

Garland County, Arkansas
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
July 6, 2020

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

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order, starting with a prayer from Justice Anderson.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. to submit an application for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Funds to the State of Arkansas on behalf of the County Judge. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Garland County Judge to apply for a FY 2020 Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant totaling \$35,000. This grant requires a 25% match. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained this grant is to update the plan so the county and school district can be eligible for grants for things like a safe rooms. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a FY 2021 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant totaling \$92,669.52. This grant requires a 19.66% match. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen, seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and there was some discussion on the overtime and how this would not have been possible without the change in policy a few years back to pay overtime. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a Juvenile Detention Facility Operating Fund Supplement Grant-In-Aid for \$28,574.00. A motion for do pass made by Justice Horner 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 Ordinance O-20-03, creating a Purchasing Policy for Garland County Government. A motion for do pass made by Justice Anderson, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance authorizing the County Judge to adopt a Personal Identity Information (PII) Policy. A motion for do pass made by Justice Raney, seconded by

Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion. There was some discussion on the grant process and the number of grants the county has applied for over the past year. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2020 Budget Ordinance O-19-54, to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in various budgets.

- a. The Sheriff deposited \$41,196.71 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund for insurance proceeds and a refund and would like to appropriate these proceeds in the Sheriff's Budget.
- b. The Sheriff deposited \$65,000.00 with the County Treasurer in the Boating Safety Fund for donations and would like to appropriate \$54,813.73 in the Sheriff's Budget.
- c. The Circuit Courts would like to increase the beginning balance revenue in the Court Cost Fund by \$3,400.00 and appropriate these funds to pay for a service contract with their digital recording system and license in the Court Cost Budget.
- d. The County Judge would like to increase the anticipated revenue for the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Board Fees by \$900,000.00 and appropriate \$400,000.00 in the Emergency 911 Budget for the City of Hot Springs portion of the CMRS distribution.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained section d. and the increase in revenues generated due to new legislation and how it impacts the county. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance to amend the 2020 Budget Ordinance O-19-54, to anticipate revenues, transfer, and appropriate funds in various budgets.

- a. The Sheriff requests to appropriate and transfer \$30,789.00 in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund and to close the 2017 grant.
- b. The County Judge was awarded a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) of \$35,000.00 from FEMA to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a reimbursable grant that requires a 25% match.
- c. The County Judge requests a transfer of \$8,750.00 from the General Fund for the county's matching, and \$26,250.00 from the OMH Sale Fund to fund the HMGP Fund until the reimbursements are received.

- d. The Sheriff requests a transfer of \$7,799.82 in personal services to the supplies line item in the Boating Safety Fund, Sheriff's Budget.

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

Chairman McKee introduced Gary Troutman of Hot Springs Metro Partnership, and he presented the report. A motion for do pass to pay the July invoice was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Horner. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced the Position and Salary Adjustments, Overtime, Sales Tax, and Oaklawn Revenue report. There was some discussion on each report.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller