

Garland County, Arkansas
Special Finance Committee and Public Health, Welfare & Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 3, 2018

Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice Chairman Horner, Justice Mahoney, Raney, Owen, Griffin, and Anderson

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and asked Justice Anderson to open the meeting with a prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration ordinance to establish the annual operating budget for the calendar year 2019 with the following adjustments:

- a. Consideration of adding \$45,000 to the County Jail Budget, Detention Facility Fund to pay for the Jail Assessment Study. **A motion for do pass was made by Justice Mahoney and seconded by Justice Anderson.** Chairman McKee opened the floor for discussion and Judge Davis had John Milosovich on the speaker phone. Mr. Milosovich went over the Assessment schedule and issues that would be looked at regarding overcrowding problems such as the state parole and the court system process. There was a lengthy discussion on the process and what would be looked at in the assessment. With nothing further the motion passed without opposition.
- b. Consideration of adding \$80,000 to the General Services Budget in the General Fund and adding \$40,000 in projected revenues. This is for a \$400,000 grant Garland County applied for and was awarded \$320,000 with a 20% match. The City of Hot Springs has agreed to fund half of the \$80,000. **A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Mahoney.** Chairman McKee asked for discussion or questions, with none the motion passed without opposition.
- c. Consideration of adding DOW Services back to the General Services Budget, Assessor's Budget, Tax Collector Budget, District Court Budget, and Juvenile Court Budget. Also, reduce the General Services Budget by one housekeeper and benefits. **A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Mahoney.** Chairman McKee asked for discussion or questions, with none the motion passed without opposition.
- d. Consideration of approving the Grant-in-Aid, General Fund Animal Control line item for \$337,365. This appropriation is to fund half of the Animal Control as agreed by annual contract between the City of Hot Springs and Garland County. **A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Griffin.** Chairman McKee asked for discussion or questions. Justice Marion

commented on how the original animal control discussion went and that there was supposed to be a mid-year evaluation. Undersheriff Lawrence explained how the agreement has gone over the past year. With no further discussion the motion passed without opposition.

Other Business

Chairman McKee asked for James Montgomery to present the Pave it Forward report. Keith Matthews also went over the projects. Byron Lawrence with Michael Baker International who has been working on the bridge projects explained the progress on the bridge projects.

Chairman McKee went over the overtime report and Sales Tax report.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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