

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee
Minutes
April 1, 2019

Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice Chairman Braziel, Justice Horner, Anderson, Hunter, and Raney

Members Absent: Justice Owen

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and introduced a consideration of an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-16-54, which established a credit card, reimbursement, and travel policy for Garland County. The major changes are in Section 12 specifying the maximum amount charged to a county credit card for meals shall be in accordance with and based on U.S. General Services Administration rates rather than "\$25 per meal (\$75= \$25x3)." Section 14 changes were to delete the following exemption. "*County official and employee association meetings, including meetings of the National Association of Counties (NACO) and the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC), shall be exempt from the maximum limits established by this Section.*" A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Justice Raney asked about the reference to the AAC exemption and Judge Mahoney explained that normally AAC arranges for a block of rooms at the GSA rate to be available for their conferences, as well as continental breakfast. Treasurer Stockdale asked about Session 11 of the ordinance referring to valet parking. Judge Mahoney said it was covered in the GSA rates. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, anticipated revenues, transfer, and appropriate funds in the various grant budgets. A motion for do pass 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 a consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, and appropriate funds in the Prosecuting Attorney's budget for a position rerate by JESAP for the Case Coordinator/Trial Court Assistant Divisions I and IV. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of a transfer in the County Road budget from Small Equipment to Capital Outlay- Machinery and Equipment. A motion for approval was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, Justice Raney asked what a Multiquip Rammer was and Judge Mahoney explained. With no further questions, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of a transfer in the Road Improvement Bond Fund. Judge Mahoney was asked to explain, and he explained that that Fountain Lake still had some money carried over. There was some discussion if the funds for Lonsdale and Mountain Pine had been distributed. Later a motion for approval was made by Justice Horner and seconded by Justice Braziel. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Other Business

Chairman McKee introduced the invoice from Hot Springs Metro Partnership. CEO and President, Gary Troutman gave the monthly report. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Horner and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee went over the overtime report, Sales Tax report, 1st Quarter Income Statement, and the Treasurer's summary.

Justice Raney stated that the agenda had the HSMP invoice as March and it should be April. Comptroller Ashmore made the correction.

Justice Raney made a comment about bike lanes. Judge Mahoney explained the Southwest Trial and the design.

Justice McGrew asked for clarification on the fire districts being put on the tax bills. Tax Collector Talbert responded and has been following the Legislation that is being considered. Justice Raney indicated that there would be a discussion on the fire dues in the Public Health, Welfare and Safety meeting April 22nd.

Chairman McKee indicated that the House of Representatives will be voting on the water bill HB8481 on Wednesday. There was some discussion and Judge Mahoney went over the bill, and talked about the 911 bill that is up for consideration.

With no further business, the meeting was 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