

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
April 25, 2023

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Mississippi County Courthouse in Blytheville, Arkansas with Judge John Alan Nelson presiding. Justice Neil Burge gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Nelson recognized and welcomed members from the Misco Leadership Group.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash	Justice Martin
Justice Burge	Justice McClanahan
Justice Hepler	Justice McDonald
Justice Jackson	Justice White
Justice Mangat	

Absent: Justices Brown and Cullom. Also in attendance was County Attorney Jacob Holmes.

Justice White moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members. Justice Ash seconded the motion and the voice vote was unanimous.

In the treasurer's report, County Treasurer Peggy Meatte reported the interest rate at Farmers Bank in Blytheville on a \$100,000.00 CD was 4.75% for one year. Sales tax revenue for the month of March continues to be up. She expects the sale tax will down a bit but still one of the best for the month of April.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Justice Mangat reported the committee met on April 4, 2023 and discussed:

- Handbook changes regarding lodging and meals reimbursement.
- Lodging rate increased to \$200.00 per day for in state and \$450 per day for out of state.
- Agenda and itemized receipts must accompany claims for reimbursement.
- Covid ordinance to expire in May of 2023.

American Rescue Plan Committee: Justice Jackson reported the committee met on April 14, 2023 to discuss:

- Update on the health departments. Health units would be moved to the hospital while renovation on the health units is underway.
- Grant program for the municipalities.
- The use of ARP funds to purchase the Humane Society Building.

Energy and Property Committee: Justice Jackson reported the committee met on April 14, 2023 and discussed:

- The appropriation of \$2,518.00 to the Osceola Courthouse fund.
- Leaving \$320,00.00 in the Blytheville Courthouse Fund and move the rest to the Osceola Courthouse Fund.
- Recommendation to spend \$350,000.00 to acquire land from the Human Society.
- Update on HVAC
- Half Moon bridge project requiring the relocation of 4 utilities (AT&T, Ms Co Electric, MCEC and Dell water at a total cost of \$96,675.45.

Sanitation and Solid Waste Committee: Justice McClanahan reported the committee met on April 14, 2023 to discuss:

- Financial status at the landfill. It currently has over \$3,000,000.00 in CD's.
- Overdue payments from vendors needing collection.
- D6 Bulldozer needing repair at a cost of \$109,000.00.
- The purchase of a new dozer for \$400,424.00.
- Scale house needed repair work.

Planning & Development: Justice White reported the committee met on April 17, 2023. Topics of discussion were:

- The sale of the Juno building to Bronco for \$5,000.00.
- Sierra Group wanted check disbursement for the Snyder building.
- Disbursement to Arkansas Mechanical in the amount of \$400,000.00.
- \$75,000.00 to D&L for equipment purchase.
- \$1,000,000.00 to Big River Steel and \$1,000,000.00 to Tenaris.
- \$250,000.00 to JIT for 25 jobs.
- \$150,000.00 to ART for 15 to 20 jobs.

Finance Committee: Justice White reported the committee met on April 17, 2023 and topics of discussion were:

- \$7,000.00 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund.
- \$7,255.86 Tax Settlement money the hospital.
- ARP recommendation to appropriate \$1.2 million for health units.
- ARP recommendation to appropriate \$350,000.00 for the purchase of land north of the courthouse.
- Energy and Property's recommendation to leave \$350,000.00 in the Blytheville Courthouse and move remaining funds to Osceola Courthouse Fund.
- Farmland site preparation.
- Quote for company to maintain drains at the Osceola Courthouse.
- Bridge project at Half Moon
- Dozer repair & purchase of a new one.
- Zero out Chime Solution Fund
- Bronco purchase of Juno building
- Funds for JIT Hydraulic
- Funds for ART
- Juvenile Department funding for officer training.
- Lodging and meals reimbursement upgrades.

The clerk was asked to read a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THAT BRONCO HAS FULFILLED THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND THAT THE COUNTY NOW RESOLVES TO PERFORM AS CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. R-2023-04 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICY BOOK REGARDING TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS. Following the reading, Justice Ash informed the court this ordinance required three readings and moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, , McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. Following the second reading, by title only, Justice Ash moved to once again suspend the rules and proceed to third reading by title only, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin , McClanahan, McDonald and White;

Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. Following the third reading by title only, Justice Ash moved for adoption, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, , McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-16 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUND". Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay -- - None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-17 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING O-2021-20". Following the reading, Justice Ash informed the court this ordinance required three readings and moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading by title only, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, , McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. Following the second reading, by title only, Justice Ash moved to once again suspend the rules and proceed to third reading by title only, Justice White seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, , McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent -- - Brown and Cullom. Following the third reading, by title only, Justice Ash moved to adopt with amendments, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, , McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-18 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AVIATION REPAIR TECHNOLOGIES COMMITMENT. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Burge seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-19 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE REPAIRS OF COUNTY MACHINERY. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Martin seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-20 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE ZEROING OUT ALL FUNDS IN THE CHIME COMMITMENT. Following the reading, Justice Jackson moved for adoption, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-21 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE BALANCING OUT THE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay -- - None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-22 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING/MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THHE FY 2023 BUDGET. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-23 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL COSTS FOR JUVENILE OFFICE. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, Donald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-24 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO FUND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RENOVATION PROJECT. Following the reading, Justice Burge moved for adoption, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-25 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE JIT HYDRAULIC COMMITMENT. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Mangat seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-26 was adopted by the court.

The clerk read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS TO PURCHASE 309 N 2nd STREET. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Recused--- Burge; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-27 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO MOVE CERTAIN UTILITIES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye --- Ash, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay --- None; Absent --- Brown and Cullom. O-2023-28 was adopted by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice Ash moved to adjourn, Justice White seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The April Quorum Court meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice Currie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary

**QUORUM COURT
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Blytheville, Arkansas**

**6:00 p.m. REGULAR SESSION OF QUORUM COURT IN THE CIRCUIT COURTROOM OF THE
Blytheville COURTHOUSE**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Prayer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Reading/Approval of Minutes

6. Treasurer's Report

7. Committee Reports

Road & Bridges Committee 5/11/2023 Chairman Justice Rick Ash

Sanitation & Solid Waste Committee 5/12/2023 Chairman Justice Tobye McClanahan

Personnel Committee 5/12/2023 Chairman Justice Harbans Mangat

Fire, Police & Safety Committee 5/12/2023 Chairman Justice Neil Burge

Finance Committee 5/15/2023 Chairman Justice Michael White

Planning & Development Committee 5/18/2023 Chairman Justice Michael

White

8. Resolutions:

9. Ordinances:

- Ordinance – Amending O-2023-16 Handbook Policy
- Appropriation Ordinance – Back Pay Sheriff's Department
- Appropriation Ordinance- Cost of Cremation
- Appropriation Ordinance -ARP Grant
- Appropriation Ordinance – ClearGov Software
- Appropriation Ordinance – Pass Thru Law Enforcement Stipend

10. New Business

11. Old Business

12. Announcements

13. Adjourn

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 Tobye 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

**SANITATION & SOLID WASTE MEETING
MAY 12, 2023 2:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Drake Brown; Major Rob Rounsavall; Captain Morgan George OEM Wayne Reynolds; Sheriff's Dept. Steve Crosskno; Finance Kelli Jones; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Marcus McClain.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Tobye McClanahan. \$60,000.00 quarterly payment to ADEQ. Operating margins for April \$79,000.00. Over \$3 million in CD's. Finances were good. Overdue accounts were better than last month. There was 2 accounts that hadn't had a payment since 2022. Justice McClanahan would talk to the Judge about them. Some accounts over 90 days were making payments.
 2. Scale house at the landfill. Justice McClanahan visited the scale house and took pictures. Bugs shown in the pictures were termites. Multiple places in the floor where people had stepped thru, bathroom did not work when it was raining. These were not proper working conditions. Options were looked at. Will Scott Mini Mobile had modular buildings and had done work in Mississippi County. The modules were low to the ground and made of steel and are moveable. \$1,000.00 per month per box. 1,000 square foot module with a 2 year lease. Estimate \$3,750.00 per month, \$45,000.00 per year. Purchase price could be given. Justice Ash thought the project should go to Energy & Property. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to start looking into the modules. Second was made by Justice Reggie Cullom.
 3. Update on equipment. New D5 Dozer had been ordered. Repairs were being made on the old D6 dozer. Front end loader tracks were being repaired.
 4. Meeting was adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 12, 2023 2:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Rick Ash; Captain Morgan George; Major Rob Rounsavall; Steve Crosskno; Finance Kelli Jones; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Marcus McClain.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Harbans Mangat. Discussion was held on travel expenses for motel rooms out of State. The amount now was \$450.00 per night for out of State and \$200.00 for in State.

2. The Committee recommended to get approval from the Finance Committee before the trip for the added expense. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to allow the Finance Committee to approve the motel rate above \$450.00 per night. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed and will go to Finance.

3. Justice Burge asked about the cleanup at the air base. Defense appropriation committee had been contacted. Money had not been received.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

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

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Neil Burge; Justice Tobye 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

**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 a 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 s funeral home that creamated 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 book shelves 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

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING
MAY 18, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Economic Development Clif Chitwood and Mallory Darby; ANC Dr. James Shemwell and Dr. Chris Cagle; Finance Kelli Jones; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blalylock.

1. Meeting was called to order and turned over to Clif Chitwood. Mr. Chitwood turned the meeting over to Dr. Chris Cagle from ANC College. Mr. Cagle had two requests. 1. Request for Support for Recruitment and Placement Specialist. Duties: Maintain a real-time recruitment plan to attract potential students to local area jobs and related ANC training programs, provide career counseling and advising services to students, develop and maintain close relationships with local employers to identify job opportunities, work as a liaison with faculty, staff, and local business and industries to develop and maintain effective career-related programs, activities and events, maintain accurate records of student placement and employment outcomes in conjunction with supporting staff and monitor the GREDF subsidized wage program. Fiscal year 7/1/23-6/30/24 proposed salary \$60,000.00. Remaining of 2023 \$20,552.08. March 2023-June 2023. Total request \$80,552.08. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to appropriate the \$80,552.08 for the salary for the recruitment and placement specialist. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.

2. Working towards Wages. The program was designed to help student develop skills necessary to succeed in the modern workplace. The program had milestones to earn stipends. Each module had a facilitator that would help one-o-one with instruction. 120 hours to complete all four modules and final testing. Redesigned program was tailored towards customer service entities such as retail and business sectors as well as the manufacturing/industry sector. Program would begin July 1, 2023. Request was for \$64,000.00. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to appropriate the \$64,000.00 for the Working towards Wages program. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.

3. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-_____

ORDINANCE AMENDING O-2023-16

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Mississippi County has found and determined that policy regarding travel reimbursements are in need of amendment; and

WHEREAS, the specific amendments that are to be made are as follows:

Meals shall be reimbursed at \$75.00 per diem;

All reimbursement requests must be documented by receipts and dated agenda;

Lodging shall be reimbursed at a rate of no more than \$200 per night for In-State and at a rate of no more than \$450.00 per night for out-of-state unless prior approval is received by the Finance Committee;

I.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS THAT THE POLICYBOOK SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

“IV. RECORD, FORMS, REPORTS

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C. Travel Expense forms shall be submitted to Accounts Payable at the end of each month by County Officers and employees using personal vehicles and/or funds for County business. Reimbursement for mileage shall be at the same rate approved by the State of Arkansas for state employees. Maximum reimbursement for meals shall be \$75.00 per diem.

Reimbursement for meals and lodging will be compensated when the official or employee must be out of the County overnight on official County business. In-state lodging shall be reimbursed at no more than a rate of \$200.00 per night and out-of-state lodging shall be reimbursed at no more than a rate of \$450.00 per night unless prior approval is received by the Finance Committee. All reimbursement requests must be documented by receipts and dated agenda submitted to Accounts Payable. All travel and other expenses for which reimbursement is requested must be approved by the elected official.

II.

All other articles of the policy book shall remain in the same form as originally approved.

DATE: _____

APPROVED:

JOHN ALAN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JANICE CURRIE, COUNTY CLERK & SECRETARY

*ORDINANCE AWARDING BACKPAY TO
EMPLOYEE AT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS, the raise should have been received in June 2022; and

WHEREAS, an appropriation ordinance is needed in order to pay this employee funds owed from the FY 2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved these adjustments;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, that:

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2023 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3498.0418.1001	Salaries, Full Time	\$1,910.69
3498.0418.1006	Social Security	\$146.17
3498.0418.1007	Retirement	<u>\$292.72</u>
		\$2,349.58

II.

All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices, departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed, are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.

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7 This Ordinance, being an appropriation ordinance, shall be in full force and effect
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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-_____

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-_____

*AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM*

WHEREAS, the ARP committee verbally committed \$2,000,000.00 toward a grant program for cities and towns within Mississippi County that needed funding for infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, each project would have a \$200,000.00 limit and each town could be awarded up to two projects; and

WHEREAS, each award recipient would had to have a 25% match for each project; and

WHEREAS, the County's consulting firm, IParametrics, created the grant criteria, collected and reviewed applicants, and submitted their scored recommendations to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is now ready to appropriate the necessary funds for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved these appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, that:

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2023 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1006.0116.3103	Grants in Aid, City Infrastructure Grant Program	\$2,000,000.00

II.

All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices, departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed, are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-_____

*ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE
CONTRACT*

WHEREAS, the Finance Department would like to purchase a new budgeting software on a trial basis for the budgeting year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the software provider is ClearGov and the total cost for 2023 shall be \$18,637.50; and

WHEREAS, these costs shall include a one-time set up fee of \$6,075.00 with the remainder representing the pro-rated software costs for the 2023 year; and

WHEREAS, this software shall provide an operational budget; a personnel budget; and a digital budget book; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved these adjustments;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, that:

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2023 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.0113.3003	Computer Services	\$18,637.50

II.

All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices, departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed, are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.

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7 This Ordinance, being an appropriation ordinance, shall be in full force and effect
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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-_____

*AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE A PASS-
THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT STIPEND FROM THE STATE OF
ARKANSAS.*

WHEREAS, ACT 224 of 2022 appropriates \$50,000,000 for Law Enforcement Stipend Grants and sets forth the rules and regulation for administering and distributing the funds by the counties, and

WHEREAS, a stipend of \$5,000 will be awarded one time to two (2) full-time certified law enforcement officers to include deputy sheriffs, and

WHEREAS, Mississippi County has received the funds for disbursement of the Law Enforcement Stipend plus the county's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes, with the county being responsible for providing funding for the APERS employer percentage of salary, and

WHEREAS, each county must amend their local law enforcement budget to permit the disbursement of the salary stipends to eligible law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the overall revenue increase shall be appropriated through State Grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, that:

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The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY 2023 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.0400.1001	Salaries	\$10,000.00
1000.0400.1006	Social Security	\$765.00
1000.0400.1007	Retirement	\$1,532.00
1000.7010	STATE GRANTS	\$10,765.00

II.

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