

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 18, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobbye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Betty Hepler; Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; County Clerk Janice Currie; Collector Susan Short; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry. NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White.
2. **Adult Drug Court Appropriation.** Judge Ritchey has asked for an appropriation for the Adult Drug Court. Stephanie Wofford was an officer of the court would like to do training. \$2,000.00 appropriation was needed for hotels, meals, etc. Money was available in the fund but not appropriated. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Adult Drug Court for training, hotels, meals, etc. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.
3. **Cash in lieu of benefits.** Money was appropriated thru the month of April. Appropriation was needed for May. \$3,932.50 was needed for employee benefit program. Judge Nelson would speak with Mr. Holmes for an update at the Quorum Court meeting. Motion was made by Justice Burge to appropriate \$3,932.50 for the month of May. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.
4. **Sheriff cars.** Money was appropriated for 6 new cars. Two cars would be replaced by insurance money. Total 8. Revenue Replacement Funds were to be used for an additional 10 cars. 18 cars out the revenue replacement funds. \$180,000.00 was appropriated to the Sheriff's budget. Justice Jackson thought the \$180,000.00 should be put back into County General and used for the State lobbyist. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to zero the line item for \$180,000.00 and move the money to County General. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.
5. **Amend Appropriation Ordinance for the State Lobbying Firm.** Money was appropriated out of revenue replacement fund. Ordinance needed to be amended at this months Quorum Court meeting. \$75,000.00 was appropriated and needed to be moved from RPF to County General for the State Lobbying Fund. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to amend the Ordinance and move \$75,000.00 from RPF to County General. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.
6. **Appropriating funds for ARPA consultant.** Two companies were interviewed. Appropriation was not needed. Some changes in the contract were made. Report due April 30, 2022. 30 days before payment was needed. Hourly rates varied. No more than \$200.00 an hour. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$10,000.00 for the ARPA consultant from RPF fund. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion was passed.

7. **Landfill Credit Card Acceptance Policy.** Information was received and would continue to work on taking credit cards. Credit cards, debit cards, direct deposit were being looked at. Customers would pay fees instead of the county. Nothing needed at this time.
8. **Clean up budget.** Budget would be voted on for the 2021 budget.
9. **JESAP.** Every other year a JESAP evaluation was made. Salaries, benefits were compared to other counties. Comparables were based on job descriptions. Elected Officials needed to submit new job descriptions if needed. Best basis to request raises.
10. **March expenditures.** County General under \$8 million, Economic Development strong, county road fund \$2.3 million CD fund, \$3 million regular fund. Red gravel could not be hauled while raining. \$270,000.00 was received on a payment for the landfill. Courthouse budget was under budget.
11. **Janice Currie and Leslie Mason's books** were to be displayed in the new courthouse. Shelving for some of the books needed replacing and not in the budget. Judge Nelson stated there would be a delay on moving the furniture when courthouse was finished. Furniture company would need to be scheduled. Move back to the courthouse would not be as easy as leaving. Justice White was concerned about the jail operations fund.
12. **Second payment for American Rescue Funds** would be received in May. \$3.8 or \$3.9 million.
13. **Leslie Mason** needed a professional company to help move her office back to the new courthouse. Janice Currie said she believed Aaron Ruby would be building shelving for her office. Mrs. Currie needed to know where her files would be going and have some upright filing cabinets. Two would be needed. Leslie Mason offered her extra storage to whoever needed it. Judge Nelson asked Mrs. Currie if she could digitize her records. Originals were needed to certify.
14. **When older books** were scanned the books were cut and pages wrapped in brown paper. Two companies had been spoken with on preserving the books. When restored one book became two. Estimates would be received from the companies.
15. **Meeting adjourned.**
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George