

Garland County
Ordinance Committee Meeting
October 11, 2021
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Owen, Vice-Chairman Brown, Justices Hunter, Faulkner, Reagan, Braziel, and Young

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution **R-21-27**, a resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for an FY 2023 Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) Grant on behalf of Garland County. Judge Mahoney explained that this grant is to continue the repairs to the exterior of the courthouse building. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-30**, an ordinance to revise Ordinance O-09-58, the Garland County Floodplain Ordinance. Judge Mahoney explained that this Ordinance is to provide clarification on floodplain permitting. Attorney Howard defined the procedures included in this Ordinance. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-31**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance O-20-03 as amended, and adopting a purchasing and contracts policy for Garland County. Attorney Howard indicated that the changes had been highlighted, and an additional change had been added since the packet was distributed. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Faulkner, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Justice Brown indicated that the committee did not receive the changed document in a timely manner. He also said the hyperlinks are not active in the document obtained by the committee where the information could be accessed. With nothing further, Justice Brown voted against, and the other members voted for, with the motion passing.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-32**, an ordinance to enhance the safe use of public roads and right of way in the unincorporated areas of Garland County by regulating parking and access. Judge Mahoney explained that this addresses complaints from citizens where short-term rentals create parking problems and block access to the property owner's property. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-33**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenue 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 Reagan, seconded by Justice Faulkner. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-34**, 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 explained that this is for additional asphalt needed to clean up from the winter storm damage, and the County did some cost-sharing and will receive some of these funds back. He indicated that the advertising cost is due to several policy changes, resulting in large ordinances needing to be printed in the newspaper. Next, the OEM office lost several pieces of electronics during a lightning storm, and this is to pay for replacing these items. The insurance will reimburse these costs. Chairman Owen asked Sheriff McCormick to explain the STEP grant award, and he indicated that this grant was awarded and will require a match and transfer from the OMH Sale Fund until reimbursed. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Brazier. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller