriation for \$2,924.32 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, County Judges Budget, and \$581.88 from the County Library Fund, County Library Budget, respectively, to pay for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through Southwest EAP.
- b. The County Judge deposited \$4,409.22 with the County Treasurer from recycling and would like it appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget for overtime pay.
- c. The County Librarian requests an appropriation of \$5,750.00 to pay for half of the cost of a fence from the County Library Fund, County Library Budget.
- d. The County Judge deposited \$1,070.93 with the County Treasurer for reimbursement from the Bulletproof Vest Federal Grant Fund, Circuit and would like to reimburse the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund by appropriating these funds in the Circuit Court Budget.
- e. The Sheriff has been awarded \$28,574.00 from the Department of Finance and Administration for a Juvenile Detention Grant-in-Aid grant and would like to appropriate these funds in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
- f. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$14,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund to pay for permanent glass partitions in the County Clerk and Circuit Clerk's offices.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Owen. Judge Mahoney explained the necessity for each of these request. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the General Capital Improvement Fund, Special Projects Budget, from Repair & Maintenance line item to the Buildings line item to purchase property and a building at 538 West Grand. Judge Mahoney explained to purchase of the property. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for further questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced transfer in the General Capital Improvement Fund, Special Projects Budget, from Repair & Maintenance line item to Improvements other than Buildings line item to pay for half of the cost of a fence behind the Library and Health Department and secure the area. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced transfer in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget, from the Utilities – Electricity line item to the Vehicles line item to pay to equip Chief's vehicles. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Allison Atkinson with Southwest EAP presented the program to the finance committee. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen seconded by Justice Raney. There was some discussion on what the program provided the county employees. Chairman McKee asked for further 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.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Ashmore, CPA
Garland County Comptroller