

GARLAND COUNTY
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022
MINUTES

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

Members Absent None

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

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced **Ordinance O-22-32**, an ordinance to amend and clarify the Garland County Noise Ordinance, O-05-19, as amended by Ordinance O-08-13. Attorney Howard explained that this was amended to include any area not incorporated. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced **Ordinance O-22-33**, an ordinance to amend Ordinance P-16-41, Adopting Policies and Rates for certain vehicle towing services. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Young. Justice Reagan indicated some clerical changes in section C and Section D. Justice Brown and Justice Young changed the motion as amended. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced **Ordinance O-22-34**, 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 a refund of \$31,539.00 for the 2021 workmen's compensation premium overpayment with the County Treasurer. The County General Fund received \$19,840.00, and the Detention Facility Fund received \$11,699.00. The County Judge would like to appropriate the County General Fund share to various budgets in the County General Fund, and he would like to appropriate \$9,143.62 of the \$11,699.00 received by the Detention Facility Fund to the County Jail Budget. These appropriations are to pay for 2022 workmen's compensation under appropriated amounts.
- b. The County Judge requests to un-appropriate and re-appropriate through line item transfers of \$3,812.92 within the personal services line items in various funds and budgets to pay for additional 2022 workmen's compensation under-appropriated amounts, resulting in no change to the total budgeted amounts.
- c. The County Judge requests to un-appropriate and re-appropriate through line item transfers of \$100,000.00 within the personal services line items of the General Reserve Fund, Special Projects Budget to appropriate Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) correctly and to pay the county's federal tax on the program.
- d. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$26,014.28 for insurance on property and vehicles purchased in 2022 in various funds and budgets.
- e. The County Judge deposited \$32,585.67 with the County Treasurer with \$30,111.00 from the sale of a 2022 Ford truck that was wrecked, purchased back

from insurance, and sold, also \$2,474.67 for reimbursement from Tillery's Towing for cleanup. He would like these proceeds appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget.

- f. The County Judge requests an appropriation of \$5,622.83 for a ballot printing system in the County General Fund, Election Commission Budget.

Chairman Owen asked Judge Mahoney to explain the increases. Judge Mahoney told the committee that the part of the ordinance is to correct worker's compensation and insurance cost. He explained that we pay an estimated worker's comp. The amount includes a modifier, and the county receives a reimbursement twice yearly. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced **Ordinance O-22-35**, an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in various budgets:

- a. The Sheriff applied for the Arkansas Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer Salary Stipend Act of 2022 grant and received \$339,097.50 from the Department of Finance Administration. This grant was approved by Ordinance O-22-27, and the receipt is to pay for 63 eligible county law enforcement officers at \$5,000.00 each plus the social security matching. He would like to appropriate and transfer \$5,382.50 to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay one eligible officer, and appropriate and transfer \$53,825.00 to the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget to pay ten eligible officers. The remaining \$279,890.00 will be used to pay 52 eligible officers by an appropriation from the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget.
- b. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$47,268.00 in the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget; \$766.00 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, Sheriff's Budget; and \$7,660.00 in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget to pay retirement matching on stipends received in these budgets.
- c. The Prosecuting Attorney applied for the Arkansas Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer Salary Stipend Act of 2022 grant and anticipates receiving \$10,765.00 from the Department of Finance Administration. This grant was approved by Ordinance O-22-27; she anticipates receiving funds to pay for two eligible county law enforcement officers at \$5,000.00 each plus the social security matching. She would like to appropriate \$5,382.50 to the County General Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget, and \$5,382.50 to the DTF Investigator Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget.
- d. The Prosecuting Attorney requests an appropriation of \$766.00 in the County General Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget, and \$766.00 in the DTF Investigator Fund, Prosecuting Attorney's Budget to pay retirement matching on stipends anticipated to be received by the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Judge Mahoney explained that the ordinance is to pay law enforcement a \$5,000 stipend. He also explained that the state provides the funding for the stipend and the social security matching, and the county pays the retirement matching. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by

Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

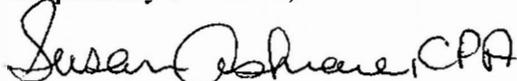
Chairman Owen introduced **Ordinance O-22-35**, an ordinance to amend the 2022 Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in various budgets:

- a. The County Clerk requests an appropriation of \$1,500.00 for overtime in the County General Fund, County Clerk's Budget.
- b. The Sheriff requests an appropriation for \$361,544.82 from the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay for outfitting and reimburse the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Fund for vehicles and graphics.
- c. The Sheriff requests to un-appropriate \$30,876.00 from the County General Fund, Juvenile Detention Budget, and to re-appropriate it in the County General Fund, Juvenile Housing and Transport Budget.
- d. The Sheriff requests an appropriation for \$34,787.00 from the County General Fund, Juvenile Housing and Transport Budget to reimburse the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund for the Juvenile transport van.
- e. The Sheriff requests an appropriation for \$18,736.00 from the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget to pay for the increased cost of the security system due to the bid coming back higher than expected.
- f. The County Judge requests an appropriation for \$248,125.10 from the Solid Waste Fund, Solid Waste Budget to reimburse the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund for the 2015 Frontload Trash Truck.
- g. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$51,304.73 to complete the Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) Grant. The appropriation includes \$1,304.73 to pay the third payroll in September of approximately \$1,000.00 and the cell phone charges of \$304.73. Additionally, the Sheriff requests to pay back the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund \$50,000.00 used to fund the grant.

Judge Mahoney explained that our consultants advised us to return the money to the ARPA Fund and take it from the county funds. There was some concern about the federal procurement laws. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Young. . Chairman Owen gave an overview of how the county borrows money from the OMH Sale Fund to fund the grants. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Ashmore, CPA

Garland County Comptroller