

**FIRE, POLICE & SAFETY MEEETING
MAY 12, 2023 3:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Neil Burge; Justice Tobbye McClanahan; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Cecil McDonald; Finance Kelli Jones; Major Rob Rounsavall; Captain Morgan George; Sheriff's Dept. Steve Crosskno; Oem Wayne Reynolds; Bo McCollum; NEA Town Courier Marcus McClain.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Neil Burge. Discussion was held in the past about response times for first responders. The County had available fire protection, police protection, medical, air lift. 911 had updated equipment and a contract was renewed for the hyper reach system. Mr. Reynolds explained 911 calls went to the Sheriff's Department dispatch. Osceola and Blytheville had their own dispatch. Air lift was done at the scene. Justice Burge asked if the notification system could be improved. Mr. Reynolds thought it was effective but could always be improved.

2. Justice Cullom said 911 did their job. Cell phones were not useful in a lot of areas. Service was bad. Communication between health care and ambulances were not good. Could there be radios where City of Osceola, City of Blytheville, City of Wilson have one channel to communicate to everyone. Ambulance crew didn't have communications the hospitals. AWIN radios were ordered. Justice Ash spoke with Pafford would be installing AWIN radios in their ambulances. Mr. George stated the infrastructure was in place but not being used by everyone.

3. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George