

Garland County
Ordinance Committee Meeting
March 14, 2022
Minutes

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

Members Absent: Justice Braziel

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

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution **R-22-6**, a resolution confirming the reappointment of Larry Griffin to the Garland County Equalization Board. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Faulkner, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Resolution **R-22-7**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Westwood Village Sewer Facilities Board of Garland County, Arkansas. Chairman Owen abstained due to representing this facility in the past. 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-22-10**, an ordinance to establish a County Road sub-fund to be called the County Road and Bridge Improvement Fund. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Reagan. Chairman Owen asked Judge Mahoney to explain the need to establish the fund. The Judge indicated the fund will help the county better manage the new Road and Bridges Sales and Use Tax. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-11** an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-22-9; to correct scrivener's errors. Section 21 should have stated Public Defender and not Detention Public Defender Facility, Section 22 should have stated the Public Defender's Budget and not the County Jail Budget, and Section 31 should have stated a transfer to 1000/County General Fund and not 1800/OHM Sale Fund. A motion for a 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-22-12**, an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The Sheriff requests \$643.33 be brought forward in the Bulletproof Vest Grant Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- b. The Sheriff requests \$35,797.75 be brought forward in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.

- c. The Sheriff requests \$1,180.00 be brought forward in the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- d. The Sheriff requests \$24,191.69 be brought forward in the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Sheriff's Budget.
- e. The Sheriff has been awarded a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant that is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer of \$16,500.00 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund.
- f. The Sheriff requests \$16,274.00 be brought forward in the Juvenile Grant-In-Aid Fund beginning balance anticipated revenue and appropriation made in the Juvenile Detention Budget.
- g. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge has been awarded a Juvenile Accountability Court Grant that is reimbursable and will require an appropriation/transfer of \$3,575.20 from the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Brown. Comptroller Ashmore explained the county waits until March to move these grants forward, due to uncertainty of expenditures during the accrual period. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-22-13**, 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 \$11,413.25 in the Animal Control Fund, Animal Control Budget to increase the transfers out to \$61,413.25 to be transferred to the General Fund to offset the cost paid to the City of Hot Springs for the same amount as the adoption fees collected by the city in the year 2021.
- b. The County Judge deposited \$38,240.13 in the Solid Waste Fund from a reimbursement from Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste and would like it appropriated in the Solid Waste Budget with \$20,000.00 in overtime and \$18,240.13 in small equipment.
- c. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$34,532.53 for fleet liability insurance increases due to new vehicle purchases in the prior year, with \$14,387.00 in the County General, Sheriff's Budget and \$20,145.53 in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation and transfer of \$447.15 for fleet liability insurance. He would like to transfer \$447.15 from the Solid Waste-Cedar Glades Park Fund, Solid Waste-Cedar Glades Park Budget to the SW-Stormwater Fund, Environmental Inspections Budget to correct the fleet liability insurance allocation.
- e. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$8,656.57 for fire and extended coverage insurance increases due to new property and changes in values in the prior year, with \$3,525.15 in the County General, General Services Budget;

\$1,183.29 County General Fund, District Court Building Expenses Budget;
\$1,192.01 County General Fund, Juvenile Court Building Expenses Budget;
\$788.26 County General Fund, Assessor's Budget; \$788.26 County General
Fund, Tax Collector's Budget; \$779.12 Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget;
\$200.24 County General Fund, Office of Emergency Management Budget; and
\$200.24 Emergency 911 Fund, Emergency 911 Budget.

- f. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$737.82 in the County General Fund, Coroner's Budget to add certification pay for a Deputy Coroner that meet the requirements in Ordinance O-21-40.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young seconded by Justice Hunter. Chairman Owen asked Judge Mahoney explained appropriation. The Judge explained the Animal Control increase due to adoption fees collected by the city, the shortage of help, the supply chain issues the county is experiencing, the insurance revaluation, and the need to include the Deputy Coroner in the certification pay. There was some discussion on the insurance changes. Chairman Owen asked for questions and discussion, with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Ashmore, CPA

Garland County Comptroller