

Garland County, Arkansas
Joint Finance and Human Resources committee
Minutes
March 1, 2021,

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

Members Absent: None

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

Human Resources Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Chairman Anderson introduced an ordinance amending the personnel policy and changing the pay period from semi-monthly to biweekly. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Dixon. Chairman Anderson asked for questions or discussion and with none the motion passed without opposition.

Finance Committee Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance amending the personnel policy and changing the pay period from semi-monthly to biweekly. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion and with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various grant budgets:

- a. The County Judge requests \$30,564.91 be brought forward in the Coronavirus Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- b. The County Judge requests \$11,872.30 be brought forward in the Mountain Valley Community Block Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- c. The County Judge requests \$1,060.60 be brought forward in the Morfe Windows Community Block Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- d. The County Judge has been awarded a Hazard Mitigation Safe Room Grant that is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer of \$428,610.81 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursed.
- e. The Sheriff has been awarded a Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Grant Fund from the Arkansas Department of Human Services for \$50,000.00. This grant is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursed.
- f. The Sheriff requests \$16,846.25 be brought forward in the Juvenile Grant-In-Aid Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Juvenile Detention Budget.

- g. The Sheriff requests \$2,677.00 be brought forward in the Bulletproof Vest Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- h. The Sheriff requests \$2,500.00 be brought forward in the Entergy Grant – Boating Safety Program Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- i. The Sheriff was awarded a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant, which requires a local match of \$18,222.00 from the General Fund.
- j. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests \$989.00 be brought forward in the Juvenile Drug Court Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Circuit Court Division II Budget.
- k. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests \$261.37 be brought forward in the Juvenile Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Circuit Court Division II Budget.

Justice Raney asked the Sheriff about item c. the PACT grant. The Sheriff explained the need for an assistant for drug treatment program. Comptroller Ashmore stated that this has been reconsidered and will go to the Human Resources Committee in late March to establish a position instead of hiring a contract professional. Then come back to Finance to move the appropriation. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion and with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked Mr. Troutman to give his report. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Horner, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion and with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked the committee to review the other business reports. There was some discussion on the Sales Tax and rebates.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller