

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE
MARCH 11, 2022 2:30 ANNEX BUILDING.**

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

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Information was handed out for the health units, courthouse and City of Dell.**
- 2. City of Dell applied for a grant to help with drainage. Grant was awarded for \$230,000.00. The grant didn't cover all expenses. Low bid \$301,000.00. Difference of \$71,000.00. Scope of the work had been reduced and added more money from the City general account. \$53,000.00 short. City of Dell requested help completing the project. Justice Jackson stated this project would fall under the rescue money and was good use of it. Justice McDonald asked if a cap would be set for amounts the County would give. Mullenix Firm asked if the County had money for matching grants. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to grant the City of Dell \$53,000.00 out of the Revenue Replacement Funds. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed and moved to Finance.**
- 3. Health Department. Aaron Ruby sent an overall price on renovating the health units. \$2.8 million cost. Energy & Property Committee recommended buildings be repaired. Labs, refrigeration, HVAC were in need of repair. Funded at 40% would be \$1.1 million plus \$250,000.00. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to send to Finance to set aside \$1.2 million for the county health units project from the Revenue Replacement Fund. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
- 4. Osceola Courthouse. HVAC, water, boiler system, ceiling in courtroom needed to be updated first. Storm drain was cleaned regularly to keep it from flooding. HVAC was around \$1 million. \$100,000.00 to update water. Justice McClanahan thought \$1.5 million. Justice McDonald thought \$2 million. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to commit at least \$1.5 million to the Osceola Courthouse project from the revenue replacement fund. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
- 5. Sheriff's patrol cars. Justice Jackson thought for reporting it would be better to buy all the cars from the revenue replacement fund. \$650,000.00. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to appropriate to purchase 18 cars and equipment out of the revenue replacement funds. Amount decided at a later date. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
- 6. Justice Burge stated the Senior Citizens center needed to be considered. Federal and State lobbyist had been hired.**

7. Peggy Meatte thought a consultant was needed to help with the reporting to make sure how the rescue money was spent. Professional services were needed. Cost of consultant could come from revenue replacement fund. First report due in May. Committee recommended to send the RFQ's. Tom Henry would send the RFQ to the papers.

8. Insurance. Justice McDonald asked for an update on unpaid insurance claims. Justice McDonald asked if another Chairman could be elected. Kelli Jones needed more money appropriated to reimburse claims that employees had paid. Performance Health was not making any payments at this time. Contract was sent and changes were made and sent back to Mr. Nichols. Judge Nelson thought another zoom meeting was needed with Mr. Nichols. Kelli Jones thought there was a lot that hadn't been paid. Around \$160,000.00 in claims had been paid. Another insurance meeting was needed. Tom Henry was asked to set up a meeting with Dave Nichols.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George