

Garland County
Ordinance Committee Meeting
December 13, 2021
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Owen, Justices Reagan, Braziel, Hunter, and Young
Members Absent: Justice Brown and Faulkner
Also present: Citizens, Elected Officials, Staff, and Media

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution **R-21-29**, a resolution authorizing the Division II Circuit Judge to apply for an FY 2022 Juvenile Accountability Court Grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for other questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-21-30**, a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for an FY 2022 Project Safe Neighborhood Grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-21-31**, a resolution supporting the establishment of an income tax credit for full-time Law Enforcement Officers. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained that the state would pay this, not the county, and he thought it was a good deal. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-40**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance O-00-18 as amended by ordinance O-10-25, O-12-38, O-12-52, O-12-53, O-14-22, O-16-42, O-16-53, O-16-70, O-17-1, O-17-17, O-18-26, O-19-06, O-19-30, O-20-01, and O-21-08 relating to the Garland County Personnel Policy; Declaring an emergency. Chairman Owen explained the need to revamp the policy, correct the ordinance, and ask that the duplicate ordinance number O-20-01 be corrected. A motion for a do pass with the correction was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-41**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to appropriate funds and authorize a one-time premium payment to essential County Library employees from the County Library Fund to the County Library Budget. Chairman Owen explained that the Library has a millage and board. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-42**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to appropriate and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation transfer of \$4,927.36 from the personal services Retirement Matching line item to Special Legal line item in the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Budget to pay November and December costs.
- b. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation transfer of \$60.00 from the personal services Retirement Matching line item to Other Fringe Benefits line item in the VOCA Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Budget to pay longevity pay.
- c. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation and transfer of \$15,625.17 from the County General Fund, Transfer Out Budget to the VOCA Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Budget to pay \$5,625.17 of the 2020/2021 local match and \$10,000.00 of the 2021/2022 local match on the grant that was awarded November 4, 2021.

Judge Mahoney explained that this ordinance is for the VOCA grant awarded, but we have not received reimbursement yet. Justice Young asked if the budget was cut, and it was explained that the funding had been restored. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-43**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to appropriate and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$5,300.00 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP), County Judges Budget to pay for a clean air system installed on the first floor and in the basement of the Garland County Courthouse at 501 Ouachita Avenue.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$10,000.00 in the County General Fund, with \$5,000.00 posted to the District Court Building Budget and \$5,000.00 posted to the Juvenile Court Building to pay for repairs to the sprinkler system at 607 Ouachita Avenue.
- c. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$11,530.03 in the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay for fleet liability insurance costs.
- d. The Sheriff deposited \$5,031.75 with the County Treasurer from the National School Lunch Program and would like it appropriated in the General Fund, Juvenile Detention Budget.

Judge Mahoney explained that section a. is to pay for the clear air system, section b. is to repair the sprinkler system at District Court, section c. is to cover under appropriated amounts in fleet liability due to purchases of vehicles during the year, and section d. is for the Juvenile lunch program. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

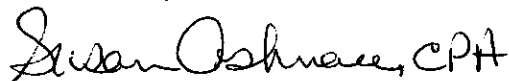
Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-44**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenue, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets. This ordinance transfers money in departments and line items of personal service within the

same funds, which will not increase or decrease the fund budgets. Judge Mahoney explained this is a clean-up ordinance to eliminate negative balances due to under-appropriations in workers' compensation and various personal services line items. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance O-21-45, an ordinance to establish the annual operating budget for the calendar year 2022. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, he thanked the Finance Committee and all that had a part in the budget process. The motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Ashmore, CPA

Garland County Comptroller