

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