

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COUNTY COURTROOM 200
APRIL 4, 2022, AT 5:30 PM
MINUTES**

Members: Chairman McKee, Vice-Chairman Braziel, Justice Horner, Hunter, Anderson, Raney, and Owen.

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order, and Justice Anderson presented the invocation.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. to submit an application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ACEDP) Funds to the State of Arkansas on behalf of the Garland County Judge. This grant is a passthrough for Mid-America Science Museum HVAC Project. No county match is required for this grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, County Judge's Budget for \$5,000,000.00 to be transferred to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation in the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund, Solid Waste Budget of \$250,000.00 to purchase a frontload trash truck, MR-Mack.
- c. The County Judge deposited \$159,344.44 with the County Treasurer for insurance reimbursement on a damaged trash truck and would like it appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget to repair the trash truck and use the remaining balance in capital assets.
- d. The County Judge requests \$61,250.00 be brought forward in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and an appropriation made in the Grant-In-Aid Public Safety Budget.
- e. The County Judge requests \$7,858.30 be brought forward in the Mountain Valley Community Block Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and an appropriation made in the Special Projects Budget.
- f. The County Judge requests \$1,060.60 be brought forward in the Morfe Windows, LLC Community Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and an appropriation made in the Grant-In-Aid Budget.
- g. The County Judge requests the County Treasurer to establish a fund called the Mid-America HVAC Project Grant Fund (3575) on behalf of the Mid-America Science Museum.

- h. The County Judge requests anticipated revenue and appropriation in the Mid-America HVAC Project Grant Fund of \$311,700.00 as a passthrough on behalf of the Mid-America Science Museum.
- i. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests \$11.35 be brought forward in the FY 19 Juvenile Court Incentive Program Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and an appropriation made in the Circuit Court Division II Budget.
- j. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge requests \$1,550.77 be brought forward in the 2021 Juvenile Officer Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and an appropriation made in the Circuit Court Division II Budget.
- k. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge would like to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund by appropriating \$9,991.19 in the Juvenile Drug Court Grant Fund, Circuit Court Division II Budget.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman McKee asked Judge Mahoney to explain the needs. The Judge told the committee the \$250,000.00 is for a frontload trash truck from the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund that can be used for any general purpose. He indicated the \$159,344.44 was from insurance reimbursement for a frontload truck that burned that was sent off to be repaired for \$110,000.00. The others were grants being pulled forward from 2021 and the new Mid-America Science Museum grant for HVAC. There was some discussion on the insurance reimbursement and the repair process on the burnt truck. Chairman McKee asked for additional questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The Sheriff deposited \$5,348.48 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund for refunds, donations, restitution, four months of National School Lunch Programs reimbursements, and Freedom of Information Act reimbursement costs. The Sheriff would like \$1,380.68 appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget and \$3,967.80 appropriated in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
- b. The Sheriff deposited \$300.00 with the County Treasurer in the Boating Safety Fund for donations, which he would like appropriated in the Sheriff's Budget.
- c. The Sheriff deposited \$2,149.35 with the County Treasurer in the Detention Facility Fund for refunds and restitution, which he would like to appropriate in the County Jail Budget.
- d. The Sheriff requests \$91.55 be brought forward in the Entergy Grant Fund, beginning balance anticipated revenue and an appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- e. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$78,851.08 in the eCrash/eCite System Grant Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund \$78,030.00 for reimbursements, and the County

General Fund \$821.08, consisting of the unused local match of \$132.48 and sales tax rebates of \$688.60.

Chairman McKee asked Sheriff McCormick to go over the needs. The Sheriff explained that this was the Sheriff's quarterly appropriation, including National School lunches provided for juvenile inmates, refunds, donations from the general public, and restitution from inmates for the destruction of property. He explained the grants were pulled forward from 2021 and one is to reimburse the OMH Sale Fund and County General Fund. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Braziel. Justice Owen spoke about the construction of the jail. Chairman McKee asked if there were other questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenue and appropriate funds, therefore to the Sheriff's Budget.

- a. The Sheriff requests to anticipate \$500,000.00 in revenues and appropriate \$350,000.00 in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund, Sheriff's Budget to purchase six new Tahoes and outfit the vehicles.

Chairman McKee asked for an explanation for the purchase, and Judge Mahoney explained due to the supply chain shortage, we would like to get these vehicles ordered. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked if there were other questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced two transfers in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget due to product supply price increases:

- a. The Sheriff requests to move \$40,117.85 from the small equipment line item to the machinery & equipment line item to pay for ten portable radios and four mobile radios.
- b. The Sheriff requests to move \$6,420 from the food line item to the vehicles line item to cover the cost of outfitting a recently purchased vehicle.

Transfers Out	Transfers in	Amount
3400.0418.2002	3400.0418.4004	\$40,117.85
3400.0418.2005	3400.0418.4005	\$ 6,420.00

The vehicles and outfitting costs increased, causing a shortfall in the budget, and the transfer from the food line item to the vehicle line item will cover the cost. Comptroller Ashmore explained that these radios no longer fit small equipment with these price increases and need to be moved to the capital. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, and the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Gary Troutman, President of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Mr. Troutman gave his report on the economic development in the County. A motion for a do

pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, and the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee asked the Justices to review the positions changes, overtime, sales tax, Oaklawn, and grant reports. There was some discussion on overtime; then, 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