

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee
Minutes
March 4, 2019

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

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and Justice Anderson opened with a prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of a resolution for a tax back program for Cobalt Aero Services, LLC. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked Cole McCaskill with Hot Springs Metro Partnership if he would introduce Mr. Tony McAnly the owner and CEO of Cobalt Aero Services, LLC. Mr. McAnly described the company and thanked the committee for the consideration. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of an ordinance to continue to do business with Ron Hunter Construction Company, Inc. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition. Justice Hunter abstained.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of an ordinance authorizing the county to transfer property to the Mountain Pine Fire Department. Chairman McKee asked what was being given. Judge Mahoney stated two junked vehicles for training. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Braziel. 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, anticipate revenues, and appropriate funds in the Finance and General Services budgets for a 7% increase in the Human Resources Directors salary and benefits. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Owen. 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, anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in the Sheriff's various budgets; including reimbursements from National School Lunch for December 2018 and January 2019, two insurance reimbursements from lightning damage and damage to a fire alarm, due to condensation. A requests to purchase the materials to install acoustical paneling in the remaining pods at the Detention Facility, from the Detention Facility Reserve Fund. A motion for do pass was made Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and there was some discussion on the panels. Chairman McKee asked Chief Elrod how many pods still need panels and he explained that there are seven pods left and the Detention Maintenance Supervisor, Tony Sandage will have them installed, saving the

county labor cost. Sheriff McCormick introduced Chief Elrod to the new Justices, and with nothing further, the motion was passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, anticipate revenues, transfer, and appropriate funds in various budgets; including a requests to purchase mapping software from the Emergency 911 Reserve Fund, to make repairs to a 2018 Mack from insurance reimbursements in Solid Waste Fund, and to transfer \$48,500.00 from the Solid Waste Fund to the Road Fund to purchase a 2002 Motor Grader. Chairman McKee asked Judge Mahoney to explain, and he explained that the 2002 Motor Grader will be sold to the Landfill and a new 2018 John Deere Motor Grader was purchased by the Road Department with a lease-purchase agreement. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for additional questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of a transfer in the Solid Waste budget from machinery and equipment to transfers out to pay the County Road Fund for the 2002 Motor Grader. A motion for approval was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a consideration of a transfer in the General Fund, 911 Dispatch Center Budget from machinery and equipment to general supplies to pay for computer equipment. Also, from machinery and equipment to building materials and supplies and to training and education to pay for 911 center building repairs. A motion for approval was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Comptroller Ashmore explained the transfer is for repairs to a door and some carpet in the center. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Other Business

Chairman McKee introduce requests by the Election Commissions to pay the seasonal part-time Election Technician at a rate of \$15 per hour. This was passed by the Human Resources Committee with a do pass to the Finance Committee for approval. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduce a pay increase for the County Judges Administrative Assistant from \$34,522.81 to \$36,771. These funds were rolled over from the 2018 budget and will not require an appropriation. Chairman McKee asked for Judge Mahoney to explain. Judge Mahoney said he wanted to bring any raises before the committee for transparency. This raise was promised by the former administration and requires no action.

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

Chairman McKee went over the overtime report, Sales Tax report, 2018 Annual Financial Report, and the Treasurer's summary.

Justice Raney stated that there was an error on the HR ordinance title. Comptroller Ashmore agreed to make the correction.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller