

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 16, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Fred Fleeman; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Betty Hepler; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; County Clerk Janice Currie; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; Angie Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Meeting was turned over to Judge Nelson.**

- 2. NET proposal. The Osceola and Blytheville Courthouses were behind on their telephone systems. Blytheville Courthouse had their system updated with the renovation. Norris Watkins suggested the CAT 6 wiring be put in the Osceola Courthouse to bring up to date. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to approve the bid for upgrading the phone system in the Osceola Courthouse in the amount of \$4,432.00. Second was made by Justice Reggie Cullom. Money from the maintenance fund. Motion passed.**

- 3. Landscaping proposal. There were six trees planted under overhead powerlines and would need to be removed. Architect had been notified and another variety would be planted. Landscaping had different plants and needed to be trimmed regularly. Bid was submitted by Drew Bevill lawn care for \$13,066.64 annually for lawn care. Motion was made by Justice Reggie Cullom to accept the bid for the lawn care at the Blytheville Courthouse. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**

- 4. Health Department project. Invoice was received from Aaron Ruby for work that had been done on the project. No money had been moved at this time. Judge Nelson asked for an appropriation to pay the invoice. Money would come from the revenue replacement fund. Motion was made by Justice Reggie Cullom to appropriate \$15,000.00 from the revenue replacement fund for the invoice from Revival for the work that had been done on the Health Departments. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed. Peggy Meatte asked if this would be run by the consultant. Consultant would be contacted but money would be appropriated.**

- 5. Legal fees for the Work Here Live Here program. Appropriation for \$19,000.00 was needed for legal fees. Would come from the Economic Development fund. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to appropriate \$19,000.00 from Economic Development funds for legal fees regarding the Work Here Live Here program. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**

- 6. HRA for employee Medicare payments. Appropriation was needed for the reimbursement for Medicare payments. Kelli Jones said she had not talked to Attorney Jacob Holmes. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate the money for the HRA payments. Second was made by Justice Reggie Cullom. Motion passed.**

7. April expense report. Nothing out of the ordinary. End of April the County was at 45% of the budget. Everyone within budget and no unusual expenditures. Justice Ash would have a Road & Bridges meeting for an update. Justice Burge stated the landfill was going well and a big check had been received. One problem account still being dealt with. Landfill purchased a side by side \$16,000.00. Percentage on the budget included transfer to CD. \$1 million in CD now and ended the month with \$750,000.00 in checking.

8. Certified Law Enforcement Officers. \$5,000.00 was appropriated for certified law enforcement officers in the State. Sheriff's Department would submit a roster to the State. Would be a pass thru. Retirement was not included. \$766.00 per employee would need to be paid by the County.

9. JESAP. Elected Officials needed to turn in their job descriptions by June 1. The descriptions would be presented in June.

10. Watco pilot program. No longer had a pilot program and would be put on the tax books.

11. Justice Fred Fleeman was welcomed back to the Court.

12. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George