

Garland County
Ordinance Committee Meeting
February 14, 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-22-3**, a resolution appointing James Jackson to the Royal Water Public Facilities Board of Garland County. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen stated that he abstained due to him representing the Royal Water Board in the past. He asked for other questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-22-4**, a resolution authorizing Garland County and all of its departments and subdivisions to purchase goods or services exempt from soliciting bids as authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated §14-22-106(21). A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-22-5**, a resolution authorizing the Division II Juvenile Judge to apply for an FY 2022 Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Grant on behalf of the Garland County Juvenile Court. No match is required for this grant. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-05**, an ordinance to establish a County General sub-fund to be called the American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the need for the fund and how it was due to the change in the Treasury's newest update to the final rule. He explained that the funds would be available to be used for any general services. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-06**, an ordinance to authorize and approve a contract for probation services at Garland County District Court. Judge Mahoney explained that there had been a change in providers and that the ordinance was to approve the agreement between the city and County for District Court. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-07**, an ordinance to establish a County Library Sub-Fund to be called the County Library Reserve Fund and to amend the 2022 Garland OCounty Budget Ordinance O-21-45; anticipate revenue, appropriate, and transfer funds:

- a. The County Librarian would like to establish a County Library Sub-Fund.
- b. The County Librarian deposited \$340,040.00 with the County Treasurer for Federal Coronavirus Relief funds from the State of Arkansas and would like the County Library Fund anticipated revenues increased by this amount.
- c. The County Librarian requests an appropriation and transfers from the County Library Fund to the County Library Budget of \$3,824,468.64 to be transferred to the County Library Sub-Fund.
- d. The County Librarian deposited \$81,121.19 with the County Treasurer in the County Library American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund and would like to anticipate revenues and appropriate and transfer these funds to the County Library Budget.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-08**; an ordinance to amend ordinance O-21-28; to correct a scrivener's error. In sections 1 and 9, the numbers were transposed. \$2,924.32 was entered as \$2,942.32 in error. Chairman Owen explained the term scrivener, and Judge Mahoney explained that the error was two transposed numbers needed to be corrected. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-09**, 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 \$10,000.00 in the County General Fund, General Services Budget to pay a service to process freedom of information requests.
- b. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$198,450.00 in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget to pay a 7% increase for contracted door-to-door collections due to the consumer price index increase over the past 12 months by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- c. The County Judge deposited \$5,487.93 in the Solid Waste Fund and would like it appropriated in the Solid Waste Budget for overtime.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation and transfer of \$8,388.19 from the County General Fund, Transfer Out Budget to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund. Ordinance O-21-38 allocated \$59,812.00 for administrative cost when the actual cost of the premium pay was \$514,238.19, and the administrative cost allowed is 10% of the actual cost.
- e. The Sheriff requests to carry over \$37,512.00 in anticipated revenues and appropriations in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget to pay for kitchen equipment ordered in 2021 due to the supply chain shortage was not available until 2022.

- f. The Public Defender requests to carry over \$1,493.07 in anticipated revenues and appropriations in the Public Defender's Fund, Public Defender's Budget to pay for a conference table, and a chair ordered in 2021 due to the supply chain shortage was not available until 2022.
- g. The Sheriff requests a reimbursement to County General for \$18,222.00 for an overpayment on the local match to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Fund, Sheriff's Budget distribution on Ordinance O-21-9.
- h. The Sheriff was awarded a 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$20,800.00. This grant is reimbursable and requires a 50% match. The local match of \$10,400.00 will need to be appropriated and transferred in the County General Fund, Transfer Out Budget. A transfer of \$10,400.00 will need to be appropriated and transferred from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursements are received. Resolution R-21-13 was approved on June 14, 2021.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the need for the freedom of information requests. He explained the increase in the CPI and the problems the County had with the supply chain, how the County could not receive some capital assets in 2021, and the budgets had to be moved forward since they were not used. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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