

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-40

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDING TOTALING \$2,354,678.40, FOR COVID-19 RELATED SALARY EXPENDITURES IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC EMERGENCY.”

WHEREAS, the CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed by the President on March 27, 2020, to provide fast relief to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arkansas, the General Assembly and Cares Act Steering Committee authorized the application for funding for the COVID-19 pandemic emergency,

WHEREAS, the jailers, transport officers, certified law enforcement officers, bailiffs, coroners employed by the county may be recognized as public safety officers under the CARES Act as part of the front line response to COVID-19, due to their day-to-day activities;

WHEREAS, the certified law enforcement officers employed by this county are hereby acknowledged as public safety officers for purposes of the CARES Act, they are potentially exposed to COVID-19 in the performance of their day-to-day duties as law enforcement officers in their response to calls for their assistance, making arrests, booking and transporting detainees, conducting investigations, making traffic stops, tending to courthouse screenings, performing bailiff functions, administering crowd control, enforcing laws and enforcing COVID-19 emergency directives;

WHEREAS, the jailers and transport officers employed by this county are hereby acknowledged as public safety officers for purposes of the CARES Act and potentially exposed to COVID-19, due to their day-to-day activities in booking, transporting, moving, and segregating detainees within the jail and transporting county inmates to state penitentiaries or courthouses;

WHEREAS, the coroner and deputy coroners employed by this county are hereby acknowledged as public safety officers for purposes of the CARES Act and potentially exposed to COVID-19, due to their day-to-day activities in investigating the cause and manner of deaths, conducting and administering tests for COVID-19 of the deceased, and in transportation and examination of the deceased;

WHEREAS, the 911 dispatchers employed by this county may be recognized as public safety officers under the CARES Act and are hereby acknowledged as potentially exposed to COVID-

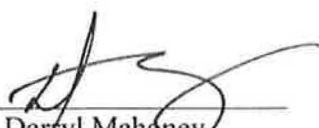
19 due to their day-to-day work within close proximity to persons arrested, booked, and detained with the county jail facility;

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court is resolved and hereby supports the application for CARES funding; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. That the County Judge is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund for the purpose of securing funds in the amount of \$2,354,678.40 to aid and assist the county for COVID-19 expenditures described herein.

ATTEST: 
Sarah Smith
Garland County Clerk

APPROVED: 
Darryl Mahoney
Garland County Judge

SPONSOR: 
Matt McKee
Justice of the Peace

Date: 10/12/2020