

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COUNTY COURTROOM 200
JANUARY 3, 2022, AT 5:30 PM.
MINUTES**

Members: Chairman McKee, Vice-Chairman Braziel, Justice Horner, Anderson, Owen, and Hunter.
Members Absent: Justice Raney
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 the County Judge to apply for an FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant totaling \$1,973,030.33. This grant requires a local match of \$394,606.07 and is for the construction of the Southwest Trail. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Anderson. Judge Mahoney introduced Andrew Coker with West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District. Mr. Coker gave a presentation on the plans for the grant. A motion for a 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. Justice Owen said he is excited about the things going on in Garland County.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution to amend Resolution R-21-10, authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to apply for an FY 2021-2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) matching grant. This grant requires a local match of \$27,164.60. The change is due to the award being less, and the match changed from \$36,869.87 to \$27,164.60, which is 20% plus \$2,605.21. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked Prosecuting Attorney Lawrence to speak on the grant, and she explained that the grant was not fully funded and it was necessary to amend the resolution. There was also some discussion on the amendment that will need to occur once the Grant Administrator approves the \$1,200 cost of living raise for the Grant Coordinator; with nothing further, the resolution passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to approve an interlocal agreement between Garland County and the City of Hot Springs for Information Services. (Computer/IS). County Attorney Howard explained the need for this ordinance. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to approve an interlocal agreement between Garland County and the City of Hot Springs for Animal Control Services. Judge Mahoney explained this is the same as the above, a requirement of the agreement. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Horner, seconded by Justice Owen. 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 budgets:

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$719.72 in the County General Fund, Election Commission Budget to various County General Fund budgets to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services.

- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$1,007.52 in the Solid Waste Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the Solid Waste Budget.
- c. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$2,106.68 in the Emergency 911 Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the 911 Communication Center Budget.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$589.88 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the County Judge's Budget.
- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation transfer of \$.11 in the Solid Waste-Cedar Glades Park Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the Cedar Glades Park Budget.
- f. The Sheriff requests an appropriation transfer of \$25.00 in the Detention Facility Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the County Jail Budget.
- g. The Sheriff requests an appropriation transfer of \$564.08 in the Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Grant Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the County Jail Budget.
- h. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation transfer of \$45.73 in the Drug Task Force (DTF) Investigator Grant Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the Prosecuting Attorney's Budget.
- i. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation transfer of \$4,095.04 in the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund to offset under-appropriated amounts in personal services in the Prosecuting Attorney's Budget.
- j. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$43,891.14 in the Court Cost and Fine Debt Service Fund to the Court Cost and Fine Debt Service Budget for under-appropriated and anticipated court cost and fines collected in 2021.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained this is a clean-up ordinance for under-appropriated line items in personal services. With nothing further, 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 of \$58,650.00 in the County General Fund, Grant-In-Aid Budget to pay Garland County's share of the District Court Judge's salaries.
- b. The County Judge requests an increase in the County Road Fund beginning balance anticipated revenues of \$115,000.00 and an appropriation of \$100,000.00 in the County Road Budget to pay for the purchase of two vehicles that have been ordered for several months.
- c. The County Judge requests to carry over \$101,857.35 in anticipated revenues and appropriations in the Coronavirus Supplement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund, Special Projects Budget to pay for overtime, benefits, and reimburse the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund when reimbursements are received.
- d. The Coroner requests an appropriation of \$22,000.00 in the County General Fund, Coroner's Budget for increased costs of vehicles.
- e. The Sheriff deposited \$30,941.00 with the County Treasurer from reimbursements received for the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund and would like to appropriate these funds and pay back the OMH Sale Fund for the distribution on Ordinance O-18-55.
- f. The Sheriff was awarded 2021/2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the U.S. Department of Justice for \$26,477.00. This grant is reimbursable and will

require an appropriation and a transfer from the OMH Sale Fund until reimbursements are received.

- g. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$119,317.10 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay for two new Patrol Deputy positions salary and benefits.
- h. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$1,461.94 in the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay for one new certification and move one from the Detention Facility.
- i. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation and transfer of \$17,164.60 from the County General Fund, Transfer Out Budget to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund for the 2021/2022 local match.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the issues with moving money forward in the budget because the County could not get the vehicles in 2021. He also spoke about the Coroner's vehicle purchase. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the General Fund, Coroner's Budget of \$18,615.00 from Vehicles to Machinery and Equipment to pay for two radios and two camper shells.

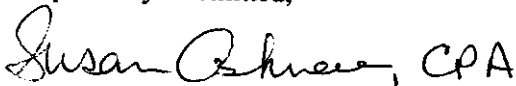
Transfer Out	Transfer in	Amount
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A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained this was to move the camper shells and radios to machinery and equipment line item. With nothing further, 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 Hunter. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller