AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MEETING JANUARY 11, 2024 2:30 ANNEX BUILDING

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Michael White; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Drake Brown; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Candace Nichols; Mayor Bo McCullom; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Infrastructure funding for the grants was funded. \$2 million was used. Three projects were not funded. Some grants had produced receipts and finished their projects. Money had to be committed by the end of 2024 and spent by 2026. \$1 million left uncommitted. Keiser and Etowah were short on their grants. City of Etowah was asking for \$110,000.00 additional money. Justice Jackson asked the committee if they wanted to reopen the grant process. iParametrics would be contacted.
- 2. The committee suggested the grant applications be limited to water and sewer. The committee could fund another \$750,000.00 with a cap of \$125,000.00. Six grants could be funded for water and sewer. Only to cities that did not receive the \$400,000.00 total could apply. Motion made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to fund another grant for \$750,000.00 with a cap of \$125,000.00 for cities that did not receive \$400,000.00. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.
- 3. Justice White asked why the building purchased from the Humane Society was not being used for storage. Justice Burge asked why the Osceola Courthouse project couldn't be started until the Blytheville Courthouse was finished. Ends were being tied up with CNI. Several things have not been completed.
- 4. Justice McDonald would like to have a Proclamation for Harold Sudbury.
- 5. Meeting adjourned.
 Minutes submitted by: Cindy George