

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Tobbye McClanahan; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Reggie Cullom; Finance Kelli Jones; Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason; Collector Susan Short; Assessor Harley Bradley; County Clerk Janice Currie; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; NEA Town Courier.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Today was the first budget meeting. Kelli Jones was working on the budget sheets. Collector Susan Short asked when the move back to Courthouse was complete if she could budget in a storage room. Justice White and Justice Jackson were working on a project to bring to the Quorum Court and County Judge to purchase a building for storage. Leslie Mason's storage room was also looked at.**
- 2. Revenues. County General with sub funds, Road Department with sub funds, landfill and Jail. Rough draft of projections for 2023. Harley Bradley said the revised abstract was over \$4 million. Did not include pilot agreements. Only 10% of projected revenues could be budgeted. 2022 budget \$9,337,456.46. Projected 2023 \$10,651,289.00. Available to budget \$9,586 million.**
- 3. Mr. Bradley said some farmers were not happy with the solar projects. There was a clause in the contract that stated if electricity was not sold they did not get paid. An agreement had to be signed by the solar energy companies with who they were going to market with. Agreements needed to be signed and in place. Justice White didn't know if the agreements would be signed. County Judge could sign or not sign the agreements. Another route would be to go to the cities. Justice Cullom asked why the agreements had not been signed. Justice White thought Judge Nelson would discuss it with the Court. Not signing the abatement did not kill the project. Justice Cullom would be bringing information at the next Insurance Meeting.**
- 4. Landfill. Projected \$4 million. County Roads. Projected \$3.3 million. County had reserves. Revenues better than last year. Jail. \$3.8 million included transfer from County General \$1.25. All Elected Officials did a good job staying in their budgets.**
- 5. Leslie Mason asked if she and Janice Currie needed to have a line item in the new budget for book preservation. Justice Jackson suggested to ask for an amount this year and additional amount in future years. Justices would like to see the project done over several years.**
- 6. Leslie Mason's office would start e-recording in real estate starting in November.**
- 7. Regular Finance Meeting next Monday the 19th. Looked at expenditure reports, Arkansas DOT road sub fund. Senior Citizens equipment issues, School resource officer for Manila and Armored, Trip to Washington D.C., cleaning Circuit Clerk books, maintenance contract for elevators in new Courthouse, Revival bills for Health**

Departments. Finish revenues on the 26th. Quorum Court on the 27th. Expenditures started on Monday October 3.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George