

**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 Clif 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 2:00 p.m. Annex building. No Finance Meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Regular Finance Meeting. November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**7. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George.**