

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

**ATTENDANCE: Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Betty Hepler; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Finance Kelli Jones; Assessor Harley Bradley; Collector Susan Short; Sheriff Dale Cook; Major Rob Rounsavall; Captain Morgan George; Judge John Alan Nelson; Norris Watkins; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.**

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. There was no quorum for the meeting. Justice Jackson asked the committee only look at the items that could be sent to Quorum Court with a recommendation.**
- 2. Monthly expenses looked good. Fuel prices seemed to be running out of budget. Lease was up on a tractor at the landfill and it was purchased.**
- 3. Grant for Juvenile Officers. Discussion was held last month. Money was received from the State to pay the bonus amount. County would pay the matching part of social security, Medicare and retirement. \$2,295.00 taxes, \$4,596.00 retirement. Money would be deposited in County General and paid out thru Juvenile Personnel Services account number. Justice Jackson recommended to send to the Quorum Court.**
- 4. Courtroom Security Grant. Wayne Reynolds applied for the grant for Osceola District Court and was approved. Upgrades for security gate for parking area, cameras for security and a panic button system. Total \$11,520.00. Auditors and Eddie Jones recommended the bills be paid thru the AP process. Appropriation for entire amount of grant was needed. Small equipment account number would be used.**
- 5. Sheriff's requests from Fire, Police & Safety. Budget amendment of \$50,000.00 for purchase of small equipment. Justice Jackson recommended to wait until there was a quorum to send to Finance Committee. Money needed to be appropriated to re cable the jail for voice over IP. Norris Watkins made the recommendation for the upgrade.**
- 6. Law enforcement stipend. Sheriff Cook submitted a roster for 34 officers that were eligible for the \$5,000.00. Governor Hutchinson came with a proposal to give certified law enforcement officers a \$5,000.00 stipend. AAC advised to appropriate the money to make the payments on the first payroll after receiving the money. \$170,000.00 in salaries, \$13,005.00 social security and Medicare, \$26,044.00 in retirement, Move to Quorum Court with recommendation.**
- 7. HRA/CILOB. Cash in lieu of benefits would not be ready by the Quorum Court Meeting. Money would need to be appropriated to cover payments. Recommended to go to Quorum Court.**
- 8. Insurance Blytheville Courthouse. Builders risk policy. Insurance had expired and needed to be renewed. AAC was self- insured to \$250,000.00 and then extra insurance was**

**purchased. Recommended to appropriate money to purchase insurance for the remainder of the year in the amount of \$40,520.55.**

**9. Health Units. ARP Committee appropriated \$15,000.00 to start the process of renovating the health units. Appropriation was needed for the bills that had come in. \$35,000.00 from ARP money.**

**9. Administration Policy was needed to be adopted in order to accept Federal Grants. Recommended to go to Quorum Court.**

**10. Energy & Property recommended an appropriation of \$50,000.00 for upcoming change orders. Needed to go to Quorum Court.**

**11. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**