

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
October 25, 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. Justice Joe Lewis, Sr. gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash
Justice Burge
Justice Cullom
Justice Fleeman
Justice Hepler

Justice Jackson
Justice Lewis
Justice McDonald
Justice White

Absent: Justices Mangat and McClanahan. 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.

In the treasurer's report, County Treasurer Peggy Meatte reported the interest rate at Farmers Bank and Trust was 2.25% on \$100,000.00 for one year. First Commercial was offering a special interest rate of 2.75% for thirteen months. Sales tax was down a bit from last month but was still one of the highest in the last ten years rise and she expects this month to be back up. She also stated county general funds were in good shape.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Justice White reported the committee met on 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17. Topics of discussion were:

- Projected revenues were reviewed and wrapped up.
- Elected officials and department heads are submitting their 2023 budgets
- Updating radio equipment for OEM and Sheriff's Department at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million
- \$500,000.00 for County and Circuit Clerks' book restoration project

American Rescue Plan Committee: Justice Jackson reported the committee met on September 29 and on October 17. Topics discussed were:

- Tucker Brackins from the Mullenix Firm (a full service government lobbying firm in Little Rock) handed out information packages and discussed the application process of the cities wishing to apply for grants.

Nicholas Bertucci, state regional VSO district manager addressed the court via telephone conference.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-FUND TO BE CALLED THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATC); AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. Following the reading, Justice White informed the court this ordinance required three readings and made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan Following the second reading by title only, Justice White moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan. Following the third reading by title only, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Jackson seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Mangat and McClanahan. O-2022-59 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MISSISSIPPI COUNTY TO ACCEPT BIDS FROM AND DO BUSINESS WITH KEVIN COOPER D/B/A EAGLE LASER ENGRAVING AND GRAPHICS, LOCATED IN LEACHVILLE, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PUROSES. Following the reading, Justice White informed the court this ordinance also required three readings and made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan Following the second reading by title only, Justice White moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan. Following the third reading by title only, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan. O-2022-60 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MISSISSIPPI COUNTY TO ACCEPT BIDS FROM AND DO BUSINESS WITH MAILBOXES AND BEYOND. Following the reading, Justice White informed the court this ordinance also required three readings and made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan Following the second reading by title only, Justice White moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading by title only, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Mangat and McClanahan. Following the third reading by title only, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman,

Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan. O-2022-61 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO FUND THE BOOK RESTORAION PROJECT FOR THE COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERK. Following the reading Justice Jackson moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan. O-2022-62 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE CAPITAL EXPENSE OFFSETS FOR THREE PROJECTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. . Following the reading Justice Jackson moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Jackson, Lewis and White; Nay --- None; Absent ---Mangat and McClanahan. O-2022-63 was adopted by the court.

Respectfully submitted:



Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary

**QUORUM COURT
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Tuesday, November 29, 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**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Roll Call**
- 5. Reading/Approval of Minutes**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Committee Reports**
 - Finance Committee (10/24)- Chairman Justice Michael White
 - Personnel Committee 10/27)-Chairman Justice Rick Ash
 - Finance Committee (10/31)-Chairman Justice Michael White
 - Road & Bridges Committee (11/2)-Chairman Justice Rick Ash
 - Finance Committee (11/7)-Chairman Justice Michael White
 - Insurance Committee (11-10)-Chairman Justice Reggie Cullom
 - American Rescue Plan Committee (11/15)-Chairman Justice Molly Jackson
 - Finance Committee (11-28)-Chairman Justice Michael White
- 8. Resolutions:**
- 9. Ordinances:**
 - Ordinance – Appropriation Antenna for Steven Crosskno
 - Ordinance – Appropriation 2023 budget
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Old Business**
- 12. Announcements**
- 13. Adjourn**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Betty Hepler; Juvenile Daryl Turner; Public Defender John Bradley; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Finance Kelli Jones; Public Affairs Tom Henry.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice White.

2. Public Defender budget. Request for increase for County paid investigator. \$42,000.00 per year. Increase of rent for another office. Previous tenant paid \$400.00. \$9,600.00. Total request \$161,434.08.

3. Coroner budget. Mike Godsey said they had been paying \$35.00 per call out. Mr. Godsey requested the amount be raised to \$70.00. Justice Ash thought the request was reasonable. Other miscellaneous was where body bags were bought, paper, pens etc. to \$4,000.00. Fuel/oil/lubricants increased to \$2,000.00. A new coroner had to have a 40 hour training course.

4. Landfill budget. James Roundtree and J.T. Harris requested another full- time position. The landfill had nine employees and one part- time. Contract labor line had been used to pay an employee with Temps Plus. There were unfunded slots. Overtime was reduced from \$40,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Contract labor reduced from \$20,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Fuel increased to \$250,000.00. \$1 million had been put in CD's. Another \$500,000.00 expected. A Personnel Committee would meet to discuss the request.

5. Veterans Service Officer. Veterans service officer wanted to leave and another person was read to take the position. Judge Nelson requested another position to give the VSO some help. Full-time or part-time. Personnel committee would meet Thursday the 27th at 1:45.

6. Juvenile budget. Juvenile had 2 vehicles. Postage up to \$1,000.00, drug supplies \$2,500.00, printing supplies \$300.00, repair/parts/autos \$2,000.00. \$25,000.00 increase on jail budget. \$100,000.00. Faulkner County, Yell County, Springdale were used for bed space. Justice Burge stated the jail had disposed of the Juvenile portion last year. Jail space was hard to find. When a juvenile was charged as an adult they could not be with the juveniles. Travel may be decreased. \$10,000.00 out of 1000 account.

7. Blytheville and Osceola Health Units. Contract labor was only request to change. Marcus Anderson was cleaning for \$950.00 plus \$50.00 per month for supplies. Would like to change supplies to \$75.00. \$12,300.00. Osceola was charged \$850.00 per month. Would like to raise to \$900.00 per month. \$11,100.00. Justice Jackson thought it should be adjusted because of the upcoming renovation. There was one bid for the renovation. Budget accepted.

8. County Roads. Fuel increased to \$250,000.00. The road department wanted to get three vehicles and replace Judge Nelsons vehicle. \$210,000.00 built in for the purchase for the

vehicles. 5% raise built in for employees. Basically carried over from 2022. A mini excavator may be purchased. Tractor and trailer was needed. Grader blades increased. Road material was left the same. Relocating of utilities was done when bridges were repaired. Fund balance in general fund \$696,000.00. CD fund \$2.3 million. GPS tracking system had been put on the graders. Justice Ash thought \$1,500.00 for overtime was enough when there was inclement labor. Justice Ash would like to see it raised to \$3,000.00.

9. Personnel meeting Thursday, October 27th at 1:45. Annex building.

10. Billie Ann Heugel was working on the insurance quotes and the HRA payments.

11. Quorum Court October 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Osceola Courthouse.

12. Francis Lewis was wanting to speak to the court to offer Air Evac services for the counties. Kelli Jones stated a Resolution was passed that only Aflac could do new policies. Payroll deductions were hard. Mr. Lewis would speak to the Finance Committee Monday.

13. Justice Burge wanted to see a line item budget for Economic Development.

14. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2022 1:45 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; VSO Samuel Bibbs; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Finance Kelli Jones; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Ash.
 2. Judge Nelson and Justice Burge requested an additional person to be added at the landfill. Overtime was up because of fires. Hazardous material was being brought to the landfill. James Rountree sent a list of employees and daily duties. Justice Burge thought there was a need for another employee. 75 % to 85% of the time Mr. Rountree had to run a piece of equipment. When Class 4 cell opened it took another person to be there. Temporary employee was being used and can operate different equipment. Mr. Rountree would like to hire him full-time the first of the year. Landfill was doing well. \$2 million in CD fund. Over budget mainly because of fuel costs. Projected revenue for 2023. \$3.5 million. Justice Burge recommended the request. Salary, benefits. \$53,062.07.
 3. Judge Nelson said there was an employee terminated. The temporary employee would be hired full-time. There were 11 positions, 10 pieces of equipment and the scale house. Currently 9 positions were filled. Judge Nelson thought three more positions were needed. Absences were a problem. Tonnage was 90 thousand in 2019, down in 2020, 90 thousand in 2021, 110 thousand in 2022. Tonnage was up because of industry. \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 would be spent to put probes in the landfill to locate hazardous material. Five slots were open. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to fund three positions at the landfill. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Recommendation will go to Finance. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to remove all unfunded slots in current employee allotment. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motions passed.
 4. Judge Nelson requested funding a second VSO. There were two offices in the County. Osceola and Blytheville. Claims, consults, phone calls, referrals that were tracked. Samuel Bibbs was the new VSO and had worked in veteran services prior to his employment. Mr. Bibbs handed out information that was provided for our Veterans. Justice Ash asked if the position needed to be another VSO or someone to help with appointments. Vermalene A. Smith was retiring and would be interested in helping train Mr. Bibbs. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to hire a part-time employee up to 19 hours to assist in the training of Samuel Bibbs. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed. Energy & Property Meeting would be called.
 5. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Fred Fleeman; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Betty Hepler; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason; Judge Catherine Dean; Judge Shannon Langston; Air Evac Francis Lewis.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Francis Lewis wanted to talk about Air Evac membership. Meeting was turned over to Mr. Francis. Mr. Francis wanted to offer it to the county employees with a discount. Normal cost \$85.00 per year. Discounted with payroll deductions \$60.00 per household. Two deductions a year. County would make one payment per year for employees that had signed up for the membership.**
- 2. Leslie Mason had been moving books back to the courthouse. Mrs. Mason asked for more shelving. 18 toppers were needed. Justice Jackson thought more should be ordered to put under the windows. The committee told Mrs. Mason to order the toppers.**
- 3. Judge Catherine Dean had software problems between the District Court and the Sheriff's Department. Software was not compatible. The office was currently back- scanning documents preparing to go online. The Sheriff's department programmers could write a patch. The office was required to hand enter all county tickets, including MCSD, Arkansas State Police entered at MCSD, warrants and arrests. The office was not able to keep up with the outstanding fines and costs which prevents them from collecting outstanding fines and costs. Sheriff Cook was added to the next Finance agenda. Judge Dean requested the Court consider providing a full-time or part-time employee to hand enter all county tickets, arrests, fine and cost payments to insure compliance with Court orders. Base salary \$11,440.00. \$11.00 per hour, 20 hours week- No benefits. \$1,000.00 for office supplies, education courses and dues. \$11,000.00 would be put in the budget for contract labor.**
- 4. ARP Fund. Fund balance \$6,342,095.30. \$28,191.28 2021 spent plus 2022 \$703,305.53. 2023 request. \$1.4 million committed. \$100,000.00 for vehicles was for the Senior Citizens Center. Health Units would be rebid.**
- 5. Courtroom Security Grant. Wayne Reynolds would apply for the grant in 2023. County Library, Hospital Tax Account was included in county financials per auditors request.**
- 6. Judge, Economic Development, Blytheville District Court, Boating Safety, Property Reappraisal, Adult Drug Court presented next finance. Revisit Sheriff budget. Regular Finance would meet on the 23rd.**
- 7. Sheriff's budget. Sheriff Cook had multiple new requests. Included ½ million for the radio system, cabling, 16 radar units, 10 computers, 10 shot guns, spike strips. \$1.2 million over and above this years budget. New phone system was needed. The system now was not stable. AWIN grant may be available for the radios.**

8. Personnel met last week. Judge Nelson had asked for a new operator. Additional two positions were asked for. Justice Burge thought only one should be hired now and ask later if another position was needed. Justice White thought a part time VSO officer was needed. Justice Ash thought an Administrative Assistant may be needed at a later date.

9. Farm land had been awarded. \$250.00 cash guarantee or higher 30/70 split on grain crops, 25/75 on cotton. Four year lease. Scott and Gavin Sullivan were awarded the bid.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

ROAD & BRIDGES MEETING
November 2, 2022 1:30 Annex Building

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Michael White; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Fred Fleeman; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Clif Chitwood; Mayor Sally Wilson; Judge John Alan Nelson.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash. ARDOT was making plans to improve the intersection of Keiser and Hwy. 61 in Osceola. State had the project planned for 2025. Meeting was turned over to Mayor Sally Wilson. Corrected expense sheet was handed out. Total Cost \$1,573,000.00. No action was requested today. Project was expanding a turn lane, add lanes going north. Utility lines had to be moved. Osceola gave an incentive to Big River Steel and U.S. Steel. Pilot agreement from Big River Steel was \$6,828,856.84. Justice Ash said the project had increased in price. Justice Ash thought the project was more infrastructure. The committee needed more information before a Resolution would be recommended. Mayor Wilson would be coming back to the committee with other requests.**
 - 2. Judge Nelson spoke with Justice White about going from two large hospitals to emergency care. A study was needed to see where we needed to go. Hospital beds were full and staff short. Subject had been approached with Federal lobbyist.**
 - 3. Custodial duties. One custodian now and another to be hired. Judge Nelson wanted to hire a professional cleaner to help with the Blytheville Courthouse. A list of the duties were handed out. There were 15 bathrooms in the Courthouse, taking trash out was a major duty. Sweeping, mopping, cleaning windows, dusting etc. was a large job. CNI hired a company that charged \$23.50 an hour per person. 8 or 10 people, 52 weeks was \$100,000.00.**
 - 4. Bid proposal was received for the antenna on the tower that was removed. \$4,154.91. Request would go to Finance on the 23rd. VSO office needed to be repaired. Energy & Property would meet to discuss the problems.**
 - 5. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Economic Development Cliff Chitwood; Sheriff Dale Cook; Captain Morgan George; Major Rob Rounsavall; Finance Kelli Jones; Norris Walker; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; VSO Samuel Bibbs; Kenny Noble; Randy Scott; Attorney Jacob Holmes; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Meeting was turned over to Norris Walker. Apprentice Information System had possibly been compromised. 80 counties in Arkansas and Oklahoma were shut down. Possibly two weeks before the computers were restored.
2. The Sheriff Department had the biggest increase that had been requested. Small equipment original request \$105,000.00. New request \$590,000.00 for AWIN radios and additional equipment. Fuel/lubricants \$352,000.00. Reduced to \$302,000.00. \$316,000.00 taken out for cars and would use ARP funds. Computer services \$100,000.00 plus \$88,000.00 for re cabling. Radios were okay to order. \$485,000.00. AWIN Grant maybe available.
3. Economic Development. Kenny Noble served as treasurer for GREDF. The board thought it was time to add an Administrative Assistant to assist the VP and Executive Director. \$50,000.00 to cover the salary and benefits for the position. \$441,036.00 was base line. 5% increase for salaries. 2 ½ other expenses. \$38,964.00. New request \$530,000.00. Reserves were built up with private money donated and not spending all the money from time to time. Total spend 2021 and 2022 was \$180,000.00. Fund balance down to \$76,000.00.
4. Scott Sullivan and Gavin Sullivan were awarded the farm land bid. They would have steel pipes installed. When the four year contract expired they would become the property of the county. Request for \$4,154.91 for the antenna that was destroyed when the tower was taken down. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to appropriate the money for the antenna. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed. Judge Nelson requested more custodial help. Two full time for daily duties and a professional company for heavy cleaning. Contract labor was suggested. Drew Bevill was under contract for the landscaping in Blytheville. \$13,000.00 per year. Quote for service contract on Rapiscan x-ray machine. \$4,760.00. Elevator preventative maintenance. \$14,760.00. VSO. \$5,000.00 was budgeted in 2022 for equipment was not used. Request was to put the \$5,000.00 back in the 2023 budget.
5. Chickasaawba District Court, Adult Drug Court, Property Reappraisal, Boating safety carry over. Outstanding balance in insurance for claims in 2109. \$37,000.00. Property insurance adjusted.
6. Insurance Meeting. November 10th. 2:00 p.m. Annex building. No Finance Meeting on November 21st. Regular Finance Meeting. November 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

7. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2022 2:00 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Michael White; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Finance Kelli Jones; Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance Billie Ann Heugel; Tisha Dudley; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Reggie Cullom. Meeting was turned over to Billie Ann Heugel. Benchmarking & Utilization were how many people met deductibles, out of pocket. Average monthly premium \$896.12, Family \$1,093.26. Deductibles and out of pocket affected premiums. The county had three large claims. Premiums paid in 2022 was \$1,499,321.00. Cigna had paid claims of \$1,502,285.00. Cigna had virtual care and was not being utilized.**
 - 2. Medical Renewal. Four options. Cigna, Cigna Dual Option, BCBS, BCBS dual option. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to take BCBS dual option \$2,500.00 Base. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed. Conditional opt out provision for active employees & QC members with a monthly contribution toward other coverage. HRA that were offered had to be offered to all active employees. Taxable income. Other coverage had to be documented. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to offer the conditional opt out to all employees. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.**
 - 3. Air Evac could be done as a deduction on payroll. Resolution was in place to limit payroll deductions to Aflac. Resolution was needed to open up to Air Evac. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to pay the \$60.00 for the employees for Air Evac membership. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.**
 - 4. Property Insurance. 72 out of 75 counties utilized AAC to cover property. Contractors insurance was lost when the new courthouse opened. AAC insurance program was used. All property insurance had to be quoted next year. Justice Burge recommended to go with AAC. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to go with AAC. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.**
 - 5. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Birge; Finance Kelli Jones; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Fund balance \$7,165,641.92. Car was paid for since then approximately \$35,000.00. \$886,000.00 had been spent. I Parametrics may be used for a grant to potentially help cities with water treatment etc. They would score all applications. A sample grant application was sent. The county would send what they wanted to see in the application. An amount needed to be decided. An e-mail was received from Eddie Jones on how the money could be spent. Non- profits had to spend the money on the line item list.

2. Next year was budgeted an additional \$753,000.00 of requests. Not including the Health Department. \$1.5 million. Senior Citizens vehicle rolled over, books for Leslie Mason and Janice Currie. \$316,000.00 was potentially committed for 2023 for additional cars. Land acquisition was being worked on. \$500,000.00, health units \$1.2 million. \$4.4 million left. Judge Nelson had a project. Possibly \$1.5 million. \$2.8 million would be left.

3. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to contract with I Parametrics to create a plan for an estimated \$1 million. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed. Justice McClanahan made a motion to go with the definition under infrastructure. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Fred Fleeman; Justice Rick Ash; Finance Kelli Jones; OEM Wayne Reynolds; Prosecuting Attorney Jeremy Thomas; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Meeting was turned over to Jeremy Thomas. Prosecuting Attorney salaries were paid for by the State. Blytheville Office received around \$110,000.00, Osceola Office \$45,000.00 for office expenses. Mr. Thomas requested his budget be raised from \$45,000.00 to \$96,000.00 for salaries. Justice White asked for a budget proposal. Justice White said the Court needed more time to review the request. The budget would not be amended for the Quorum Court meeting Nov. 29, 2022.
 2. AWIN upgrades. \$900,000.00 was in the original budget. Wayne Reynolds said the \$900,000.00 was an estimate. Mr. Reynolds had the updated quote. \$1.047 million. \$100,000.00 more. Mr. Reynolds requested \$1.047 million. Request was raised to \$1.048 million.
 3. Budget. Revenue grand total \$62,566,704.07. Included the library, hospital, ARP. Courthouse. Clif Chitwood had been working with Kelli Jones to clean up the commitments that would not be used. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to present the budget to the Quorum Court with the change to the 911 request. Second was made by Justice Fred Fleeman. Motion passed.
 4. Courthouse renovation had received a second award. 911 had a problem with homes and subdivisions being built in the county and not entered into the 911 system. Mr. Reynolds requested an Ordinance requiring builders to let 911 and the Assessors Office know. Request would go to the Planning & Development Committee.
 5. Appropriation Ordinance was needed for Steven Crosskno antenna that was destroyed when the tower at the Courthouse was taken down. \$4,154.91. Motion had already been made. \$500.00 employee health & wellness benefit fund. No appropriation needed. Cigna could not purchase the gift cards anymore. County had to purchase and get reimbursed from Cigna.
 6. Monthly expenditures. 83% of the year. The county was within budget. Road department was over budget in fuel, asphalt, grave, grader blades. Judge Nelson was doing what needed to be done to the county roads and had the money. Landfill had \$1.5 in CD's purchased. Professional services \$169,000.00 and special legal fees \$208,000.00. They were FTN and Engineers.
 7. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-_____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION
OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN ANTENNA
DAMAGED DURING THE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, certain functions of the government of Mississippi County, Arkansas are in need of funding, including costs associated with the replacement of an antenna that was damaged in the course of the renovation of the Mississippi County Courthouse in Blytheville, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the antenna in question was not County property and belonged to Mr. Stephen Crosskno; and

WHEREAS, the extent of the damage to the antenna warrants the replacement of the unit, which has been valued at \$4,154.91; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved this appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, that:

I.

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

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.0111.2002	Small Equipment	\$4,154.91

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.

5 III.
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7 This Ordinance, being an appropriation ordinance, shall be in full force and effect
8 immediately from and after its passage and approval by the County Judge.
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13 DATE: _____
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APPROVED:

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18 JOHN ALAN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE
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21 ATTEST:
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26 JANICE CURRIE, COUNTY CLERK
27 & SECRETARY

1 MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

2 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-__

3 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR
4 THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
5 OPERATING ACCOUNTS; APPROPRIATING TRANSFERS; AND FOR
6 OTHER COUNTY BUDGET PURPOSES
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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY,
10 ARKANSAS:
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12 **Article 1. Annual Budget Adopted by Reference.** The annual budget for calendar year
13 2023 identified as “2023 Annual Budget, Mississippi County, Arkansas” is hereby adopted by
14 reference and attachment. A copy of said “line item budget” shall be filed in the Office of the
15 County Clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal business
16 hours.
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18 **Article 2. Non-restricted Expenditure Categories.** Expenditure of funds appropriated by
19 this Ordinance shall not be restricted to the line item expenditure codes comprising the four major
20 categories of expenditures – Personal Services, Supplies, Other Services and Charges, and Capital
21 Outlays – but shall be restricted to office/departmental expenditures within the above-enumerated
22 four major categories of expenditures except for funds appropriated for personnel salaries and wages
23 and related employee benefits. Personnel expenditures shall not exceed the dollar amounts, number
24 of employees, and salary or wage related specified in the annual budget, and amendment thereto, or
25 a pertinent compensation structure Ordinance. The County Judge is authorized and empowered to
26 modify the appropriations of the Ordinance by making transfers between three major categories
27 (Supplies, Other Services and Charges, Capital Outlays) of expenditures within each fund, but not
28 between funds. The County Judge shall report to the Quorum Court any such modifications.
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30 **Article 3. Expenditures Restricted to Specified Fund.** No expenditure of appropriated
31 funds shall be made from any fund other than the fund specified in this Ordinance or an amendment
32 thereto.
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34 **Article 4. Transfers.** Any transfers of monies between the various funds of the County or
35 transfers from or to the “Personal Services” category of any budget shall be made only with prior
36 approval of the Mississippi County Quorum Court. Provided, however, all transfers budgeted for
37 in annual budget shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.
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39 **Article 5. Appropriations.** The 2023 Mississippi County appropriations contained in this
40 Ordinance are made within the maximum allowed percentage of anticipated revenues.

7 **Article 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any
8 person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
9 applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or
10 applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.
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12 **Article 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2023.
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APPROVED:

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23 JOHN ALAN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE
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25 ATTEST:
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31 JANICE CURRIE, COUNTY CLERK
32 & SECRETARY

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
2023 ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Mississippi County Quorum Court		
Appropriation Ordinance # O -2022 -		
Schedule "A"		
ANTICIPATED REVENUE 2023		
1000	County General	\$ 9,586,160.10
1002	MSCO Employee Insurance Acct	\$ 13,500.00
1004	Inmate Incentive Program	\$ 11,646.00
1006	American Rescue Plan Fund	\$ -
2000	County Road Department	\$ 2,968,812.00
2003	Additional Motor Fuel Tax - Act 416 of 2019	\$ 145,530.00
3000	Treasurer Automation Fund	\$ 58,500.00
3001	Collector Automation Fund	\$ 124,200.00
3002	Court Automation Fund	\$ 9,702.00
3004	Assessor Amendment 79	\$ 11,250.00
3005	County Clerk Automation Fund	\$ 5,556.60
3006	Circuit Clerk/Recorder - Blytheville 25%	\$ 42,336.00
3008	County Library Fund	\$ 882,000.00
3009	County Solid Waste	\$ 3,528,000.00
3011	County Property Reappraisal	\$ 195,818.00
3012	Circuit Clerk Child Support Fees	\$ 216.09
3014	Communication/Radio Fund	\$ 62,784.00
3015	Sheriff Drug Control Fund	\$ 8,820.00
3017	MSCO Detention Center Act 1188	\$ 74,484.90
3019	Act 122 Boating Safety	\$ 1,852.20
3020	E - 911 Emergency/Floodplain	\$ 725,004.00
3024	Public Defender Fees	\$ 12,150.00
3028	Adult Drug Court	\$ 220.50
3031	Juvenile Circuit Court Funds	\$ 12,348.00
3039	Act 291 Commissioner's Fee	\$ 264.60
3042	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee Fund	\$ 617.40
3400	County Hospital Fund	\$ 3,545,784.00
3401	Senior Citizens Center Program	\$ 664,992.18
3402	Senior Citizens Equipment Fund	\$ -
3404	Circuit Clerk/Recorder - Osceola 25%	\$ 19,649.20
3405	Circuit Clerk/Recorder @ Large 75%	\$ 189,630.00
3410	Sheriff Emergency Operations	\$ -
3414	Economic Development Funds	\$ 3,600,000.00
3497	Judge "Shug" Banks Memorial Fund	\$ -
3498	County Jail Operations tax	\$ 3,990,098.13
3504	Juvenile Grant Fund	\$ -
3512	Sheriff JAG Grant	\$ -
3517	LLEBG Grant	\$ -

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
2023 ANTICIPATED REVENUE

3524	Courtroom Security Grant	\$ -
4800	Blytheville Courthouse Construction Fund	\$ -
4801	Osceola Courthouse Construction Fund	\$ -
4802	Courthouse Construction CD Fund	\$ -
	Total Anticipated Revenue - 2023	\$ 30,491,925.90
	Total Fund Balance/CD Carryover	\$ 32,086,928.17
	GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 62,578,854.07

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
2023 APPROPRIATIONS

Mississippi County Quorum Court			
Appropriation Ordinance # O-2022-			
Schedule "A"			
COUNTY GENERAL - 1000 - APPROPRIATIONS 2023			
1000.0100	County Judge	431,836.75	
1000.0101	County Clerk	717,815.98	
1000.0102	Circuit Clerk	924,117.71	
1000.0103	County Treasurer	178,218.17	
1000.0104	County Collector	367,848.70	
1000.0105	County Tax Assessor	735,577.71	
1000.0107	County Quorum Court	229,542.08	
1000.0108	County Courthouses	508,116.50	
1000.0109	County Election Office	94,350.00	
1000.0111	Other County Expenses	292,800.00	
1000.0113	Financial Management Offices	256,872.52	
1000.0300	County Health Department - Bly	52,632.00	
1000.0305	County Health Department - Osc	48,290.00	
1000.0400	County Sheriff Department	4,159,008.62	
1000.0401	Circuit Court	53,400.00	
1000.0403	Circuit Judge Dan Ritchey	11,450.00	
1000.0409	Chickasawba District Civil Division	93,280.00	
1000.0410	Osceola District Civil Division	108,746.00	
1000.0415	Juvenile Intake	481,349.88	
1000.0416	Prosecuting Attorney Office	230,652.52	
1000.0417	Public Defender Office	165,809.60	
1000.0419	County Coroner	50,053.96	
1000.0500	Office of Emergency Management	91,773.02	
1000.0800	Veterans Services	69,850.00	
1000.0801	Cooperative Extension Office	128,550.00	
1000.8888	Transfers Out to other Funds	2,151,002.28	(Sr.Cz. & Jail Opr)
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL EXPENDITURES		12,632,944.00	
Other County General Restricted Funds - Appropriation 2023			
1002.0118	MSCO Insurance Account	13,500.00	
1004.0418	Inmate Incentive Program	17,200.00	
1006	ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND	1,016,053.98	
		1,046,753.98	
GRAND TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL		13,679,697.98	

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2023 APPROPRIATIONS

Road Department Account - Appropriation 2023			
2000.0200	County Road Department	3,841,740.33	
2003.0200	Additional Motor Fuel Tax-Act 416 of 2019	145,000.00	
	GRAND TOTAL ROAD DEPARTMENT	3,986,740.33	
Special Revenue Accounts Restricted - Appropriation 2023			
3000.0103	County Treasurer Automation	105,418.84	
3001.0104	County Tax Collector Automation	107,118.00	
3002.0404	Court Automation Act 1809	11,100.00	
3004.0105	Assessor Amendment 79	9,000.00	
3005.0101	County Clerk Automation	10,800.00	
3006.0102	Circuit /Recorder 25% - Blytheville	72,200.00	
3008.0600	County Library Fund	882,000.00	
3009.0700	Solid Waste/Landfill	3,063,207.34	
3011.0117	County Property Reappraisal	195,818.00	
3012.0102	Circuit Clerk Child Support Fees	600.00	
3014.0400	Communication/Radio Fund	67,150.00	
3015.0400	Sheriff Drug Control Fund	5,000.00	
3017.0434	MSCO Detention Center Act 1188	70,000.00	
3019.0505	Act 122 Boating Safety	1,800.00	
3020.0501	E-911 Emergency/Flood Plain	1,530,166.78	
3028.0405	MSCO Adult Drug Court	2,800.00	
3031.0414	Juvenile Division of Circuit Court	32,900.00	
3039.0102	Circuit Clerk Commissioners Fees	8,745.00	
3042.0105	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee Fund	-	
3400.0302	County Hospital Fund	3,545,784.00	
3401.0804	Senior Citizens Center	664,414.39	
3402.0804	Senior Citizens Equipment Fund	42,015.04	
3404.0102	Circuit/Recorder 25% - Osceola	10,000.00	
3405.0102	Circuit/Recorder 75% @ large	147,940.08	
3410.0400	Sheriff Emergency Operations Fund	1,000.00	
3414.0129	Economic Development Fund	6,682,797.23	
3498.0418	County Jail Operations Fund	3,989,108.23	
3504.0400	County Juvenile Grant Fund	2,500.00	
3512.0400	Sheriff JAG Grant	16,000.00	
3517.0400	LLEBG Grant	2,295.00	
3524.0503	Courtroom Security Grant	11,520.00	
4800.0108	Blytheville Courthouse Construction Fund	233,465.58	
4801.0108	Osceola Courthouse Construction Fund	15,000.00	
4802.0108	Courthouse Construction CD Fund	-	
		21,539,663.51	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2023		39,206,101.82	