

Garland County
Ordinance Committee Meeting
October 10, 2022
Minutes

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

Members Absent: none

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

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution R-22-19, a resolution confirming the appointment to the Westwood Village Sewer Facilities Board. Judge Mahoney explained the selection. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Braziel, and Chairman Owen abstained due to a professional conflict. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen asked for consideration of Ordinance O-22-41 to set a materiality threshold related to the remittance, collection, distribution, and disbursement of property tax refunds. 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 asked for consideration of Ordinance O-22-42 to establish a County General Sub-Fund to be called the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATC) and to declare an emergency. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Faulkner, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Judge Mahoney explained the federal property tax funding from Treasury and that it can be used for any general purpose. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen asked for consideration of Ordinance O-22-43 approving assessment increase within the boundaries of the Lake Hamilton Fire Protection District (LHFD) Effective January 1, 2023. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Faulkner, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen asked for consideration of Ordinance O-22-44 to amend the 2022 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues and appropriate funds in the various budgets.

- a. The Sheriff applied for the Arkansas Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer Salary Stipend Act of 2022 grant and received \$10,765.00 from the Department of Finance and Administration. Ordinance O-22-27 approved this grant, and the receipt is to pay for two eligible county law enforcement officers at \$5,000.00 each plus the social security matching. He would like to appropriate \$5,382.50 to the General Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay one eligible officer and appropriate \$5,382.50 to the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget to pay one eligible officer.
- b. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$824.60 in the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget, and \$824.60 in the Detention Facility Fund, County Jail Budget, to pay retirement matching on stipends.

- c. The County Judge anticipates to receive \$3,334,226.97 in the Road and Bridge Improvement Fund from the February 8, 2022, special election to levy a five eighths of one percent (0.625%) sales and use tax within the County to be distributed by the State Treasury per capita. He would also like to appropriate these funds in the County Road Budget.
- d. The Sheriff requests an appropriation of \$900,000.00 in the County General Fund, Sheriff's Budget to pay for 55 in-car video systems and 70 body-worn cameras with support.
- e. The County Judge would like to appropriate \$40,000.00 in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, County Judge's Budget to pay for consulting costs.

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

Chairman Owen asked for consideration of Ordinance O-22-45 to amend the 2022 Garland County Budget Ordinance O-21-45; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets.

- a. The Circuit Court Division II Juvenile Judge was awarded a Supplemental Juvenile Court Funding (SJCF) Grant from the Administrative Offices of the Court for \$18,000.00 and deposited it with the County Treasurer. Resolution R-22-10 approved the application for this grant, and the Juvenile Judge would like to establish the fund and appropriate the money to the Supplemental Juvenile Court Funding Grant Fund, Circuit Court Division II Budget, to pay for therapists and program supplies.
- b. The County Judge was awarded an Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) Grant from the Department of Arkansas Heritage for \$125,182.00 and deposited it with the County Treasurer. Resolution R-21-27 approved the application for this grant, and the County Judge would like to appropriate the money in the AHPP Grant Fund, County Judge's Budget, to pay for repairs to the Courthouse. This grant is a reimbursement grant and will require the funds to be provided by the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund until reimbursements are received.
- c. The Sheriff was awarded a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. Resolution R-22-15 approved the application for this grant, and he would like to appropriate \$59,450.00 in the Sheriff's Budget.
- d. The Sheriff was awarded a Bulletproof Vest Grant from the Department of Justice for \$4,071.96. Resolution R-22-12 approved the application for this grant. This is a reimbursable grant that requires a 50% match. The Sheriff would like to fund the grants part through the OMH Sale Fund until reimbursements are received and appropriate the County's match from the County General Fund. He would also like to appropriate the money in the Bulletproof Vest Fund, Sheriff's Budget.
- e. The Sheriff was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the Department of Justice for \$25,846.00. Resolution R-22-14 approved the application for this grant. This is a reimbursable grant, and the Sheriff would like to fund

the grants through the OMH Sale Fund until the reimbursements are received and appropriate the grant in the JAG Fund, Sheriff's Budget.

A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Young. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion; with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Ashmore, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Susan Ashmore, CPA
Garland County Comptroller