

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
November 29, 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 Neal Burge 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 Lewis  
Justice McClanahan  
Justice White

Absent: Justices Jackson, Mangat and McDonald. 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 Finance Director Kelli Jones reported the interest rate at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Eastern AR was 3.25% on \$100,000.00 for one year. First Commercial was offering a special interest rate of 3.25% for thirteen months.

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance Committee:*** Justice White reported the committee met on 10/24, 10/31, 11/7 and 11/28. Topics of discussion were:

- Completing the 2023 budgeting process
- County in good financial standing
- Two ordinances to come before the court, budget and cost of tower antenna.
- Wayne Reynolds updating the radio system

***Personnel Committee:*** Justice Ash reported the committee met on October 27, 2022 and discussed:

- Possible employee positions at the landfill
- VSO part-time position filled

***Roads and Bridges Committee:*** Justice Ash reported the committee met on November 2, 2022 with Osceola Mayor, Sally Wilson to discuss the widening of the intersection of Keiser and US Hwy 61. No action requested at the meeting. ARDOT was making plans for this project in 2025.

Also discussed was the bid proposal for the tower antenna removed before courthouse renovation.

**Insurance Committee:** Justice Cullom reported the committee met on November 10, 2022 and topics discussed were:

- The committee's selection of Blue Cross/Blue Shield as the county's insurance carrier.
- Justice Burge's suggestion that the county pay for Air-Evac for the employees.

**ARP Committee:** Justice McClanahan reported the committee met on November 15, 2022. They discussed I Parametrics may be used for a grant to potentially help municipalities with water treatment needs. Also discussed were the fund balance and the budget for 2023.

**New Business:**

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN ANTENNA DAMAGED DURING THE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Cullom seconded. Before continuing with the roll call vote, Judge Nelson stated the antenna did not belong to Mr. Crosskno as indicated in the ordinance. Justice White then proceeded to make a motion to amend the ordinance to read "Mississippi County Amateur Radio Association" as the owner. Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Lewis, McClanahan and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Jackson, Mangat and McDonald. Following the vote to amend, the vote to adopt was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Lewis, McClanahan and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Jackson, Mangat and McDonald. O-2022-64 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING ACCOUNTS; APPROPRIATING TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER COUNTY BUDGET PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Cullom seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Cullom, Fleeman, Hepler, Lewis, McClanahan and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Jackson, Mangat and McDonald. O-2022-65 was adopted by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice White moved to adjourn, Justice Hepler seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Janice Currie  
County Clerk/Secretary

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**QUORUM COURT  
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
Tuesday, December 20, 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**
  - Planning & Development (12-8) Chairman Justice Michael White
  - Finance Committee (12/12) Chairman Justice Michael White
- 8. Resolutions:**
  - Resolution Honoring Justice Fred Fleeman
  - Resolution Honoring Justice Joe Lewis
- 9. Ordinances:**
  - Ordinance – Millage Rates
  - Ordinance – Addresses by OEM
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Old Business**
- 12. Announcements**
- 13. Adjourn**



**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Betty Hepler; Finance Kelli Jones; OEM Wayne Reynolds NEA Town Courier Marcus McClain.

**1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Mr. Reynolds was having trouble with new construction addressing. Created problems for 911 services, delivery services, utility locations. Meeting was turned over to Wayne Reynolds.**

**2. Mr. Reynolds had a draft ordinance. County Attorney Jacob Holmes had a copy to review. A 911 address assigned by 911 office was needed before utilities could be connected. Circuit Clerk could not accept a plat until approved by the 911 office. When the plat was approved Mr. Reynolds would notify the Circuit Clerk and Assessor. Municipalities could assign addresses and let Mr. Reynolds know within five business days. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to take the Ordinance to Quorum Court. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.**

**3. Finance Meeting December 12, 2022 at 1:30. Annex building. Quorum Court December 20<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 p.m. Osceola Courthouse.**

**4. Economic Development. Dr. Shemwell received information on all Arkansas Secondary Institutions. Five years after graduation the average salary was received. Out of 22 community colleges ANC was almost \$10,000.00 more than the next closest. \$61,342.00 average salary. ANC compared to four year colleges. ANC was #1. \$61,342.00. Nursing department was 100% this year.**

**5. Quality of life issues. Population was downfall. Large salaries and low cost of living was a reason to move to Mississippi County. Population was needed for retail. Chime Solutions had acquired property and move in the first of the year.**

**6. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Justice Neil Burge; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Betty Hepler; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; NEA Town Courier Revis Blalock.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Neil Burge. Reviewed the expenses for November. Everything appeared to be well in line. Landfill transferred \$1.5 million this year.**
  - 2. Quorum Court December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Osceola Courthouse. County Clerk Janice Currie had the millage rates, Ordinance from Wayne Reynolds regarding 911 addresses. two Resolutions for two J.P.'s. Swearing in would be on January 1, 2023. Time would be decided. Organizational changes could be done at that time.**
  - 3. Jeremy Thomas and Coroner's budget request would be addressed in January.**
  - 4. The county was eligible for \$50,000.00 this year and \$50,000.00 next year for shared Federal money. Military bases were eligible. Defense appropriation bill passed. Justice Ash asked about the tax settlement. Available Wednesday.**
  - 5. Human Society building. Justice White talked to them about the building. The society was interested. An Energy and Property Meeting would be scheduled.**
  - 6. Vehicles for Senior Citizens Center had not been ordered. Commercial application may be opened in March or April. Electric vehicles were being made in Osceola and might be considered.**
  - 7. Update on Health Departments would be revisited. Money may need to be added. \$1.5 million was available. Current bid \$1.9 million. Asphalt for parking lots was not included. Adjustments could be made to adjust the cost.**
  - 8. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-18**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JUSTICE FRED FLEEMAN FOR  
SERVICE AS A QUORUM COURT JUSTICE FROM  
DISTRICT NO. 1**

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That **JUSTICE FRED FLEEMAN** served the citizens of Mississippi County with exceptional dedication and service and has made significant contributions to Mississippi County government and its citizens.

- I. That JUSTICE FLEEMAN served on numerous committees.**
- II. That JUSTICE FLEEMAN made generous contributions of his time and knowledge toward the goal of improving the living conditions for the residents of Mississippi County.**
- III. That this Quorum Court deeply regrets the departure of JUSTICE FLEEMAN from its membership and expresses its utmost thanks and appreciation to him for the valuable services he has rendered Mississippi County.**
- IV. That the Secretary of this Court and Clerk of the County Court is hereby directed to spread this Resolution upon the permanent records of the Quorum Court and deliver a certified copy to our former colleague and fellow Justice FRED FLEEMAN.**

**DATE: July 27, 2021**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**John Alan Nelson, County Judge**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Janice Currie, County Clerk & Secretary**

**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-19**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JUSTICE JOE LEWIS FOR  
SERVICE AS A QUORUM COURT JUSTICE FROM  
DISTRICT NO. 7**

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**That JUSTICE JOE LEWIS served the citizens of Mississippi County with exceptional dedication and service and has made significant contributions to Mississippi County government and its citizens.**

- I. That JUSTICE LEWIS served on numerous committees.**
- II. That JUSTICE LEWIS made generous contributions of his time and knowledge toward the goal of improving the living conditions for the residents of Mississippi County.**
- III. That this Quorum Court deeply regrets the departure of JUSTICE LEWIS from its membership and expresses its utmost thanks and appreciation to him for the valuable services he has rendered Mississippi County.**
- IV. That the Secretary of this Court and Clerk of the County Court is hereby directed to spread this Resolution upon the permanent records of the Quorum Court and deliver a certified copy to our former colleague and fellow Justice JOE LEWIS.**

**DATE: December 20, 2022**

**APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**John Alan Nelson, County Judge**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Janice Currie, County Clerk & Secretary**



MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RULES OF  
PROCEDURE FOR TRANSACTING BUSINESS AT ALL REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE  
QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS"**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 84(2) of Act No. 742 of the Seventy-First General Assembly and such other acts and constitutional provisions as apply thereto, the Court does hereby fix and levy County, Municipal, School District, and Arkansas Northeastern College District Taxes for the year of 2022, payable in 2023.

2. Constitutional and statutory requirements applicable to the levying of taxes in the County of Mississippi for 2022 provide that separate tax rates be fixed on real and personal property within the County and in respective school districts, municipalities, and the Arkansas Northeastern College District, unless or until rates on personal and real property have been equalized.

3. Therefore, real property millage rates, which are levied and assessed against real property, and personal property millage rates which are levied and assessed against personal property by the respective school districts, cities (municipalities), Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC), Mississippi County Conservation District (voluntary only), and the County of Mississippi (County), are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

4. The referenced/designated millage rates are hereby fixed and assessed against each dollar of assessed value, as certified by the Mississippi County Assessor, and such are directed to be extended on the tax records of Mississippi County, Arkansas.

5. The County Officers charged with the duty, by statute, of extension and collection of ad valorem taxes on property within the County of Mississippi, are hereby directed to extend and collect taxes for 2022 in the year of 2023 upon the basis of the levy of taxes and hereinabove set forth.

6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage and approval by the County Judge of Mississippi County.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

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JOHN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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JANICE CURRIE, COUNTY CLERK & SECRETARY



**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL TAX  
FOR 2022 PAYABLE IN 2023**

TOWN	DISTRICT	CO.TAX	SCHOOL	CITY	TOTAL
OSCEOLA	1N	0.0097	0.03970	0.0070	0.05640
OSCEOLA	1 OUT	0.0097	0.03970		0.04940
BLYTHEVILLE	5N	0.0097	0.04050	0.0040	0.05420
BLYTHEVILLE	5 OUT	0.0097	0.04050		0.05020
BURDETTE	5B	0.0097	0.04050	0.0050	0.05520
GOSNELL	6N	0.0097	0.03500	0.0040	0.04870
GOSNELL	6 OUT	0.0097	0.03500		0.04470
GOSNELL	6B	0.0097	0.03500	0.0040	0.04870
DELL	6D	0.0097	0.03500	0.0050	0.04970
ARMOREL	9	0.0097	0.03900		0.04870
BLYTHEVILLE	9B	0.0097	0.03900	0.0040	0.05270
LEPANTO	14	0.0097	0.03520		0.04490
MANILA	15N	0.0097	0.04140	0.0050	0.05610
MANILA	15 OUT	0.0097	0.04140		0.05110
ETOWAH	15E	0.0097	0.04140	0.0050	0.05610
LEACHVILLE	40N	0.0097	0.04000	0.0050	0.05470
LEACHVILLE	40 OUT	0.0097	0.04000		0.04970
BASSETT	57B	0.0097	0.04080	0.0014	0.05190
BIRDSONG	57S	0.0097	0.04080	0.0050	0.05550
DYESS	57D	0.0097	0.04080	0.0020	0.05250
ETOWAH	57E	0.0097	0.04080	0.0050	0.05550
JOINER	57J	0.0097	0.04080	0.0045	0.05500
KEISER	57K	0.0097	0.04080	0.0060	0.05650
LUXORA	57L	0.0097	0.04080	0.0015	0.05200
MARIE	57M	0.0097	0.04080	0.0019	0.05240
VICTORIA	57V	0.0097	0.04080	0.0050	0.05550
WILSON	57W	0.0097	0.04080	0.0023	0.05280
OSCEOLA	57/1	0.0097	0.04080	0.0070	0.05750
SO. MISS. COUNTY	57	0.0097	0.04080		0.05050
VOLUNTARY TAX ON RURAL LAND OF 10 ACRES OR MORE FOR MISS. COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT .001					
COUNTY TAX					
	GENERAL	0.0050			
	ROAD	0.0025			
	HOSPITAL	0.0010			
	ANC	0.0012			
	TOTAL	0.0097			

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SERVICE OF  
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND ASSIGNMENT OF ADDRESSES BY OEM"**

Article 1: Utility Requirements: No person, firm, corporation or any other entity shall authorize any public utility company as defined by Arkansas Law to supply any services to any new or existing residence or business in the unincorporated areas of Mississippi County until an address has been assigned by the Mississippi County 911 Office.

Article 2: No public utility company as defined by Arkansas Law shall supply any services to any new or existing residence or business in the unincorporated areas of Mississippi County until an address has been assigned by the Mississippi County 911 Office.

Article 3: Plat: The Mississippi County Circuit Clerk will not accept any plat from a person, firm, corporation, partnership or other entity until the Mississippi County 911 office has approved the addresses and/or Street name.

Article 4: Nothing in this Ordinance shall remove the ability of municipalities to provide addressing within their municipal limits. Any addresses generated by the municipality will be provided to the Mississippi County 911 Office within 5 business days.

Article 5: Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 14-14-906, any person, firm, partnership or other entity violating this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine up to \$100. Each day while such violation exists shall constitute a separate punishable offence.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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JANICE CURRIE, COUNTY CLERK & SECRETARY