

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee
Amended Minutes
July 1, 2019

Members Present: Chairman McKee, Vice Chairman Braziel, Justice Horner, and Raney
Members Absent: Anderson, Hunter, and Owen
Also Present: Citizens, Elected Officials, Staff, and Media

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. He introduced the first item on the agenda. Consideration of a resolution expressing support for improved reporting information from the Arkansas Department of Finance regarding Local Sales Tax Collections. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the need for transparency from DF&A and indicated that the resolution would be sent to the Arkansas Legislators and the Governor. Chairman McKee asked if there was anything further, with nothing further the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of a resolution certifying a local government endorsement of Cobalt Aero Services LLC to participate in the tax back program. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion; Justice Horner stated that we did this before for Cobalt and Judge Mahoney indicated that this is the second resolution for tax back for Cobalt. Cole McCaskill of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership stated that Cobalt did receive a tax back resolution in March for the expansion of their new facility and this one is for the purchase of the Munro Shoe Factory that they purchased. There was some discussion on the criteria that they must meet to receive this tax back in two years. With no further discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a \$14,812.00 grant to replace expired bulletproof vests. This is a 50/50 grant, and the county would be responsible for paying \$7,406.00. Chairman McKee explained that a 50/50 grant is partially funded by the county. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a \$28,574.00 grant from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Office of Administrative Services for a Juvenile Grant-In-Aid. No portion of this grant is funded by the county. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Horner and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of an ordinance to amend Section "I" of the Garland County salary administration policy as previously adopted by ordinance number O-98-34. Judge Mahoney explained the ordinance was for transparency. Comptroller Ashmore indicated that the Finance Department will highlight any salary changes in the budget to help indicate any increases. 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.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of an ordinance to amend Ordinance O-17-17 relating to the Personnel Policy and making revisions to the Personnel Handbook. Justice Raney indicated this

was the ordinance he had some questions on. Judge Mahoney explained the ordinance and how it will clarify the Holiday bank and allow employees to use their time. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget Ordinance O-18-56, to anticipated revenues, transfer, and appropriate funds in the Prosecuting Attorney's Budget, the Assessor's Budget, and the Treasurer's Budgets. Assessor Sharp explained her need for the additional overtime and Treasurer Stockdale explained the purchase of the copiers and the county savings. Comptroller Ashmore stated that she wanted the committee to be aware that these funds for the Drug Task Force Fund were part of the \$20,000 that the county floats in the DTF Fund from the OMH Sale Fund to cover the cost while waiting for reimbursement. The new grant has not yet been approved but should be soon. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of a transfer of \$5,652.45 from the General Capital Improvements Fund, Special Projects Budget, Construction in Progress, line item 1801.0112.4006 to the Repairs and Maintenance, line item 1801.0112.2035. Judge Mahoney explained this is funds that were not used on the fourth-floor renovation and would like to be used on the repairs to the exterior of the courthouse. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Braziel and seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced consideration of a transfer of \$20,015.91 from the General Fund, Office of Emergency Management Budget, Swat Supplies, line item 1000.0500.2017 to the Machinery and Equipment, line item 1000.0500.4004. This was to purchase a SWAT under door camera. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

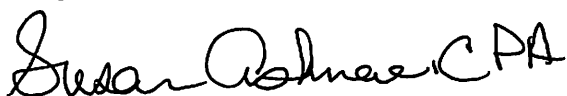
Other Business

Chairman McKee introduced the invoice from Hot Springs Metro Partnership. Cole McCaskill gave the monthly report. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Horner and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee went over the overtime report, the Sales Tax report, and Treasurer's Balances.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller