

**ENERGY AND PROPERTY MEETING
APRIL 14, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Michael White; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; 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. Osceola Courthouse Fund had \$15,000.00 appropriated. Balance of \$17,518.00. All money needed to be appropriated. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to appropriate \$2,518.00 to the Osceola Courthouse Fund. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler.

2. Blytheville Courthouse Fund. \$250,219.92 appropriated. \$519,341.00 balance in fund. Justice Ash asked about the RFQ for the Osceola Courthouse to begin work and recommended to leave what was needed for the Blytheville construction. Remainder should be moved to the Osceola Fund. Renaissance looked at the leak in Osceola and proposed a plan to service drains in the future. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to recommend to leave \$320,000.00 in the Blytheville Courthouse Fund and move the rest to the Osceola Courthouse Fund. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Justice Ash made a motion to get Judge Nelson to contact Renaissance to get a quote on maintaining the Osceola and Blytheville Courthouse twice a year. Second was made by Justice Drake Brown.

3. Contract for the Public Defender's Office was received. There was an increase in price. Money was in the budget.

4. ARP recommended to spend \$350,000.00 to acquire the land from the Humane Society. Motion was made by Justice Ash to purchase the Humane Society building and the Humane Society purchase the MCEC building by direct purchase or land swap. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler.

5. Update on HVAC. CNI had not been in the past weeks. Attorney's had asked for copies on the payment bond. HVAC system needed to be fixed.

6. Bridge at Half Moon. State Aid project was done by the County Judge. 4 utilities had to relocate their utilities. AT&T would relocate at their cost. \$24,634.00 cost to Miss. Co. Electric, MCEC \$20,571.25, Dell Water \$51,470.00. Total cost \$96,675.45.

7. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George