

ROAD & BRIDGES COMMITTEE MEETING
May 11, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Michael White; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobbye McClanahan; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Drake Brown; Finance Kelli Jones; City of Osceola Cody Shreve; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash. Meeting was turned over to Cody Shreve. Mr. Shreve handed out information from ARDOT for the Preliminary Cost Estimate. Osceola HWY. 61/Hwy. 140 Intersection Improvements. Process could start 2024. Moving utilities were estimated at \$346,000.00. City of Osceola was required to match \$125,000.00. Osceola owned their own utility company and estimated they could move the utilities for \$100,000.00. Request from Osceola to finish the project was \$225,000.00. If over budget the City would take care of the overage and maintenance. A copy of a Resolution was attached that the City would need to adopt.

2. Discussion was held. Traffic controlled lights were asked for. Justice McClanahan asked if the City of Osceola had applied for the ARP grant money. Did not apply because of the timeline. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to appropriate the \$225,000.00 to Osceola for the project. Justice White asked if the City of Osceola was putting anything into the project. Cody stated the City would have the labor and maintenance in the project. Justice Burge asked if the City would be receiving \$1.5 million dollars extra for the next 30 years why would they need the County to help. Judge Nelson said the lobbyists were working on the project. \$69,000.00 improvements in the area. \$6 million was received to assess the traffic. The County was on the table helping with the infrastructure. Justice White was in favor of the \$125,000.00 and would like to have more information for the \$225,000.00 request. Judge Nelson would talk with ARDOT about funding. Request was tabled until more information was received.

3. Judge Nelson said more help was needed in his office. Website wasn't up. Not on a full time basis. Contract labor was needed. Kelli Jones said there was a line and would have the numbers for the Finance meeting.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George