

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 4, 2019

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

Vice-Chairman Braziel called the meeting to order and asked Justice Anderson to start the meeting with a prayer.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant. This is a federal grant to utilize mobile data terminals and binoculars to combat violent crimes and drug trafficking. This is not a matching grant. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution authorizing the Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge to apply for a Juvenile Court Youth Incentive Program Grant. This grant is funded by the Hot Springs Future Fund, and there is no match required. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Horner. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion; Judge Mahoney indicated these funds were received today. With no further discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced a resolution in support of appropriate closure plans and repurposing of the Army-Navy Hospital Facility in Hot Springs. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Owen. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion; Judge Mahoney stated that there were some changes made to the posted resolution. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-19-15, establishing a credit card, reimbursement, and travel policy for Garland County Government. The purpose of this amendment is to change the meal reimbursement to include tax in accordance with and based on the U.S. General Services Administration rates. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Raney. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion; Justice Anderson asked if this was only to include tax and Judge Mahoney stated it was. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced an appropriation ordinance to amend the 2019 budget Ordinance O-18-56 in the County Judge's departments.

- a. To anticipate revenue and appropriate funds in the General Reserve Capital Improvement Fund, Special Projects Budget for \$66,477.98 in insurance proceeds on the Armory roof at 210 Woodbine.

- b. To anticipate revenue and appropriate funds in the General Fund, Office of Emergency Management Budget for \$1,166.37 in insurance proceeds on the damage to a 2004 Ford Super Duty F350.
- c. A request to transfer \$10,000.00 in the Road Fund personal services line items from salaries part-time to overtime & holiday pay.

Judge Mahoney explained the insurance reimbursement on the Armory, the blowout on a steer-tire causing damages to the OEM vehicle, and the Road department being shorthanded and needing overtime funds. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Justice Owen explained the need and cost savings of putting three issues on one ordinance. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced an appropriation ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56 in the Sheriff's departments.

- a. To anticipate revenue and appropriate funds in the General Fund, Juvenile Budget of \$2,754.10 for one month of National School Lunch reimbursements.
- b. To anticipate revenue and appropriate funds in the General Fund, Sheriff's Budget of \$8,237.91 for insurance proceeds on damage to a 2016 Dodge Ram.
- c. To anticipate revenue and appropriate funds in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Fund, Sheriff's Budget of \$63,610.00. This grant is funded by the Arkansas State Police for distracted driving offenses. This grant does require a \$18,220.00 match from the General Fund. It also, runs from October 2019 through September 2020 and the appropriation for 2019 is only \$5,000.00.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Owen. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced an appropriation ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, to anticipate revenues and appropriate/transfer funds in the Court Cost Budget. When funds are appropriated in the four Circuit Court Cost Funds they are funded and transferred in from the Court Cost Fund. The following ordinance did not allow for a transfer from the Court Cost Fund.

- a. Ordinance O-19-37 the Circuit Court Division I appropriated \$927.98.
- b. Ordinance O-19-43 the Circuit Court Division IV appropriated \$2,200.00.
- c. Ordinance O-19-44 the Circuit Court Division I appropriated \$75.00

Comptroller Ashmore explained the need to complete these ordinances by transferring funds in the Cost Fund that feeds the four courts Cost Funds. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Vice-Chairman Braziel introduced Gary Troutman with Hot Springs Metro Partnership, and he presented the report. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Horner. Vice-Chairman Braziel asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

The third quarter State Unemployment Tax Assessment (SUTA) report showed an annual savings of \$20,886.85.

The Position and Salary Adjustments report, Overtime Report, Sales Tax Reports, and Oaklawn Revenue were discussed. There was some discussion on the Sales Tax

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Ashmore, CPA

Garland County Comptroller