

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 14, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Betty Hepler; County Clerk Janice Currie; Finance Kelli Jones; Assessor Harley Bradley; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Month of February ended in good shape. Kelli Jones was working on the clean up budget. Presented in the Quorum Court meeting. Fund Balances end of February. County General \$1,404,825.00. CD fund \$6,930,428.00. \$3.9 million in revenue replacement fund. \$3.1 million County Roads. \$7.8 million Economic Development Fund. \$5.3 million Economic Development checking. Appropriation Ordinance passed last month \$3 million for the Work Here-Live Here program. Judge Nelson, Michael White, Clif Chitwood, Brad Harrison, Randy Scott met with the Friday Firm. Shep Russell advised the County to restructure and repeal the Appropriation Ordinance. Legal description of Economic Development was restrictive. Work Here Live Here program was going to be restructured for a new 5014C non taxable entity. County money would be appropriated to industries participating in the program. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to repeal the Appropriation Ordinance O-2022-11. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.

2. Cash in Lieu of Benefits. Medicare reimbursement program. Kelli Jones had not heard from Jacob Holmes. Money had been appropriated for the payments thru April. Kelli would get the numbers on how much was being spent for taxes, retirement, social security. 10 employees were participating in the program.

3. Tom Henry had nothing new on the e-mail costs.

4. Sheriff's Cars. American Rescue Plan Committee recommended to purchase all 18 cars with the revenue replacement funds. Cars would be able to be tracked. \$650,000.00. Justice Ash said this would get all cars under 100,000.00 miles. Started the year with 60 vehicles. End up with 51 vehicles. County provided SRO with a vehicle. SRO salary paid for by Federal Grant. Motion was made by Justice Reggie Cullom to purchase 18 cars for \$650,000.00 with revenue replacement funds. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.

5. Health Units. American Rescue Plan Committee recommended to commit \$1.2 million plus the \$250,000.00 to renovate the health units. No appropriation needed at this time.

6. Heat tape for Blytheville Courthouse. Energy & Property Committee recommended to appropriate \$9,830.00 out of Blytheville construction contingency for heat tape for pipes in the sally port area. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$9,830 from the Blytheville construction fund for heat tape in sally port. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.

7. Osceola Courthouse. Energy & Property Committee recommended to commit \$1.5 plus money not used with construction fund. Priority HVAC, hot water, courtroom. No appropriation at this time.

8. Dell drainage. Energy & Property Committee recommended to appropriate \$53,068.50 for the drainage project in Dell. Motion was made by Justice Reggie Cullom to appropriate \$53,068.50 from revenue replacement funds for Dell drainage project. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.

9. Insurance claim. An employee asked for reimbursement for a claim they had paid. Kelli Jones said money needed to be appropriated. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$2,500.00 for reimbursement of claims. Second was made by Justice Reggie Cullom. Motion passed. Tom Henry was working on a meeting with Dave Nichols. Information was needed from Mr. Nichols. Judge Nelson would like to see Performance Health to return the money and write the payments in house. Insurance meeting would be set and a new chairman elected.

10. GREDA had not submitted the bill for the 4th quarter last year. Appropriation needed for the payment. \$94,003.25. Motion was made by Justice Reggie Cullom to appropriate \$94,003.25 for the 4th quarter payment. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.

11. Tax back incentive for Envirotech Vehicles Inc. in Osceola. Motion was made by Justice Reggie Cullom for the Tax back incentive for Envirotech Vehicles. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.

12. Statements for property taxes due out March 31st.

13. Resolution for landfill would be rewritten. Moved forward from the Sanitation & Solid Waste Committee.

14. RFQ for architect would be written by Tom Henry.

15. Social Services Committee would look into the vehicles for the Senior Citizens Center. Meeting set for March 21, 2022 1:30 Annex building.

**16. Meeting adjourned.
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**