

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobby McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Finance Kelli Jones; Coroner Karen Ash Crane; Collector Susan McCormick Short; Assessor Brannah Bibbs; 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 Michael White. Expense report. Some bills carried over from December. Budget in good shape.
  2. Coroner's Office. Coroner Karen Ash Crane requested an office, new computer, printer, fax machine and internet access. Quotes were given. Printer, mouse, docking station, laptop. \$2,700.00. H & H Business Machine could do a printer for \$350.00. (black & white). Justice Burge asked if a back up system was included. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$4,000.00 for equipment and supplies for the Coroner's office. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.
  3. Cranford Co. Judge Nelson spoke about the company. Three applicants were reviewed. Judge Nelson recommended Cranford. A public relations firm. Objective was working with industrial growth to bring skilled labor to Mississippi County, tourism, present Mississippi County as a future home. Appropriation to get project started \$1 million. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$1 million from Economic Development funds to Cranford Co. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.
  4. Judge Nelson gave an update on upcoming infrastructure projects in 2024. Justice White asked about the Osceola Courthouse repairs. ARP money may be used. Energy & Property meeting would be called to address the repairs. Mr. Ruby was asked to rewrite the plans for the Health Units. Cancer Center would be closed.
  5. Two appropriations came from the P & D meeting would be added to the agenda.
  6. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George