

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MARCH 21, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Tobbye McClanahan; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Michael White; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Tobbye McClanahan. Auditors had discussed the Senior Citizens Center. Several things needed to be handled differently. Restructuring of Senior Citizens Center needed to be addressed to get back to a State funded program. County now did payroll, benefits, retirement and on the budget. Appeared to be a county department. Resolution could not be found on record. Budgeted for 2022 was \$450,000.00. County appropriated \$242,000.00 for 2022. Arkansas Area Agency on Aging was normally the funding source. Confusion on why State funding was cut. Justice McClanahan had set up a meeting with the director from the eastern division. Craighead County had a sponsor for their Senior Citizens Center. Justice Ash said they needed to set up as a 501C3. The county could not give money to a 501C3 but could contract for services. Contracts were on a yearly basis. Vehicles and center were owned by the Arkansas Area Agency on Aging. Funding would not be pulled for 2022. \$100,000.00 of ARP money was appropriated for 3 new vehicles. Motion was made by Justice Ash to hold the appropriation on the vans until more information was received. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed.

2. Potential request from the Mississippi County Mission. The mission was working on a grant project for a new roof. They had a matching grant for \$275,000.00. Money had to be spent to be reimbursed. \$40,000.00 had been raised. Justice Ash recommend a five year contract for \$5,000.00 a year to provide services for Mississippi County. Paid up front. One time. No action at this time.

3. Area Agency on Aging would be asked how other counties handled their centers. Justice Burge wanted to check on the Senior Citizens Center building. The County paid rent to Arkansas Area Agency on Aging. Rent was \$1,000.00 a month.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George