

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 15, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Betty Hepler; Finance Kelli Jones; Collector Susan McCormick; Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason; Coroner Karen Ash Crane; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

- 1. Meeting called to order by Justice Michael White. Finances were in good shape. All Elected Officials under budget. The Road Department was buying gravel. County General \$1 million, \$9 1/2 million in CD's. \$3 million landfill reserve.**
 - 2. Back pay for Sheriff's Department. There was a deputy that had been certified and moved up to maximum pay for the slot. There was an oversight in the department and they had not received the pay from 2022. Total \$2,349.58. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate the money for the back pay. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**
 - 3. Stipend for the Sheriff's Department. There were two deputies that qualified for the stipend pay. Total for two employees \$1,532.00. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate the stipend pay. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
 - 4. Judge Dan Ritchey requested to send some employees to the Adult Drug Court Conference. The Committee agreed to reimburse Judge Ritchey for travel, rooms, meals and conference cost. No appropriation at this time.**
 - 5. ClearGov Software. Kelli Jones requested to add the software to the Apprentice system. The new software would be able to merge the systems. Cost. Set up \$6,075.00. Six months \$12,562.00. Total \$18,637.00. Cost in 2024. \$24,000.00. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate the \$18,637.00 for the remainder of the year. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.**
 - 6. Coroner Karen Crane asked for the court to reimburse a funeral home that cremated an indigent person. \$1,500.00 for the cremation. \$600.00 for refrigeration Mrs. Crane stated any amount would be appreciated. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$1,200.00 to the funeral home for the cremation. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.**
 - 7. Request from Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason. The countertops on the bookshelves for her office and Janice Currie's office needed to be completed. Shades were needed on the upper courtroom windows, desk drawers in both courtrooms needed to be redone. Leslie Mason will contact the millwork shop to get estimates.**
 - 8. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

