

Garland County, Arkansas  
Special Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
November 10, 2020

Finance Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice-Chairman Braziel, Justice Hunter, Owen, Anderson, and Raney

Members Absent: Justice Horner

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order, and Justice Anderson presented the prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2020 Budget Ordinance O-19-54 to appropriate and transfer funds in the County Jail Budget. The Sheriff would like to transfer \$15,000 from the Salaries, Full-Time line item to the Overtime line item in the County Jail Budget. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the Hot Springs Metro Partnership invoice for approval. A motion for do pass to pay the November invoice was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the Position and Salary Adjustments, Overtime, Sales Tax, Oaklawn Revenue reports, and the 2020 Grant Report. There was some discussion on each report. A motion to pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the 2021 Budget for the Circuit Court Division I Cost Fund (3408) for approval as modified. Comptroller Ashmore explained the changes for small equipment in Circuit Court Division I Cost Fund (3408) and provided a list of items budgeted. Also, the IT Hardware for the Division I Funds were discussed. A motion for do pass was made to approve as modified by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the 2021 Budget for the Personnel and Capital Assets for approval. Justice Owen indicated that he wanted to modify the Coroners budget to take the part-time salaries and the Coroner's back to the 2020 budgeted amount. A motion for do pass was made to approve with modification to the Coroner's Budget by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Anderson. Judge Mahoney explained the unfunding of a position in the Road Fund to increase several salaries. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Justice Owen moved to make a motion to give a three percent Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) to all county employees. The Library adjustments are already being included in the

budget request. Justice Braziel seconded the motion. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Judge Mahoney explained that Capital Assets were at a minimum for 2021. He also explained some savings strategies that have been put in place. Comptroller Ashmore indicated that one additional Sheriff's vehicle was added to the budget since the Sheriff could not take possession of it before the end of 2020. It was also explained that the revenue was brought over in the General Fund beginning balance since it will not be spent as anticipated for 2020. Justice Braziel made a motion for a do pass on the Capital Asset 2021 budget. Justice Hunter seconded the motion. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Susan Ashmore, CPA  
Garland County Comptroller