

Garland County, Arkansas  
Special Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
September 14, 2020

Finance Members Present: Justice Hunter, Horner, Owen, Anderson, and Raney  
Members Absent: Chairman McKee and Vice-Chairman Braziel  
Also Present: Citizens, Elected Officials, Staff, and Media

Meeting presented via Zoom and in the open Courtroom open.

Judge Mahoney called the meeting to order, introduced a resolution to support Issue 1, proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to continue a levy of a one-half percent sales and use tax for the state highways and bridges; county roads, bridges, and other surface transportation; and city streets, bridges, and other surface transportation after the retirement of the bonds authorized in the Arkansas constitution, Amendment 91, as special revenue to be distributed under the Arkansas highway revenue distribution law. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Anderson. Judge Mahoney explained that this provides approximately \$1.180 million for Garland County. There was some discussion with nothing; further, the motion passed without opposition.

County Judge Mahoney introduced consideration of resolution authorizing the Garland County Sheriff to apply for a \$50,000 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) Grant on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. No match is required but is reimbursable. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Hunter. Judge Mahoney asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

County Judge Mahoney introduced consideration a resolution authorizing the Garland County Prosecuting Attorney to apply for an FY 2020-2021 Victims of Crimes Act, Victims Assistance Grant Program totaling \$128,023.36 on behalf of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. This grant requires a local match of \$25,625.17. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Anderson. Judge Mahoney asked Prosecuting Attorney Lawrance to speak on the grant. Mrs. Lawrance explained that this is a revolving grant her office applies for each year used toward domestic violence. Judge Mahoney asked for further questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

County Judge Mahoney introduced consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2020 Budget Ordinance O-19-54, to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in various grant budgets.

- a. The Sheriff requests to appropriate and transfer \$2,868.90 in the Bulletproof Vest Grant Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund and close out the 2018 grant
- b. The Sheriff requests to appropriate \$264.72 in the Bulletproof Vest Grant Fund, for a sales tax rebate on vests purchased.

- c. The Sheriff requests to establish and appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Entergy Grant -- Boating Safety Program.
- d. The Juvenile Judge requests to transfer \$533.40 from the General Fund to the Juvenile Drug Court Accountability Grant Fund due to a travel refund on the Regions Bank Purchase Card.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Anderson. Judge Mahoney explained each line and asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

County Judge Mahoney introduced consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2020 Budget Ordinance O-19-54, to anticipate revenues, transfer, and appropriate funds in various budgets.

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$155,000.00 in the Solid Waste Budget to replenish the Contractor's Collection line for the Frontload Truck purchased in August.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$97,149.00 in the General Fund, General Services Budget to pay the Arkansas Public Entities Risk Management Association (APERMA) for a total assessment;
- c. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$105.88 in the Emergency Vehicle Fund, Emergency Vehicle Budget to pay for radio equipment.
- d. The Sheriff deposited \$160.00 with the County Treasurer in the Boating Safety Fund from donations received and would like it appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget.
- e. The Sheriff deposited \$5,228.82 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund for a donation, refund, three months of national school lunch reimbursements, and restitution. He would like \$225.00 appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget and \$5,003.82 appropriated in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
- f. The Sheriff deposited \$1,900.57 with the County Treasurer in the Detention Facility Fund from reimbursements, restitution, and extraditions and would like it appropriated in the County Jail Budget.
- g. The County Judge requests increase anticipated revenues and appropriate \$15,290.01 in the Water System Fund 3401.0100, transfer \$105,290.01 to the General Reserve Fund 1001.0112 Beginning Fund Balance, and to close the Water System Fund.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Horner County Judge Mahoney explained each line and asked for questions or discussion. Justice Horner asked for a description of the item (g.) the Water System Fund. Judge Mahoney explained that we are redirecting these funds to a General Reserve Fund for future emergencies. He also explained the APERMA assessment cost to close out any open invoices for their services and the purchase of a garbage truck. Justice Anderson asked about the salvage of the burnt truck, and Judge Mahoney said he did purchase it back for parts. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

County Judge Mahoney introduced a transfer in the General Reserve Capital Improvement Fund, Special Projects Budget, to pay the remaining balance on the property purchased at 415A Ouachita Avenue.

<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1801.0112.2035/Repairs & Maint.	1801.0112.4002/Buildings	165,000.00

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Raney. County Judge Mahoney explained the purchase of the building for the Public Defender to be housed in. He asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

County Judge Mahoney introduced a transfer in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget, to pay for a new van to transport inmates on the litter crew.

<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3400.0418.3006/Medical	3400.0418.4005/ Vehicles	\$47,680.41

County Judge Mahoney explained the purchase of the van for the detention facility. There was some discussion. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Horner seconded by Justice Anderson. He asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

County Judge Mahoney introduced a transfer in the Emergency Vehicle Fund, Emergency Vehicle Budget to pay for radios

<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3022.0424.3053/Fleet Liability	3022.0424.4004	\$1,980.00


Justice Anderson asked if the old van had a usable radio, and the Sheriff explained it was not an AWIN radio, and we are trying to upgrade all radio's to AWIN. There was some additional discussion. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney seconded by Justice Horner. Judge Mahoney asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Judge Mahoney introduced Gary Troutman of Hot Springs Metro Partnership, and he presented his monthly report. A motion for do pass to pay the September invoice was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Anderson. Judge Mahoney asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Judge Mahoney introduced the Position and Salary Adjustments, Overtime, Sales Tax, and Oaklawn Revenue reports. There was some discussion on each report.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Susan Ashmore, CPA  
Garland County Comptroller