

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GARLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COUNTY COURTROOM 200
JUNE 6, 2022, AT 5:30 PM
MINUTES**

Members: Chairman McKee, Vice-Chairman Braziel, Justices Hunter, Anderson, Raney, and Owen.

Members Absent: Justice Horner

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 Division II Juvenile Judge to apply for an FY 2022 Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) supplemental Juvenile Court Fund grant for \$20,000.00 to pay for two licensed professional counselors to conduct weekly groups and to provide snacks and incentives to juveniles. No match is required. 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 amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Judge deposited \$110,993.54 with the County Treasurer for insurance reimbursements received due to vandalism at the Landfill and would like to appropriate these proceeds in the Solid Waste Budget.
- b. The County Judge deposited \$7,662.90 with the County Treasurer for proceeds from the 2022 Spring Fling, and he would like these proceeds appropriated in the Solid Waste Budget, overtime line item.
- c. The County Judge would like to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget to pay for a change order on the Cedar Glades Class 4 Landfill Phase II, Cell 4 Construction.
- d. The County Judge would like to appropriate \$12,550.00 in the General Fund, Grant-In-Aid Budget to pay for the Juvenile Court's share of the door security services.
- e. The County Judge would like to appropriate \$9,717.30 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, County Judge's Budget, to pay for public communications through a community notifications system.

Chairman McKee asked Judge Mahoney to explain the needs. He went over the vandalism, the spring fling reimbursement, the landfill construction, the security at the juvenile court, and the community notification system. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Raney. Justice Owen asked Judge Mahoney to explain the Landfill expansion more in-depth. Judge Mahoney indicated that there are 300 acres within the park, and the County puts back money each year to cover the expansion. The construction is to bury class 4 debris. He also indicated that they do an excellent job and received an award last year as Recycler of the Year. He indicated that the Landfill hauls all of our class 1 household trash to Benton, and we may have to increase our house to house rates over the next few years due to rising costs. Justice Anderson asked about the door security at the District Court. Judge Mahoney explained that we

should have budgeted to pay the Juvenile Courts' share in the budget process. Chairman McKee for questions or discussion, with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to unappropriate and appropriate funds in the Nine One One budget.

- a. The County Judge requests to unappropriate \$29,372.48 and to delete the position 911/DEM Assistant Coordinator in the Emergency 911 Fund, Nine One One Budget, Position Control Number (PCN) 3020.0501.3903.
- b. The County Judge requests to unappropriate \$7,000.00 from the part-time line item in the Emergency 911 Fund, Nine One One Budget.
- c. The County Judge requests to create a new position of DEM Deputy Director, PCN 3020.0501.3909, for a salary of \$45,946.00 and to appropriate the remainder of the yearly salary of \$26,507.40.
- d. The County Judge requests to appropriate \$4,000.00 at \$1,000.00 each to four positions in the Emergency 911 Fund, Nine One One Budget, due to increased workload.
- e. As time is of the essence in creating the position of DEM Deputy Director, an emergency is hereby declared to exist for the creation of the position, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Chairman McKee asked Judge Mahoney to go over the above requests. He explained that the department had eliminated their part-time position and 911/DEM Assistant Coordinator position and created a DEM Deputy Director. He stated that there had been an increase in addressing and floodplain work due to home construction in the area. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Raney. Justice Raney asked how is floodplain handled, and Judge Mahoney explained the process is by ordinance, and he went into detail on the site visits and follow-up process. Chairman McKee asked for further questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; anticipate revenue, appropriate fund, and authorize a one-time premium pay to essential county employees from funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, County Judge's Budget.

- a. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$456,029.89 of these funds for premium pay and matching benefits to all eligible employees with the exclusion of all Elected Officials, Poll Workers, Election Commissioners, Equalization Board members, County Library employees, and Law Library employees.
- b. An eligible employee is defined as an essential worker who worked between January 2, 2022, and May 7, 2022, and is in active status on June 4, 2022.
- c. The eligible full-time employees will receive \$2.00 per hour for up to 500 hours worked between January 2, 2022, and May 7, 2022, and eligible part-time employees will receive \$2.00 per hour for up to 250 hours worked between January 2, 2022, and May 7, 2022.

Chairman McKee asked Judge Mahoney to explain, and he explained the need to help our employees with the additional costs they are encountering. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Raney. Justice Owen stated he appreciated that it was a one-time premium pay and not recurring costs. There was some discussion on the interest rate

increases. Chairman McKee asked for further questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund of \$250,000.00 from the Machinery and Equipment line item to the vehicles line item. This item was appropriated by Ordinance O-22-16 in machinery and equipment and should be vehicles since it is a frontload trash truck. We classified these assets as heavy equipment in the past, but we have redefined all licensed vehicles as vehicles in our capital assets.

Transfer Out	Transfer In	Amount
1006.0700.4004	1006.0700.4005	\$250,000.00

A motion was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Raney. Judge Mahoney explained this was misclassified and needed to be moved. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a transfer in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Fund of \$5,549.46 from the small equipment line item to the machinery and equipment line item to purchase two radar kits that were initially budgeted as small equipment but had to be bought from another vendor at an increased cost.

Transfer Out	Transfer In	Amount
3541.0400.2002	3541.0400.4004	\$5,549.46

A motion was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Under-Sheriff Lawrence was asked to speak about this transfer. He explained that the price had increased since the budget. Chairman McKee asked for further questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced Gary Troutman, President of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Mr. Troutman introduced Sheryl Staggs, the Chamber's new CFO and Operation Buildings Manager, and Todd Greene, the 2022 Chairman of the Metro Partnership and Community President of Relyance Bank. 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 Owen. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, and the motion passed without opposition.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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