

Garland County, Arkansas
Special Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 3, 2019

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

Members Absent: None

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

Chairman McKee called the meeting to order and asked Justice Anderson to start the meeting with a prayer.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the County Judge to apply for a Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant. This is a matching grant, and the National Park Service-provided proof that they have the \$55,000.00 available for the local match. This grant is to secure \$220,000.00 to repair and resurface a section of Blacksnake Road. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for \$25,189.00. This grant is 100% funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and is to purchase equipment for the investigators to preserve crime scenes, mobile data terminals, and radar units for deputies in the field. A motion for do pass was made by Justice McGrew and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant for \$86,730.40. This grant requires an 18% local match of \$18,222.00 requested to be transferred from the Sheriff's budgeted overtime already appropriation in the General Fund. The Sheriff will use this grant for equipment and overtime pay, which emphasis driving while intoxicated/driving under the influence (DWI/DUI), seat belt, speeding, and texting/cell phone violations throughout the year and high-visibility enforcement during national/state mobilizations. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Anderson. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced a resolution authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to apply for a Victims of Crimes ACT (VOCA) grant for \$102,398.19. This grant requires a 20% local match of \$25,625.17 requested to be funded by the General Fund. The grant is used to provide advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence, endangering the welfare of minor and human trafficking cases. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Anderson and seconded by Justice Owen. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance for Garland County to continue to do business with McGrew Electric, Inc. Richard McGrew is the Justice of the Peace for District 12 in Garland County, and even though he has sold McGrew Electric to Cole Jeffers, the company maintains his name and brand. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Owen and seconded by Justice Raney. Chairman McKee asked for questions or discussion, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman McKee introduced an ordinance setting an election within the 70 West Fire Protection District to elect members of the board of commissioners at a public meeting on November 4, 2019. A motion for

do pass was made by Justice Owen 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 anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in the Juvenile Detention and the Prosecuting Attorney's Budgets.

- a. The Juvenile Grant in Aid grant award of \$28,574.00 is fully funded and does not require any matching funds from the county.
- b. The Victims of Crimes ACT grant needs to transfer an appropriation of \$3,400 from part-time salaries to full-time salaries.

A motion for do pass was made by Justice Raney and seconded by Justice Anderson. 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 anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in various budgets.

- a. The Circuit Court Division I Judge deposited \$927.98 with the County Treasurer in the Court Cost Division I Fund for reimbursement for expenses to an unattended conference and would like these funds re-appropriated.
- b. The County Judge deposited \$2,438.39 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund to reimburse the county for a replacement radio for the Mountain Pine Volunteer Fire Department and would like these funds re-appropriated.
- c. The County Judge request to appropriate \$70,000.00 to the 911 Emergency Fund to cover the cost of telephone bills under-appropriated during the 2019 budget.
- d. The County Judge deposited \$20,426.00 with the County Treasurer in the Solid Waste Budget and \$12,954.00 in the Road Fund from auction proceeds received and would like to appropriate these revenues.
- e. The County Judge requests to appropriate \$22,800.80 to the General Fund, General Services Budget, to pay back this budget for postage needed in the under-appraised mail out for the Assessor's office.

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

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

The Position and Salary Adjustments, Overtime Report, and Sales Tax Reports were discussed.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Ashmore, CPA

Garland County Comptroller