

Garland County  
Ordinance Committee Meeting  
November 22, 2021  
Minutes

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

Members Absent: Hunter

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

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution **R-21-28**, a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to apply for an FY 2021 \$26,477.00 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Young. Judge Mahoney explained that the grant was for a license plate recognition program. Chairman Owen asked for other questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-35**, an ordinance to levy the County Municipal and School Taxes for 2021, collectible in 2022. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Brown, seconded by Justice Braziel. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-36**, an ordinance for the levy of five-eighths of one percent (0.625%) sales and use tax for a period of five years. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, and Justice Reagan asked if this puts the issue on the ballot, and Judge Mahoney explained that it did. With nothing further, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-37**, an ordinance calling a special election in Garland County on the question of levying a county-wide five-eighths of one percent (0.625%) sales and use tax for a period of five years. Judge Mahoney explained that the Pave-it-Forward bond will pay off early at a savings of \$525,000. He explained how that money was used to repair roads and bridges and how the new bond will be used for existing roads and bridges. He talked about the distribution to all cities in the county per capita. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Braziel, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-38**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenue, appropriate funds and authorize a one-time premium payment to essential county employees from funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, County Judge's Budget. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Reagan, seconded by Justice Brown. Judge Mahoney explained that this is a premium payment based on 1,200 hours worked for full-time employees and 600 hours for part-time employees. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Owen introduced Ordinance **O-21-39**, an ordinance to amend the 2021 Budget Ordinance O-20-35; to anticipate revenues, appropriate, and transfer funds in various budgets:

- a. The Sheriff deposited \$36,602.23 with the County Treasurer for reimbursement from the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Fund and would like to reimburse the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund by appropriating these funds in the Sheriff's Budget
- b. The Sheriff requests a transfer of \$67,512.00 in the Detention Facility's Fund, County Jail Budget from the Salaries, Full-Time line item, with \$30,000.00 transferring to the Overtime line item and \$37,512.00 transferring to Machinery and Equipment.
- c. The County Judge requests a transfer and appropriation of \$158,084.58 in the General Fund, Office of Emergency Management Budget, Transfers Out line item, to the General Fund, Transfers Out Budget, Transfers Out line item to pay for salaries reimbursed by the General Fund.
- d. The County Judge requests a transfer and appropriation of \$200,000.00 in the Ouachita Memorial Hospital (OMH) Sale Fund, Special Projects, Transfers Out line item, to the General Fund, Transfers Out Budget, Transfers Out line item to pay the Road Fund for 3% of Sales Tax collected.

Judge Mahoney explained that this ordinance is for a grant and other transfers. Chairman Owen explained the Ouachita Memorial Hospital Sale Fund being used to fund grants. A motion for a do pass was made by Justice Young, seconded by Justice Brown. Chairman Owen asked for questions or discussion, with none, the motion passed without opposition.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Garland County Comptroller