

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
May 24, 2022

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Osceola Courthouse with County Judge John Alan Nelson presiding. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ryan Spurlock from 1st Methodist in Osceola gave the invocation.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash
Justice Burge
Justice Fleeman
Justice Hepler
Justice Jackson

Justice Lewis
Justice Mangat
Justice McClanahan
Justice McDonald
Justice White

Absent: Justice Cullom. Also in attendance was County Attorney Jacob Holmes.

Justice White moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members. Justice Ash seconded the motion and the voice vote was unanimous.

The Judge John Nelson introduced Ethan Brown, staff chair of the Co-Operative Extension Service; Dr. Pam Pruett, Family and Consumer Sciences agent; Kamella Neeley, county's 4-H agent and allowed them to address the court. They gave a presentation on the services offered through the co-operative extension office.

In the treasurer's report, County Treasurer Peggy Meatte reported the interest rate at 1st National Bank in Osceola was .55% on \$100,000.00 for one year. She reported the sales tax revenue was down a bit for the month of April but still one the highest in recent years. She also stated county general funds were in good shape.

Committee Reports:

Sanitation & Solid Waste: Justice Burge reported the committee met on May 4, 2022. He stated the landfill was doing well and was well within their budget. They had transferred \$500,000.00 to a CD which at the end of March had a balance of \$1,000,000.00. He also reported the landfill has \$573,823.69 in cash. Justice Burge informed the court they were continuing to work on being able to process bank cards and credit cards. They will also be working on direct deposit.

Insurance Committee: Justice Jackson reported the committee met on May 4, 2022 with Dave Nichols via zoom. Topic of discussion was trying to get all unpaid claims paid.

Finance Committee: Justice White reported the committee met on May 16, 2022 and topics of discussion were:

- NET Proposal for updating the telephone system in the Osceola Courthouse. Cost of the update is \$4,432.00.
- Landscaping proposal for the Blytheville Courthouse. The committee accepted a bid from Drew Beville Lawncare in the amount of \$13,066.64 annually.
- The appropriation of \$15,000.00 from the Revenue Replacement Fund for work done on the Health Department Project.
- Legal fees for the "Work Here, Live Here" program in the amount of \$19,000.00 which would be taken from the Economic Development Fund.

- Appropriation for the reimbursement of Medicare payments.
- All offices and departments were still within their budget.
- \$5,000.00 appropriated for certified law enforcement officers in the state.
- JESAP job descriptions should be turned in by June 1, 2022.

The clerk read a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S SPONSORSHIP OF EAST ARKANSAS AGENCY ON AGING'S MISSISSIPPI SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. R-2022-11 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT POLICY HANDBOOK'S DEFINITION OF "NORMAL WORK WEEK" FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (INCLUDING JAILERS) AND AMBULANCE PERSONNEL. Following the reading, Justice Ash moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. R-2022-12 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE BIG LAKE RELIEF BRIDGE AS THE "HERMAN DAVIS MEMORIAL BRIDGE". Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Jackson seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. R-2022-13 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR TRANSACTING BUSINESS AT ALL REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS. Following the reading, Justice White informed the court this was a regular ordinance and therefore required three readings. Justice Ash made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. Following the second reading by title only, Justice Ash moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. Following the third reading by title only, Justice Ash moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. O-2022-29 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO PAY INVOICES SUBMITTED BY ARCHITECT FOR COUNTY HEALTH UNIT IMPROVED PROJECT. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. O-2022-30 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO PAY LEGAL FEES. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Lewis, McDonald and White; Nay --- Ash, Jackson, Mangat, and McClanahan; Absent --- Cullom. O-2022-31 was failed on the floor by a vote of six to four.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING EXTRA

COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO REPLACE DISCONTINUED HRA ACCOUNTS. Following the reading, Justice Jackson moved to amend the wording by adding the month of July, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. After the vote on amending, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Fleeman Hepler, Jackson, Lewis, Mangat, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Cullom. O-2022-32 was adopted by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice White moved for adjournment, Justice McClanahan seconded and the voice was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janice Currie".

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary

QUORUM COURT
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Osceola, Arkansas

**6:00 p.m. REGULAR SESSION OF QUORUM COURT IN THE CIRCUIT COURTROOM OF THE
OSCEOLA COURTHOUSE**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer *Bishop R.L. Jones*
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Reading/Approval of Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Committee Reports
 - Personnel Committee (6/9/2022) Chairman Justice Rick Ash
 - Roads & Bridges Committee (6/9/2022) Chairman Justice Rick Ash
 - Finance Committee (6/20/2022) Chairman Justice Michael White
 - Planning & Development Committee (6/23/2022) – Chairman Justice Michael White
8. Resolutions:
 - Resolution – Handbook Change (Juneteenth)
9. Ordinances:
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Public Defender's Office Rent Increase
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Veteran Services Officer Small Equipment
 - Appropriation Ordinance – County Judge's Office Small Equipment
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Chime Solutions
 - Appropriation Ordinance – General Capital Offsets
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Sierra Group
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Wheatland Tube
10. New Business
11. Old Business

12. Announcements

13. Adjourn

**ROAD & BRIDGES COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 1, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Harbans Mangat; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash. Justice Ash turned the meeting over to Judge Nelson for an update on roads and bridges.
2. Judge Nelson said things were going well. The department was behind from the excessive rainfalls. At this time 54 tons of cold mix had been applied to the asphalt roadways. 22 ditches had been cleaned out, replaced 16 culverts, 1,020 loads of slag had been put out, stockpiling red clay gravel. 1300 total would be stockpiled. Road project started with 3 inch overlay with State funds on Byrum Road. Bridge project with ARDOT in the Half Moon area. Excess of \$1 million. Interstate 55 being repaired from Blytheville to the Burdette exit. Judge Nelson met with ARDOT at least once a week. Mack trucks had been replaced with Western Star. Purchased a larger front end loader. During the ice and snow the road department restarted their deicing program. Road department made their own deicer to apply the liquid salt and a vat for the solution to be put in. Annual work behind the levee to repair roads that were eroded from the flooding from the river. Worked with the City of Manila on a paving project to put asphalt on two gravel roads. Ditches had been cleaned around the schools to help with the flooding. Hwy. 119 had been taken over from the State on the property of U.S. Steel. Work was being done to better accommodate semi trucks. Bid for the property across from Love's was being worked on. Minimum bid of \$400,000.00. Graders were running when dry and doing a great job. Overpasses were in bad shape.
3. Justice McClanahan asked if lighting in Armorel could be mentioned to ARDOT. Judge Nelson had talked to ARDOT. The County could sponsor lighting. Permit would be needed from ARDOT before installing. Illumination could be put up to alert traffic there was an intersection or illuminated like it was daylight. ARDOT thought travelers got thru it well and unless a lot of accidents didn't need to be addressed at this time.
4. The County had two trailer trucks that had a system built into the cab and dumps the gravel and does not require any work from the grader. GPS systems were in place and new ones had to be installed in the new dump trucks.
5. John Deere 300 horse power tractor at the landfill was near the end of the lease. 1000 hours, 3 years old. The buy out was \$171, 053.00. The landfill was going to purchase the tractor. Justice McClanahan asked if there was damage from the fire at the landfill. The City of Dell had given the landfill a firetruck. Material was found that should not have been put in the landfill. Possibly lime.
6. Justice Ash asked if the work on the 23 bridges had been started. Court orders had been served on some landowners to get the right of way. Justice McDonald asked what could be

done with trucks parking on the side of the road causing pot holes. Judge Nelson thought the highway needed to be extended on Hwy. 61 around Lowe's. Salt applied to the road didn't cause the pot holes but water when it got in the cracks and freezes and breaks the road up. County had an Ordinance in place for requirements for county roads.

7. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 9, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

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

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash.**
 - 2. The committee looked at renaming the Finance Director. Comptroller/Finance Director was already on the spreadsheet. In the JESAP study the salary was figured on that basis. New JESAP will be looked at when it came out and see if adjustments were needed.**
 - 3. Job Description were sent to the Personnel Committee for the Juvenile Department. The senior Judge for the Juvenile Committee and the supervisor for the Juvenile officer had not seen the descriptions and would be forwarded to them and would get a recommendation from them. Justice Ash recommended the request to be tabled. Motion was made by Justice Harbans to table the request. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed.**
 - 4. Discussed last year was looking into a longevity package for the County employees. Elected officials not included. \$100.00 per year for each year employed. Maximum of 20 years. Capped at \$2,000.00. Separated the newest persons hired. The committee would discuss the recommendation at the next meeting.**
 - 5. Meeting was turned over to Justice Cecil McDonald. Justice McDonald wanted to see the County celebrate Juneteenth Independence Day and would show great progress. Juneteenth became a Federal Holiday on June 18, 2021. Governor Hutchinson declared it a State Memorial Day. Judge Nelson could declare any day a holiday. County recognized 12 holidays. Juneteenth was the day slavery was abolished. Committee supported the request. Court was scheduled in advance and the county could not change court dates. Judge Nelson suggested Friday the 17th this year because of court schedules. Proclamation was finished and was read by Judge Nelson. Motion was made by Justice McDonald that Juneteenth become an annual celebration for Mississippi County. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Holiday would be celebrated in the future by the Federal date. Motion passed. Resolution would be needed to amend the personnel policy procedure.**
 - 6. Justice Ash recommended when the Courthouse opened the next Quorum Court meeting be held in the Blytheville Courthouse.**
 - 7. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

**Finance Committee Meeting
June 20, 2022 1:30 Annex Building**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Betty Hepler; Juvenile Daryl Turner; Collector Susan Short; County Clerk Janice Currie; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Overview of monthly expenses. May 31st 42% of the year. Justice White said the new reports were in one system. Road Department 49%, Landfill 50% (operating 39.35%), Sr. Citizens 39%, Co. Jail 37%, County Clerk 34%. Fund balances. ¾ million in county general, 6.9 million CD, 3.85 million revenue replacement fund and second check had been received for 3.9 million, Economic Development \$3 1/2 million checking, \$7.8 million CD fund, \$1.9 million Blytheville courthouse fund, \$48,000.00 Osceola courthouse. Bird project to come out of the \$48,000.00.**
- 2. Employees were encouraged to participate in the COVID vaccination program. Incentive was offered for the employees to get vaccinated. Kelli Jones wanted to close the program. Only two employees had requested the program this year. Money was appropriated for all employees to be vaccinated. Ordinance needed to be amended to close the program. No action at this time and employees would be notified that the program may be closed.**
- 3. Publishing costs had reached the amount appropriated. Fuel costs had gone up for the landfill, road department and Sheriff's department.**
- 4. Circuit Clerk's rent. Justice Jackson thought the rent should be appropriated until the end of the year. Storage was needed when moved back to the courthouse. The courthouse had a certificate of occupancy. Judge Nelson had the punch list and copy had been e-mailed to CNI.**
- 5. Veterans office. Dale Dickerson had requested new equipment. Mr. Dickerson had met all certifications. Total request. \$2,500.00 estimated. Justice White recommended \$3,000.00. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$3,000.00 for the equipment in the Veteran's office. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**
- 6. Judge's Office. The Judge requested new computers (3) and monitors (2). \$1,199.00 each computer, \$375.00 each monitor. Total \$4,347.00. Justice White recommended \$4,500.00. Printer was not needed at this time. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$4,500.00 for the computers and monitors in the Judge's office. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.**
- 7. Public Defender's rent. Letter was received from Frank Iacampo. Mr. Bradley paid \$300.00 per month rent. Mr. Iacampo would like to raise the rent to \$400.00 per month. The committee supported the increase. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to accept the**

increase for Mr. Bradley's rent to \$400.00. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.

8. Land leveling. Survey was finished. Figure could be given and appropriated or wait until numbers were received. Justice White said Judge Nelson should be given authority to award the contract and fund later. Motion was made by Justice Reggie Cullom to support the Judge awarding the contract and funding later. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.

9. Microphone. A larger microphone was needed to be able to cover the meetings. Comments had been received that the audio was not loud enough. No estimate at this time. Justice White thought the upgrade was needed. More research would be done.

10. Nucor called Justice White about the bicycle paths and asked if anything been done. ARDOT was contacted about the paths and signage. Justice McDonald had e-mailed Judge Nelson about signage for bicycle safety. Permission had to be given from ARDOT to place signs. Road department would fund the signs.

11. Juvenile Department. Administrative Office of Courts had awarded Mississippi County \$30,000.00 for FY2022 Supplemental Juvenile Funding. Grant from AOC to give hazardous duty/retention bonus checks to each employee in our 6 counties. All employed since March 2022 receive \$5,000.00, between April 2020 and July 2021 receive \$2,500.00, employed after July 1, 2021 receive \$1,000.00. Kelli Jones would check to see if taxes would be held out. The Sheriff's department received the entire amount. Justice Burge asked if this was a one time payment not a salary increase. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to move the request to the full court. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.

12. Money had been appropriated for Federal and State lobbyists. Aeroplex and Blytheville Regional Airport Authority had made a request for a fire truck. The fire truck on the Aeroplex was a 1980 model and not reliable. A letter was submitted by Senator Boozman, Senator Tom Cotton and Congressman Rick Crawford to a Colonel at the Pentagon to receive a surplus military fire truck to continue training for U.S. Airforce. The Aeroplex trains touch & go landings, takeoffs, air drop, drop zone training, loading and unloading of cargo, new pilot training, night vision goggles and assault zone training. The airport had hosted Air Force One. The loss of the 1980 firetruck had restricted these activities. Weekly meetings were held with the lobbyists. All benchmarks had been met up to now. Second revenue replacement had been received. Almost \$4 million.

13. Justice White would like to help small communities with infrastructure. P & D meeting Thursday June 23, at 1:00 p.m. Annex building. One commitment from an industry had been made. Infrastructure was needed before new homes could be built. Energy & Property Committee would explore the possibilities. Judge Nelson said State lobbyists were working with cities in the county to assist with their infrastructure. Currently working with Manila, Burdette, Keiser and Luxora. Meeting was scheduled with the Mullinex firm tomorrow at 10:00 about this issue. Federal grant going thru the Natural Resource Commission was a cost share. County might want to use some ARP money for the seed.

14. Janice Currie wanted to set a meeting with Mike Patty to demonstrate how the older books were repaired. The meeting was scheduled for July 7, 2022 at 1:30. Annex building.

15. First reporting for the ARP money had been done. The reporting went well.

16. Landfill received \$54,155.10 from Will Allen.

17. CAS would work on the Medicare benefits. Cost around \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

18. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING
JUNE 23, 2022 1:00 P.M. ANNEXD BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Rick Ash; Gene Bennett; Clif Chitwood; Willis D. Williams Jr.; Blanche Hunt; Dominique Euell; Councilman Mayberry; Margaret Mayberry; Howard Smith; Douglas Echols Sr.; Michael Jacques; Jacob Holmes; Mayor Sally Wilson; Lisa Cross; Anes Abraham; County Clerk Janice Currie; Mayor James Sanders; Fred Wright; Chamber of Commerce Liz Smith; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Sandy Gillespie; Mallory Darby; Brad Harrison; Marty Orr; Seth Hollifield; Collector Susan Short; Juvenile Daryl Turner; Barrett Harrison; Pastor Nick Smith; Rev. Jones; Judge John Alan Nelson; Angie Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Justice White turned the meeting over to Clif Chitwood.
2. Mr. Chitwood presented a recommendation for Chime Solutions an Atlanta based company owned by Mark Wilson who was an African American business man. Dunn and Bradstreet gave Mr. Wilson a \$25,000.00 contract. Built into a multi million dollar call center. Seven years ago he started Chime Solutions. Located in Dallas, Atlanta and Charleston. Mr. Wilson would like to bring to Blytheville a service center dedicated to Cigna Insurance. Training would last eight weeks, 40 hours a week. Company was not asking for incentive money but were asking to train our people and pay them while being trained. Request for \$1,991,531.00 to train 150 people over the eight week period. To be hired by Chime you had to pass an aptitude test, drug screening, Cigna would begin the eight weeks of training. State was interested in helping and Mr. Chitwood was expecting between \$500,000.00 and \$800,000.00 and would come off the \$1,991,531.00. Training would be thru ANC. Payroll started after pre- employment training. Gene Bennett addressed the committee. \$360,000.00 for Cigna training, \$81,250.00 for pre- employment training, \$82,031.00 for new hire training, management and support staff training \$9,875.00. Child care would be available. Medical, 401, retirement provided. Justice McDonald thought everyone should be employed over minimum wage. Mississippi County should not be in the bottom 10 in the nation. Justice McDonald was in support of Chime Solutions. Mayor Sanders and Mayor Wilson were also in support of Chime Solutions. Motion was made by Justice Cecil McDonald to move the recommendation to the full court to appropriate \$1,991,531.00 for Chime Solutions for training for 150 people. Second was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan. Motion passed.
3. Sierra Group. Request. 30 jobs//500K loan. Recommendation \$250,000.00 on loan payment. Sierra Group was expanding 30 jobs. Financing had been secured with a loan for \$500,000.00 from Southern Bancorp. The Executive Board recommended a \$250,000.00 offset payment on the \$500,000.00 loan. Loan secured would have second lien on equipment. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to approve the request. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.

4. Wheatland Tube- ATLAS Company. \$50 million investment. 60 jobs. \$25 to \$32 per hour. Recommended package of \$550K capital offset with recommendation that \$250K be contributed to Grow Mississippi County for Wheatley and Atlas employees under the WH-LH program. 200 people working when staffed. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to support the recommendation. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.
5. USS. BRS. Mr. Chitwood recommended a new Economic Development contract with BRS and USS for \$1 million in capital offsets in exchange for 100 new jobs. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan for the recommendation. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.
6. Mr. Chitwood introduced Mallory Darby the new Vice President of Great River Economic Foundation.
7. Tachyon a German company. Made electric batteries for charging stations. Snyder building was shown. Getting figures on some repairs to the building. Checked to see if the wet fire system was adequate for batteries or a dry system needed to be put in. Over 400 workers were expected.
8. S-K a Korean Company. Chemical manufacturer. They were looking at a qualified site in Osceola near BRS. Job figures about 150.
9. Frigortec. County helped expand from 4 jobs to 10 jobs. Frigortec was looking at adding another 30 jobs and bringing a large part of their manufacturing from Germany to Blytheville. Also interested in the Snyder Building.
10. Judge Nelson would be hosting representatives from Senator Boozman and Senator Cotton's office next week.
11. Quorum Court Tuesday June 28th at 6:00 p.m. Osceola Courthouse
12. Meeting adjourned.
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

*A RESOLUTION TO ADD JUNETEENTH AS A COUNTY HOLIDAY AND TO INCLUDE IT IN THE
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS*

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has approved these amendments to the handbook; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

- DATE: _____

JOHN ALAN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE

JANICE CURRIE, COUNTY CLERK
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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-_____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC
DEFENDER'S OFFICE RENT INCREASE

WHEREAS, certain functions of the government of Mississippi County, Arkansas are in need of funding, including the need to cover a rent increase for the Public Defender's office; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Public Defender of Mississippi County recently received a rent increase from three-hundred dollars to four-hundred dollars per month; and

WHEREAS, the County had previously appropriated the Public Defender's Office an entire year's worth of rent based upon a rate of three-hundred dollars per month. Therefore, an additional six-hundred dollars are needed in order to pay the office's rent for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved these appropriations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2022 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.0417.3070	Rent	\$600.00

II.

All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices, departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed, are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-_____

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SMALL
EQUIPMENT BY THE VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER*

WHEREAS, certain functions of the government of Mississippi County, Arkansas are in need of funding, including the Veteran's Service Officer's need to purchase various small office equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Service Officer is needing to purchase certain equipment including, but not limited to, a computer, a monitor and a printer; and

WHEREAS, the total amount needed for the purchases is three-thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved these appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2022 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.0800.2002	Small Equipment	\$3,000.00

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All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices, departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed, are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-_____

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR
THE CHIME SOLUTIONS CALL CENTER PROJECT*

WHEREAS, certain functions of the government of Mississippi County, Arkansas are in need of funding including an appropriation that will cover expenses associated with the incentives offered to Chime Solutions and their plans to open a call center and training facility within the County; and

WHEREAS, Chime Solutions, by and through Arkansas native-son Mark Wilson, plans to invest this money within Mississippi County, Arkansas with the intention of developing a modern workforce and to offer economic opportunities targetting African-American women within the county, an otherwise under-tapped workforce; and

WHEREAS, the expenses are estimated to be \$1,991,531.00. This money shall be used for employee training including, but not limited to pre-employment training, Cigna specific training and new hire training; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation has been reviewed by the Planning & Development Committee who approved this action and has sent it to the full court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

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The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2022 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3414.0174.3999	Chime Solutions/Call Center Project	\$1,991,531.00

II.

All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices, departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed, are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-_____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL CAPITAL OFFSETS

WHEREAS, certain functions of the government of Mississippi County, Arkansas are in need of funding including an appropriation that will cover expenses associated with general capital offsets that are being awarded within Mississippi County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, these offsets are awarded to different industries by the County Government as an incentive for the industries to invest within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to appropriate an additional one million dollars for the purpose of awarding these capital offsets; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation has been reviewed by the Planning & Development Committee who approved this action and has sent it to the full court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2022 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3414.0177.3999	General Capital Offsets	\$1,000,000.00

II.

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-_____

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR
ECONOMIC INCENTIVES OFFERED TO THE SIERRA GROUP*

WHEREAS, certain functions of the government of Mississippi County, Arkansas are in need of funding including an appropriation that will cover expenses associated with the incentives offered to The Sierra Group and their plans to expand and create jobs within the County; and

WHEREAS, The Sierra Group plans to expand their business into manufacturing and will create thirty jobs from this expansion; and

WHEREAS, The Sierra Group has secured a loan in the amount of \$500,000.00 from Southern Bancorp. The County offers \$250,000.00 to The Sierra Group as a capital offset and shall be given a second lien on Sierra Group's equipment as collateral; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation has been reviewed by the Planning & Development Committee who approved this action and has sent it to the full court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2022 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3414.0175.3999	Sierra Group Project	\$250,000.00

II.

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-_____

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR
ECONOMIC INCENTIVES OFFERED TO WHEATLAND TUBE*

WHEREAS, certain functions of the government of Mississippi County, Arkansas are in need of funding including an appropriation that will cover expenses associated with the incentives offered to Wheatland Tube and their plans to expand and create jobs within the County; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland Tube plans to construct a facility next to its sister company Atlas Tube and this expansion will create sixty jobs within the county; and

WHEREAS, the County offers \$500,000.00 to Wheatland Tube as an incentive to invest within the County in the form of a capital offset; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation has been reviewed by the Planning & Development Committee who approved this action and has sent it to the full court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2022 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3414.0176.3999	Wheatland Tube	\$500,000.00

II.

All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices, departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed, are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.

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