

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MEETING
APRIL 14, 2023 1:00 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Melinda Martin; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Collector Susan Short; County Clerk Janice Currie; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Justice Jackson gave an update on the health departments. Contract had been signed with Olympus. Pre construction meeting was held. Olympus would take possession of the building in Osceola on the 24th. Health unit would be moved to the hospital. Completion in 4 months. OAC meetings would be held every 2 weeks. \$250,000.00 grant timeline was May 2023. Extension had been applied for. Appropriation needed to go to Finance for \$1.2 million.

2. Grant Program. Cities were notified of the video shown and posted on the county website. Deadline for application was April 21. I Parametrics would give the recommendations. Each city could receive 2 grants up to \$400,000.00.

3. Recommendation was needed to use ARP funds to purchase the Humane Society building. NCEC building was empty. Humane Society had looked at the property. The county could buy the building and do a land swap. Cost \$350,000.00. Judge Nelson was in favor of having a storage area. Justice Ash recommended to purchase the Humane Society building and the Humane Society purchase the NCEC building. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to recommend to use \$350,000.00 of ARP money to purchase either the NCEC building or the Orphan Anne building and land. Second was made by Justice Reggie Cullom. Motion passed.

**4. Meeting adjourned.
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**