

Garland County
Public Health, Welfare & Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 23, 2019

Members Present: Chairman Larry Raney, Vice Chairman Jimmy Young, Justices Esther Dixon, Matt McKee, Jason Braziel, Jimmy Sorrells, and Thomas Anderson

Members Absent: None

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

A meeting of the Garland County Public Health, Welfare & Safety Committee was held September 23, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. in room 201 of the Garland County Courthouse.

Chairman Raney called the meeting to order and asked Vice-Chairman Jimmy Young to give the opening prayer.

Chairman Raney then introduced the first order of business, an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-16-16, referring to a uniform system for numbering buildings and street frontage, naming streets, numbering lakefront property, and providing the methods for instituting said system for the enforcement thereof. Judge Darryl Mahoney stated that there are individuals that are trying to develop areas in Garland County that are not consistent with the county public safety requirements. Mahoney noted that the current ordinance does not clarify the requirements. Mahoney stated some of the requirements are; properties need to be platted and filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, and the Health Departments sanitary sewer requirements need to be satisfied for public safety purposes. The Environmental Inspections Division Manager, Shelly Tucker, stated that some of the properties in question do not have any vehicle access points. Tucker noted that people are driving through creeks to get to their homes. Tucker also stated that the current ordinance does not require the 911 Addressing Department to make sure that all permits are approved before issuing an address for a property. Garland County GIS Technician, Danny Chase, stated that amending the ordinance will ensure that all requirements are met before an address can be given out to a property owner. Chase noted that this would clear up many of the issues these departments are experiencing. Justice McKee made a motion for a do-pass, seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Raney asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman Raney introduced the next order of business, an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-91-22, referring to the scenic roadways in Garland County. Mahoney stated that this ordinance was passed in 1991. Mahoney also noted that he spoke with Jeff Ingram from the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), who stated that the 70-270 East/West portion of the bypass is a scenic corridor, and not a roadway. Mahoney stated that ARDOT does not recognize scenic corridors any longer and he would like to make this portion of the bypass a scenic byway to keep it clear of signage. Mahoney also noted that ARDOT would not issue a permit for a sign until the person has complied with their local legislation. Mahoney also stated that he would like to discuss the signage on 70 East to Interstate 30, which was declared a scenic highway by Ladybird Johnson, during the next Public Health, Welfare & Safety meeting. Mahoney stated that this amended ordinance would mirror the language in the state ordinance. Mahoney also noted that the state has no regulations concerning the scenic highways, and the county ordinance would restrict signage on the bypass. Justice McKee made a motion for a do-pass,

seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman Raney asked for questions or discussion. With none, the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman Raney introduced the next order of business, the discussion of Ordinance O-08-8, referring to the property codes in Hot Springs Village. Raney noted that a Saline County citation was challenged because the language in the ordinance was no longer correct. Raney stated that he would like Garland County to adopt the same language as the Saline County ordinance that was passed earlier this month. Mahoney stated that in 2008, Garland County gave Hot Springs Village the authority to regulate their unsightly properties, and it has come to the point now where the village does not have the planning manager position listed in the existing ordinance. The amended ordinance would shift the authority to another entity to regulate the properties. Mahoney stated that the amended ordinance should be ready before the next Quorum Court meeting.

Chairman Raney introduced the last order of business, an update of the Spay & Neuter Program. Raney noted that \$9,800, was paid out in 2018, and \$10,600 was paid out as of September 23, of this year. Mahoney stated that he would like to see the fund utilized in other ways to help the animals in the county.

Raney asked for any other discussion, with none, a motion to adjourn was made by Justice Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lane Martin", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lane Martin
Garland County Finance Director