

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee
Minutes
October 4, 2021

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

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

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for an FY 2023 Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) Grant on behalf of Garland County. No match on this grant is required. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Hunter. 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 of the Sheriff's office.:

- a. The Sheriff deposited \$3,747.45 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund for various reasons and would like \$123.15 appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget and \$3,624.30 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 \$804.95 with the County Treasurer in the Detention Facility Fund for extraditions and restitution, which he would like appropriated in the County Jail Budget.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Horner. 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, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation for \$254,500.00 from the County Road Fund, County Road Budget to pay for additional paving costs.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation for \$10,000.00 from the County General Fund, Quorum Court Budget, to pay for additional advertising costs.
- c. The County Judge requests an appropriation for \$25,000.00 from the County General Fund, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Budget, to pay for equipment damaged by a storm.
- d. The Sheriff was awarded a grant from the Arkansas State Police for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) FY 2021 for \$92,050.00. This grant is reimbursable and a matching grant that will require an appropriation and transfer from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund for \$75,050.00 and a match from the County General Fund for \$17,000.00.

Judge Mahoney indicated that the County would receive \$83,000.00 back from a cost-share with the City of Hot Springs. The increase of \$10,000 is due to larger ordinances being published in 2021. There was some discussion on the different advertising costs. Justice Horner asked about the charge relating to the OEM storm damage. Bo Robertson, the Director of OEM, explained the damage and that insurance would

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

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget, of \$50,000.00 from the Contractor's Collections line item to the Machinery and Equipment line item to purchase a forklift. These funds will be reimbursed by the Solid Waste Recycling District Grant and put back in the Solid Waste Fund, but they have to be spent first. Justice Anderson asked what size the forklift was. Judge Mahoney explained the need and what was ordered, as well as the hardship of purchasing equipment. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for further questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the Public Defender's Fund, Public Defender Budget, of \$2,628.45 from the IT Hardware line item to the Machinery and Equipment line item to pay for a computer over the \$2,500 threshold for capital assets. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Horner. Justice Owen asked if the Computer department was involved in the purchase, and Comptroller Ashmore indicated it had. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced transfer in the Circuit Court Division IV Cost Fund, Circuit Court Division IV Budget, of \$110.92 from the General Supplies line item and \$2,511.59 from the Small Equipment line item to the Machinery and Equipment line item to pay to recording equipment that is over the \$2,500 threshold for capital assets. 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 transfer in the General Reserve Capital Improvement Fund, Special Projects Budget, of \$9,500.00 from the Repairs and Maintenance line item to the Machinery and Equipment line item to replace the Fire Alarm System in the Government Building. Judge Mahoney told the Committee that the 1996 system had continual problems and needed to be replaced. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked Michelle Ratcliff to give the Hot Springs Metro Partnership report. She reported on workforce and economic development in Garland County. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked the Justices to review the positions changes, overtime, sales tax, and Oaklawn reports.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller