

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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; Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason; Finance Kelli Jones; OEM Wayne Reynolds; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Sheriff Dale Cook; Captain David Gladden; Captain Morgan George; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Marcus McClain.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice White. Regular Finance meeting for Quorum Court business. Budget meeting. Zoom meeting with Federal lobbyist. Tiber Creek. Meeting was turned over to Mat & Emily from Tiber Creek.**
- 2. Mat handled the House and Emily the Senate. Clean up of the north end was top priority. Submitted appropriation request for \$12.5 million. Military construction was chosen. Extent of contamination was not know until after the transfer of land. Another toxic chemical had been discovered on site. Request was submitted on both sides. Senator Boozman was the top Republican on the Veteran sub -committee. Mississippi County was respected in D.C. New fire truck for the air base was needed. Surplus military equipment was available. Mississippi County had good relations with the congressional staffers. Funding deadline was Dec. 26th.**
- 3. The county was 75% thru the year. All Elected Officials were under budget. \$1 million was transferred to a CD for the landfill. Fuel prices higher. Election commission was done thru the County Clerk. Boot vouchers were \$120.00 and needed to be raised to \$130.00.**
- 4. Planning & Development. Appropriation request for Razorback Concrete, 5-Star Hydraulics, Ellis Transport. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$100,000.00 for Razorback Concrete, 5-Star Hydraulics each for capital expense no jobs, \$175,000.00 for Ellis Transport Osceola for capital expense and 15 job. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
- 5. New fund needed to be established for local assistance for tribal consistency fund. \$50,000.00 would be received this year and \$50,000.00 next year. Used for anything but lobbying. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to establish the new fund in County General. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**
- 6. \$500,000.00 was promised from ARP funds for restoration of books in the Circuit Clerk and County Clerk offices. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$250,000.00 to the Circuit Clerk office and \$250,000.00 to the County Clerk office for the restoration of books from the ARP money. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
- 7. HRA payments for next year. Change of broker form had been signed and quotes would be coming. Justice White said it could be built into the budget. Last year a cap was put on**

insurance. \$800.00 for medical with a 50/50 split on anything over on the employees. Justice Mangat and Justice White wanted to see what the amount would be next year.

8. Sheriff budget. Small equipment adjusted to \$590,000.00 for radios. Discussion in the past asked for \$1.5 million for radios \$150,000.00 for fire departments. \$900,000.00 would be asked for 911 budget. Replace the radios for the radio room, consoles for what 911 used. \$105,000.00 for equipment that was recommended. Radar, PBT, spike strips, car computers, shot guns. Radios were obsolete and needed to be replaced. Justice Jackson asked if radios would be replaced every 10 years. Anticipated \$1 million cost. Money could be put aside \$150,000.00 every year for the cost. Fuel cost up to \$352,000.00. Computer services up to \$88,000.00 for network upgrade. Equipment purchase up to \$75,000.00 for equipment for cars. Jail. Turn Key Health was still doing medical. Full body scanner was needed for the jail. \$20,000.00 for 5 years. Lease/Purchase.

9. Circuit Clerk budget. Public records up \$250,000.00 for restoring books. Seven different service contracts were needed for the office. County Clerk and Circuit Clerk would split rent. Janice Currie needed more additional shelves. No major changes.

10. OEM. Small increase in fuel. 911 fund. There was a quarterly revenue payment. Small equipment increase for GPS unit to get locations increased to \$14,000.00. Capital outlay equipment \$900,000.00 to update 911 system. Signs \$8,000.00. Costs increased.

11. Prosecuting Attorney. Carry over. Secretary salary reimbursement increased.

12. Circuit Court County General. Carry over. Pro-rated shared expenses.

13. Coroner and Solid Waste reviewed next week.

14. Farm land was leveled. Bids were opened today. Bids were higher than in the past. Mike & Ryan Sullivan, Sullivan Family Ag, Scott & Gavin Sullivan, Colby Sexton, Langston Enterprises submitted bids. 4 year contract.

15. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George