

Garland County
Ordinance Committee Meeting
January 10, 2022
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Owen, Vice Chairman Brown, Justices Reagan, Braziel, Faulkner, Hunter, and Young

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution **R-22-01**, 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 with a local match of \$3947,606.07. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for other questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney told the committee the plans for the grant were for the Southwest Trail. He spoke about improving the roadway and adding biking lanes on both sides. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-22-02**, a resolution to amend resolution R-21-10, authorizing the Garland County Prosecuting Attorney to apply for a 2021-2022 Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) matching grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-01**, an ordinance to approve an interlocal agreement between Garland County and the City of Hot Springs for animal services. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained that this was a formality. There was some discussion on animal control and how well it was working. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-02**, an ordinance to approve an interlocal agreement between Garland County and the City of Hot Springs for Information Services. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained that this was also a formality. Justice Young reported on the Information Systems meeting and how well Jeff Winter runs that department. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-03**, an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenue, 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 to 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 do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Reagan. Chairman Owen 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 and the change in vehicle pricing for the Coroner. Judge Mahoney commented on how the County now applies for grants never applied for in the past. There was some discussion on the two Deputy positions and the transfers in section h. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-04**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenue, 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 Reagan, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen 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.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller