

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
July 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, Rev Johnny Moore gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered the roll call:

Justice Ash  
Justice Brown  
Justice Burge  
Justice Cullom  
Justice Hepler  
Justice Jackson

Justice Mangat  
Justice Martin  
Justice McClanahan  
Justice McDonald  
Justice White

Absent: None. Reverend Johnny Moore gave the Prayer.

Judge John Alan Nelson presented a proclamation posthumously to the family of Alvin Clay for his service and dedication as a member of Mississippi County Quorum Court.

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

In the treasure's report, Chief Deputy Candace Nichols reported the interest rate at Farmers Bank in Blytheville on a \$100,000.00 CD was 5.30% for one year.

**Committee Reports:**

Panning and Development Committee: Justice Burge reported the committee met on June 6, 2023 and the topics were:

- Dr. Chris Heigle request \$25,000.00 for Internship Coordinator and an additional \$200,000.00 for training work force training.

Personnel Committee: Justice Mangat reported that the committee met on June 29, 2023.

- Wayne Reynolds met with the committee about his vacation pay. Policy is only 10 days to get paid for vacation. He wanted to extend the days. Judge Nelson said he has run advertising in the paper for the 911 job but, has not gotten any response. They are going to have to reconstruct the pay schedule.
- Kelli Jones, Finance department needs a temporary slot for the payroll Clerk. Temp dates are from June 26, 2023 to August 31, 2023 for training.

Road & Bridges Committee: Justice Ash reported the Committee met on July 17, 2023.

- The Arkansas State Highway Department wants the County to partner with them on widening Hwy 140 and Hwy 61 in Osceola.

Finance Committee: Justice Burge said the committee met on July 17, 2023.

- The Budget for the year is 50% used and the County looks good for the rest of the year.
- Attorney Curtis Walker met with the committee and said someone on drug task force resigned. He needs to replace them. This position can split the salaries with the Coordinator and Investigator. No additional funds will be needed.
- Kelli Jones met with the committee about the payroll clerk resigning. She would need part time training from July 26-August 31. The amount paid would be \$ 5,429.80.
- Northeast Arkansas College needs \$25,000.00 for Local Hire. They also need \$200,000.00.  
That is 25% the County would pay for work force training.

Fire, Police & Safety Committee: Justice Burge reported the committee met on July 20, 2023.

- The Health Department in Osceola is paying rent to the Hospital. No one said anything about rent. Need to talk to John Logan.
- Sheriff Dale Cook needs one more Deputy for the Blytheville Courthouse. Two is not enough when they have court.

The clerk was asked to read a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MR. JEREMY JACKSON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY HOSPITAL SYSTEM'S BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S. Following the reading and discussion Justice Brown moved to adopt, Justice White seconded. Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald, and White; Nay - - - None, Absent \_\_ None. R-2023-05 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read a resolution titled: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MR. MATT JONES' APPOINTMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY HOSPITAL SYSTEM'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS. Following the reading and discussion, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Ash seconded

and the vote was: Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay - - None; Absent - - None. R-2023-06 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance that was carried over from the last quorum court meeting in June titled: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING EXTERNAL NOISE ATTENUATION OF DATA CENTERS AND TO PREVENT NOISE DISTURBANCE IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY AND WITHIN IT'S UNINCORPORATED LIMITS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND OTHER PURPOSES. Justice Ash moved to have the second reading of the ordinance by title only. Following the reading and discussion, Justice Ash moved for adoption. Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was: Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay - - None; Absent - - None. R-2023-35 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION FOR ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE EMPLOYEE EXPENSE. Justice Ash moved to have the third reading of the ordinance by title only. Following the reading and discussion, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Hepler seconded and the vote was; Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald, and White; Nay - - None; Absent - - None. O-2023-40 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO FUND WORKFORCE TRAINING PROVIDED BY ANC. Following the reading and discussion, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Jackson seconded and the vote was: Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay - - None; Absent - - None. O-2023-41 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION PAYMENTS. Following the reading and discussion, Justice Jackson moved for adoption, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was; Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay - - None; Absent - - None. O-2023-42 was adopted by the Court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A TEMPRARY POSITION IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT. Following the reading and discussion, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Martin seconded and the vote was; Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McClanahan, McDonald, and White: Nay - - None; Absent - - None. O 2023-43 was adopted by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR A PASS-THROUGH GRANT AWARDED TO THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT. Following the reading and discussion, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice McClanahan seconded and the vote was; Aye - - Ash, Brown, Burge, Cullom, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin,

McClanahan, McDonald and White; Nay - - None, Absent - - None. O-2023-44 was adopted by the court.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Justice Collum asked Justice Jackson if she knew of a time frame of when they were going to start work on the Osceola Courthouse. Justice Jackson said she had not talked to him lately. They have until the end of 2024 to use the money.

Judge Nelson is going to meet with him next week. He would talk to Aaron about setting up a meeting to get with the committee.

There being no further business coming before the court, Justice White moved to adjourn, Justice Ash seconded and the voice was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Clowers,  
Chief Deputy, Secretary

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QUORUM COURT  
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
Tuesday, August 22, 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. Treasurer's Report
6. Reading & Approving Minutes
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Committee Reports
  - Planning & Development Meeting 7/26/2023 Justice Michael White
  - Insurance Committee Meeting 8/4/2023 Justice Reggie Cullom
  - Personnel Committee Meeting 8/4/2023 Justice Harbans Mangat
  - Planning & Development Meeting 8/14/2023 Justice Michael White
  - Finance Committee Meeting 8/14/2023 Justice Michael White
  - Energy & Property Meeting 8/15/2023 Justice Molly Jackson
9. Resolutions:
  - Atlas Tube
  - Hybar
10. Ordinances:
  - Appropriation Ordinance Travel Expenses County & Circuit Clerk
  - Appropriation Ordinance – Courthouse Security Officer
  - Appropriation Ordinance- DTF Case Coordinator & Investigator
  - Appropriation Ordinance -Hybar Commitment
  - Appropriation Ordinance – Atlas Tube Commitment
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Announcements
14. Adjourn



**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
JULY 26, 2023 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Betty Hepler; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Mallory Darby; Finance Kelli Jones; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Justice Cecil McDonald was present by speaker phone. Meeting was turned over to Clif Chitwood. Mr. Chitwood requested two tax back Resolutions for Hybar and Atlas Tube. Needed one for Hybar and one for Atlas Tube. Motion was made by Justice Cecil McDonald to approve the Resolutions. Second was made by Justice Michael White as a member of the committee. Motion passed.
  2. Mr. Chitwood requested \$900,000.00 for 90 jobs for Atlas Tube. Paid between \$28.00 and \$32.00 an hour. Grow Mississippi Couty Foundation requested that Atlas Tube make a contribution of \$300,000.00. Money could be used by the employees for the work here/live here program. When the plant was finished they would receive the incentive for the other \$600,000.00. Justice White wanted to note for the minutes Justice Rick Ash was now in attendance and brought the committee to a quorum. Justice Ash voted yes for the Resolutions. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to appropriate the \$900,000.00 for incentives for Atlas Tube to create 90 jobs. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.
  3. Mr. Chitwood expected the Hybar project a \$500 million dollar project with 100 to 150 jobs to close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Had a strong interest with the work here/live here program.
  4. Numerous e-mail had been sent to the retail strategies firm. The county had gotten very little response. Report had some information on the communities. Mallory Darby was trying to get a year in review.
  5. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Michael White; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Melinda Martin; Tobye McClanahan; Finance Kelli Jones; Major Rob Rounsavall; Captain David Gladden; Billie Ann Heugel; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Reggie Cullom. Justice Cullom turned the meeting over to Billie Ann Heugel. Billie Ann had spoken with Blue Cross Blue Shield about renewals for the coming year. Renewals were expected in September. Disability coverage was discussed. Delta Dental was a premiere network and dental coverage would not be moved. Better prices were given when bought in bulk. Vision plan analysis. Mutual of Omaha came in at 14% below Superior Vision and would be the leader when disability was priced. County had a \$20,000.00 life benefit. Mutual of Omaha had a line of duty rider that could be provided for the uniformed officers. Voluntary life could only be signed up for was when a new employee or changing to a new company.

2. Short Term Disability. The county doesn't offer a short - long term disability policy. Most employers offered a short- term disability as voluntary. 60% up to \$1,000.00 weekly benefit. Paid after seven days until 12 weeks. Short - term and long-term disability were post tax. Long-term Disability had the ability to receive benefits to social security age. Cost \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to the county. New benefit policy would be subject to pre- existing conditions.

3. January 1 thru June 2023. Medical \$177,063.00, RX paid \$146,051.00. Total paid \$323,114.00. Insurance companies received rebates for specialty prescription from drug companies. Plan had paid \$547,585.00 in claims to \$815,059.00 in premiums.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George



**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Rick Ash; Prosecutor Curtis Walker; Sarah Ramsey; Finance Kelli Jones; Major Rob Rounsavall; Captain David Gladden; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Harbans Mangat. Justice Mangat handed out information for the DTF Coordinator. DTF Case Coordinator was no longer with the DTF and wanted to split the position. One half for an investigator and one half for Sarah Ramsey. Split cost \$29,011.02. Job descriptions were provided. Minimum Case Coordinator. \$33,217.00, Midpoint \$41,521.00, Maximum \$49,825.00. Investigator, Minimum \$32,227.00, Midpoint \$40,284.00, Maximum \$48,341.00. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to eliminate the DTF Case Coordinator position and give one half of the salary to Sarah Ramsey and move to Finance. Second was made by Justice Drake Brown. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan take one half of the DTF Coordinator salary and create an investigator position, 20 hours a week. Second was made Justice Betty Hepler. Motions passed and would go to Finance.**
- 2. Sheriff's Department requested to promote a deputy to Patrol to Patrol Sergeant. Increase. \$1,180.51 until the end of the year. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to move the request to Finance. Justice Burge said the recommendation came from the Fire, Police & Safety Committee. Second was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan. Motion passed and moved to Finance.**
- 3. Fire, Police & Fire Committee had a request for an additional security person. The Sheriff's Department wanted to hire a deputy that would not be assigned a car. The responsibility was to work security at the entrance and work the x-ray machine. Funded under the jail budget. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to create a slot for a courthouse security officer. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed and would go to Finance.**
- 4. Judge Nelson discussed the OEM position. OEM, 911/Flood Plain. Former OEM Officer had resigned. Judge Nelson suggested if two positions were filled it would be 911/Flood Plain. OEM the second position. One position would be all three. Pay and structure were different. Advertisements for the position were on the fourth week. One application had been received from Milwaukee. When positions were combined the salary was not raised to what Mr. Lendennie was making for being just 911/Flood Plain. Salary now \$40,355.00 for a 6.5 hour day. Max was \$47,300.00 with both combined. 911 addresses could not be done at this time. Judge Nelson requested the position be filled as soon as possible. Justice Ash recommended the position be 40 hours a week with an overtime budget. The Court was willing to pay more for the position. Committee didn't have a recommendation at this time. Judge Nelson would bring more information to Finance.**



5. Warranty walk thru for the Blytheville Courthouse was coming up. CNI had a list of items that were not finished. D & L would be resetting the HVAC unit on the roof. Cleaning service started last week. Bid was lower than what expected. Metal detector from a grant received had arrived in Osceola. The old metal detector was moved to District Court.

6. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2023 1:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Finance Kelli Jones; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Kay Richter.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White and turned over to Clif Chitwood. Great River Board had two requests. Atlas had added 10 more jobs and \$26 million investment to the project. The board asked for another \$100,000.00. Incentive brought up to \$1 million. Would do another \$30,000.00 for work here live here. \$10,000.00 per job. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to give Atlas Tube \$100,000.00 for 10 jobs. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed and would go to Quorum Court.
2. The board requested \$500,000.00 for Hybar. Hybar had expressed an interest in being a community sponsor and may participate in the Work Here/Live Here program. Initially about 200 jobs. Salary highly competitive with Nucor and US Steel. Motion was made by Justice Ash to approve \$500,000.00 to Hybar for 200 jobs. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Justice Neil Burge was opposed. Vote 3 to 1. Motion carried and would go to Quorum Court.
3. Judge Nelson reported on revenues from taxes. #6 was Mississippi County. Industrial development was funded by this money. June 30, 2023 was \$3.5 million. Anticipated \$7 million. Solid times in Mississippi County.
4. Meeting adjourned.  
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 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 Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; Sheriff Dale Cook; Major Rob Rounsavall; Captain David Gladden; Sarah Ramsey; Alexia Butler; Curtis Walker; Attorney Jacob Holmes; Collector Susan Short; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Kay Richter.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Mississippi County Hospitals were a 5013C. Health Units had moved into the Osceola Hospital during renovation. Mr. Logan and the CEO of the hospitals were not able to attend. For the Hospital Board to allow another entity of any kind to utilize space in the hospital had to be done under contract and done with a fair market value. \$4,722.00 per month based on square footage. Health Units had to have their own communication system. The hospital paid for the equipment and installation and would like to be reimbursed. The system would move to Blytheville when that renovation started. Bill had been received from the hospital for the rent and equipment. Justice White thought the county should pay for the equipment. Judge Nelson thought the lease should be honored until an attorney was contacted. \$18,891.2 for rent, fire & security in Blytheville \$5,040.00, \$15,699.64 for phones and equipment. \$200,000.00 had been appropriated for the renovations. There were no objections to paying for the phones and rent. Attorney would be contacted by Jacob Holmes. Mr. Holmes would submit an invoice to the county for attorney fees.
2. Cleaning service had been contacted. No appropriation needed at this time. Judge Nelson thought the bid was low. \$1,821.61 a month. The service had voluntarily tripled the staff and absorbed the cost until the building was cleaned and then maintained.
3. Sheriff's Auction. Twenty six vehicles were being auctioned. Several cities were interested in purchasing some of the vehicles before the auction. Justice Burge thought it would be fair to everyone to auction the vehicles. Justice Ash said if the vehicles were pulled out of the auction sealed bids should be received. Auction had been postponed. The committee recommended moving forward with the auction.
4. OEM/911 position. An application had been received. The applicant was capable of doing all 3 positions. Salary needed to be increased. Justice ash thought it need to raised to 1 ½ to double the salary now. Judge Nelson would have a request within 10 days.
5. DTF Case Coordinator request. Sarah Ramsey requested to take one half of the salary from the previous case coordinator and create an investigator position and the rest to Sarah Ramsey. Justice White was concerned about the work load. July went to 80.25 hours comp time. Last pay period 93.5 hours comp. Re-creation had taken a lot of time. Hours anticipated to come back to normal. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to move forward and fund the position for the inspector and half of salary to Sarah Ramsey. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.



6. Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Cook requested an additional baliff for the Blytheville Courthouse. Deputy would be in charge of working the x-ray machine and security. Came from the jail budget. Funded for the remainder of the year \$16,955.42. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to fund the security officer for the Blytheville Courthouse. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed. Sheriff Cook tabled the promotion of a deputy until 2024 budget.
7. Travel appropriation for County Clerk and Circuit Clerk. County Clerk \$2,166.90, Circuit Clerk \$2,243.51. Total \$4,410.41. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to reimburse Janice Currie and Leslie Mason for travel expenses \$4,410.41. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.
8. P& D recommendations. Tax Back Resolutions. \$100,000.00 for Atlas for an additional 10 jobs. Total one million. \$500,000.00 for Hybar for 120 jobs. Motion was made by Justice Harbans to appropriate a one million dollar commitment to Atlas Tube from Economic Development Funds. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to appropriate \$500,000.00 to Hybar for 120 jobs. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Justice Neil Burge opposed. Motion passed.
9. Budget looked good. 58%. Transfer to other funds \$2.5 million in CD purchases. ARPA funds had unexpended portion. Financial Management had purchased computers for new hires, employee handbooks. Circuit Clerk, Sheriff and Landfill had considerable overtime. Solid waste \$1 million in CD purchases. \$3 million total.
10. 2024 budget started in September. Sept. 11 look at revenues, Sept. 18 regular Finance meeting, October 2 started expenditures.
11. Insurance Committee met and looked like the county was running below premiums paid. Short-term and long-term disability were discussed. Quotes for 2024 should be ready in September. Justice White wanted the committee to start thinking about employee raises.
12. Meeting adjourned.  
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George



**ENERGY & PROPERTY MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2023 2:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Tobbye McClanahan; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Rick Ash; Aaron Ruby; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Meeting was tuned over to Aaron Ruby. Final walk thru on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the Blytheville Courthouse. \$250,000.00 was being held until contract was finished. The county had the right to go outside the contractor and use funds held. HVAC unit on the roof needed to be reset. The result was a lot of water damage and needed repaired. Files were ruined in the Circuit Clerk's Office. Justice Jackson thought it was a stopped up drain. D & L had been contacted about the problem. CNI was aware of the problem. Update would be given after the inspection. Justice Burge asked if CNI could be given a time limit to correct problems. Bonding company may be called.**
  - 2. Health Unit renovation in Osceola was getting close to completion. Finish date was in September and moved to Blytheville. Overlay of the Blytheville parking lot was not included in the price. Quote would be asked for.**
  - 3. Osceola Courthouse update. \$1.5 million had been committed. Grant had been received for \$100,000.00 for repair of the terra cotta cornice. Bid package would be prepared. Second floor and HVAC in the Courtroom were priorities. Sound system needed to be improved. Boiler provided heat for the first floor. Window units could be purchased to supply air and heat to all offices in the building. The committee would like Mr. Ruby to get a plan and be finished by 2026. Justice McClanahan said the three things that were priority for Osceola Courthouse were removing the boiler, getting hot water and repairing the walls in the courtroom.**
  - 4. \$200,000.00 was in the Osceola Law Library account. There was an agreement if the Court was going to use funds to repair the Osceola Courthouse the money could be used.**
  - 5. Blytheville Health Unit would be moving to the Blytheville Hospital at the end of August. Cabling had been done. \$5,080.00. The hospital had the work done for the Health Unit to move in. Judge Nelson received an e-mail from Christine. Paul from GRMC thought the problem had been worked out. Judge Nelson asked what the State would be responsible for. Justice Burge thought the bill should be paid and adjust the rent to recover money spent on phones. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to move the Health Unit to the Blytheville hospital. Second was made by Justice Melinda Martin. Motion passed.**
  - 6. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

# Tax Back

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF Atlas Tube TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15- 4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).**

**WHEREAS**, in order to be considered for participation in the Tax Back Program, the local government must endorse a business to participate in the Tax Back Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the local government must authorize the refund of local sales and use taxes as provided in the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, said endorsement must be made on specific form available from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Atlas Tube located at Blytheville, Arkansas has sought to participate in the program and more specifically has requested benefits accruing from construction of the specific facility; and

**WHEREAS**, (Atlas Tube) has agreed to furnish the local government all necessary information for compliance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

1. Atlas Tube be endorsed by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas for benefits from the sales & use tax refunds as provided by Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003.
2. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to refund local sales and use taxes to (Atlas Tube).
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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John Alan Nelson, County Judge

Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Currie, Secretary and County Clerk

# Tax Back

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF Hybar TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15- 4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).**

**WHEREAS**, in order to be considered for participation in the Tax Back Program, the local government must endorse a business to participate in the Tax Back Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the local government must authorize the refund of local sales and use taxes as provided in the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, said endorsement must be made on specific form available from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Hybar located at Osceola, Arkansas has sought to participate in the program and more specifically has requested benefits accruing from construction of the specific facility; and

**WHEREAS**, (Hybar) has agreed to furnish the local government all necessary information for compliance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ARKANSAS, THAT:**

1. Hybar be endorsed by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas for benefits from the sales & use tax refunds as provided by Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003.
2. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to refund local sales and use taxes to (Hybar).
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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John Alan Nelson, County Judge

Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Currie, Secretary and County Clerk

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**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES BY THE  
CIRCUIT CLERK AND COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICES*

**WHEREAS**, the Circuit Clerk, the County Clerk, and a deputy clerk from both offices, attended a tour of the Kofile facility located in Texas at the end of July; and

**WHEREAS**, Kofile is the company tasked with the County's book restoration project for both offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to the cover the travel costs associated with attending this tour for both offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved these measures.

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

I.

The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the FY2023 budget:

<b>SLOT/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1000.0101.3030	Travel	\$2,166.90
1000.0102.3030	Travel	<u>\$2,243.51</u>
		\$4,410.41

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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6 III.

7 This Ordinance, being an appropriation ordinance, shall be in full force and effect  
8 immediately from and after its passage and approval by the County Judge.  
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19 JOHN ALAN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE  
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**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A POSITION TITLED COURTHOUSE  
SECURITY OFFICER*

**WHEREAS**, a new position is needed in order to operate the public entrance security station at the Blytheville Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the position shall be slot 15 under the jail budget and shall receive an annual salary of \$40,560.00 (\$19.50/hour) and shall work forty hours per week; and

**WHEREAS**, the effective date of this position's salary shall be September 4, 2023 and the appropriations for its annual salary shall be prorated from this time until December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire, Police & Safety Committee, the Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee approved these appropriations and recommend them to the full Quorum Court.

**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 FY2023 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3498.0418.1001	Salaries, Full-Time	\$12,480.00
3498.0418.1006	Social Security	\$954.72
3498.0418.1007	Retirement	\$1,911.94
3498.0418.1009	Insurance	<u>\$1,608.76</u>
		<b>\$16,955.42</b>

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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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11	1000.0416.1001	Salaries, Full-Time	
12	1000.0416.1002	Salaries, Part-Time	\$(7,700.44)
13	1000.0416.1005	Overtime/Comp Pay	\$8,626.00
14	1000.0416.1006	Social Security	\$5,000.00
15	1000.0416.1007	Retirement	\$453.26
16	1000.0416.1009	Insurance	\$907.79
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**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION AND MODIFICATION OF POSITIONS  
UNDER THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S BUDGET*

**WHEREAS**, certain positions under the prosecuting attorney's budget need to be created, modified, or defunded; and

**WHEREAS**, the position in slot two titled "DTF Case Coordinator" shall be closed and removed from the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the duties previously handled by this position shall be split between a newly created position titled "Investigator" and the existing position of "Victims of Crimes Coordinator", which shall experience an increase in pay; and

**WHEREAS**, the position titled "Investigator" shall be created in slot number two. This position shall work twenty hours per week and the annual salary is set at \$23,608.00 (\$22.70/hour) for the budget year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the position titled "Victims of Crimes Coordinator" shall now be titled "Victims of Crime Coord/DTF Case Coord" and shall be slot number one. The annual salary is set at \$67,454.40 (\$32.43/hour) for the budget year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the salaries for these positions shall be effective August 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Victims of Crimes Coordinator" has accumulated comp time hours that exceed one-hundred and twenty hours – the maximum amount allowed for any one position; and

**WHEREAS**, an overtime expense line budget line in the amount of \$5,000.00 shall be added to the "Victims of Crimes Coordinator" position so to ensure that this employee is paid for the substantial amount of hours worked in undertaking the duties of the now-closed DTF Case Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of this overtime line requires increases to the position's retirement and social security funds; and

**WHEREAS**, these appropriations were passed by the Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee and recommended to the full Quorum Court.

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



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**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR INCENTIVE COMMITMENT TO HYBAR*

**WHEREAS**, the County has committed to offering an incentive package of capital expenditure offsets to Hybar; and

**WHEREAS**, the County shall commit \$500,000.00 to Hybar as part of this package; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Planning & Development and Finance Committees have approved these measures and now recommend them to the full Quorum Court.

**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:

<b>SLOT/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
3414.0184.3999	Hybar Commitment	\$500,000.00

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**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR INCENTIVE COMMITMENT TO ATLAS TUBE*

**WHEREAS**, the County has committed to offering an incentive package of capital expenditure offsets to Atlas Tube; and

**WHEREAS**, the County shall commit \$1,000,000.00 to Atlas Tube so that it may create 100 new positions with each position receiving an incentive of \$10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Planning & Development and Finance Committees have approved these measures and now recommend them to the full Quorum Court.

**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:

<b>SLOT/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
3414.0154.3999	Atlas Commitment	\$1,000,000.00

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