

**MEETING TO ELECT CHAIRMANS OF COMMITTEES
JANUARY 6, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Michael White; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Melinda Martin; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Harbans Mangat. Justice Mangat called the Personnel Committee to order. Justice Betty Hepler nominated Justice Harbans Mangat and moved to close nominations. Second was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan. Motion passed.**
- 2. Finance Committee. Justice Neil Burge nominated Justice Michael White and moved nominations cease and be elected by acclamation. Motion passed.**
- 3. Fire, Police & Safety. Justice Tobye McClanahan nominated Justice Neil Burge. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. No other nominations. Motion passed.**
- 4. Energy & Property. Justice Michael nominated Justice Molly Jackson. Second was made by Justice Rick Ash. Nominations closed by acclamation. Motion passed.**
- 5. Roads & Bridges. Justice Michael White nominated Justice Rick Ash. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed.**
- 6. Social Services. Justice Rick Ash nominated Justice Tobye McClanahan and closed nominations by acclamation. Motion passed.**
- 7. Sanitation and Solid Waste. Justice Michael White nominated Justice Tobye McClanahan. Second was made by Justice White. Motion passed.**
- 8. Planning & Development. Justice Rick Ash nominated Justice Michael White. Second was made by Justice Reggie Cullom. Motion passed.**
- 9. Insurance. Justice Rick Ash nominated Justice Reggie Cullom and close nomination by acclamation. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed.**
- 10. Efficiency. Justice Rick Ash nominated Justice Cecil McDonald and close nominations by acclamation. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**
- 11. American Rescue Plan. Justice Tobye McClanahan nominated Justice Molly Jackson. Second was made by Justice Reggie Cullom and closed nominations by acclamation. Motion passed.**
- 12. Justice Jackson talked with Aaron Ruby about the health departments. Mr. Ruby came up with a list that could be eliminated to bring the cost down to original figure. There was a**

contractor that would like to bid on the project if divided into two separate bids. The wall in the Blytheville health department was not load bearing. Plumbing costs could be saved if only one bathroom was done. The committee would like to use a local business for the heat and air. New plans were ready to bid.

13. New Courtrooms. 8 items needed to be done. The contractor thought they could be finished in three weeks. Judge Dan Ritchey sent a letter stating the courtrooms would start being used next week. Justice Ash asked if a contractor had been contacted to clean the courthouse. Complaints had been received. Judge Nelson was looking into cleaning companies.

14. Justice White asked about the repairs in Osceola. Justice Ash recommended the Energy & Property tour the annex building and Osceola Courthouse. Repairs were needed in both buildings. Energy & Property Committee meeting would be called.

15. Humane Society. \$500,000.00 was the counter offer. Land on Division was also included. The property would be used for storage and parking. The County Judge was the only one that could sign contracts. If the committee was in favor of the project it needed to be discussed with Judge Nelson. Justice Ash thought the price should be around \$350,000.00.

16. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George