

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Toby McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Betty Hepler; OEM Wayne Reynolds; NEA Courier News Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Justice Jackson gave an update on ARP funds. July 28th balance in the bank was \$7,346,212.44. Expenditures were for Hyper-Reach software \$10,000.00, professional services \$10,000.00 for consultant, aid for the City of Joiner \$6,021.51, Town of Dell \$53,068.50. \$79,090.01 had been appropriated. Construction in progress for Health Units. \$50,000.00 had been appropriated. \$45,841.22 had been used. \$650,000.00 appropriated for Sheriff Department cars, \$406,637.00 spent, balance left \$243,163.00.00. \$100,000.00 under vehicles had not been used and Senior Citizens \$101,000.00 had not been used. Vehicles had been tabled earlier but were back on the table. Vehicles were not available at this time. \$1,048.42 for vaccines incentives. \$901,676.02 had been appropriated. \$279,262.19 had not been spent.

2. \$1.2 million for the Health Units had been verbally committed. \$250,000.00 grant would also go for the Health Units. Osceola Courthouse. Governor Hutchinson had given money for preservation and heritage. Grant money was available. Aaron Ruby was working on the grant. Asking for the heat & air. Match money may be available. Justice Ash thought hot water was needed before anything else. State law required hot water. Justice McClanahan was concerned there was no maintenance person for the new courthouse. Should be included in a job description. Justice Burge thought there was no one designated. J.T. Harris was under Roads & Bridges.

3. Discussion was held with the Humane Society to purchase land and building behind the Courthouse. A market analyst would be contacted. The building was about 3,000 square feet.

4. Repairing old books in the County Clerk's office. The Court thought they money could be budgeted over a few years.

5. Judge mentioned the north end clean up at the old air base. He had been working with the lobbying firm about something coming at the first of the year and moving in the right direction.

6. City of Dell, Joiner were given money. Burdette asked for money to help with a sewer issue. Burdette submitted an invoice for \$15,000.00. Mullinex Firm had helped several cities with their water and sewer projects. The request would go to Finance.

7. Delta Byway had approached the County. KATV from Little Rock was doing a series on day destinations. This region was given two spots. One was Mississippi County as a whole. Live remote would be done from Dyess at the Johnny Cash boyhood home. 6 segments

totaling five minutes. They asked to find different locations around the County to highlight. Price \$1,250.00.

8. Radios. Judge Nelson wanted to make sure the antennas and boxes were compatible with the new radios. Another source was found that could possibly give money to help pay for the radios. Justice Ash thought a commitment was needed from the court so radios could be ordered. Project possibly six to twelve months. Bid was renewed. Life of radios was five years. Radios were fifteen years old. Justice McClanahan asked if money could be put back each year for the radios. Justice Ash suggested \$100,000.00 a year to be set aside. Wayne Reynolds talked with Motorola and they would keep pricing for a little longer. 112 radios for Sheriff's Department. 50 for fire departments. Moved to Finance without a recommendation.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George