

**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