

Garland County, Arkansas
Special Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 14, 2019

Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice-Chairman Braziel, Justices Horner, Anderson, Owen, Raney, and Hunter

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and asked Justice Young to start the meeting with a prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in the Election Commission and Sheriff's budgets.

- a. The Election Commission requests to transfer \$16,000 to the personal services in the General Fund to pay for a special election.
- b. The Sheriff requests an appropriate \$3,939.88 in the General Fund to pay for vehicle repairs received from insurance proceeds.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked Commissioner Haley to explain the need for the transfer. Mr. Haley indicated the Governor had called for a special election, and the county would receive reimbursement from the state. With no further discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

Judge Mahoney asked that the committee hear from Attorney Howard. Attorney Howard indicated that the committee should prepare their questions or comments regarding the Fire Protection Districts that will be heard in the December meeting. Attorney Howard would like to provide these to the Fire Chiefs, so they can answer any concerns.

Chairman McKee asked the County Clerk Sarah Smith to speak to the committee about the tabled 2020 County Clerk's Cost Fund. She was asked by Chairman McKee what the \$18,000 in small equipment was for. She indicated it was for new computers and monitors, but she could reduce it to \$10,000. Next she was asked about the maintenance and service contracts line item with \$17,000 budgeted. Mrs. Smith indicated she has this budgeted for One Map, which is a program being used in several areas of the county. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the 2020 Division II, General Fund budget. General supplies line item was increased by \$2,500 and county matching funds line item was decreased by \$2,500. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a change to the 2020 Grant in Aid budget in the General Fund for animal control. Also, a change to the 2020 Animal Control Fund budget for a \$50,000 transfer to

General Fund to match the adoption fees. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, Judge Mahoney explained the process. With nothing further the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked the committee to look at the percentage section. These included a 3% and a 4% cost of living adjustment. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen to give a 4% cost of living adjustment, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, Judge Mahoney expressed his admiration for the committee's decision. It was also noted that the 2020 Library budget had raises built in by their board and would not receive the county cost of living adjustment. With nothing further the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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