

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Betty Hepler; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Candace Nichols; OEM John Willard; Assessor Brannah Bibbs; County Clerk Janice Currie; Collector Susan Short; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White.**
- 2. Chickasawba District Court. No major changes. 2023 \$90,103.69. 2024 request \$96,480.00.**
- 3. Juvenile. Daryl Turner was not able to attend today and will be presented at the next Finance meeting. 2023 \$481,349.88. 2024 request \$570,457.18. Jail fees increased to \$100.00 per day.**
- 4. OEM/911. Mr. John Willard was the new OEM/911 officer. Steve Crosskno was the backup for Mr. Willard. E911 2023. \$1,530,166.78. 2024 request \$1,582,065.88. OEM 2023. \$91,773.02. 2024 request. \$121,385.91. OEM no overtime budgeted. 911 printing supplies were up, telephone raised to \$15,000.00. Service contracts were up for updating equipment. AT&T would be the host. \$35,000.00 each for two positions. \$750.00 a month after for each position. \$1,500.00. Hyper Reach would be funded for another year.**
- 5. Local Tribal Consistency Fund. \$81,000.00. Judge Nelson was in favor of using the money for repairs at the Annex Building. \$71,000.00 appropriated for repairs at the Annex building. \$10,000.00 for Hyper Reach.**
- 6. Health Department. Carried over from 2023. Request for wall signs were presented. \$570.77. The Committee suggested \$2,500.00 for wall signs and décor.**
- 7. Landfill. 2024 request \$3,801,007.99. Overtime was increased from \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00. Contract labor was a carry over. Clothing/uniform was increased to \$18,000.00. Fuel/Oil/Lubricants carried over. Tires/tubes \$25,000.00. Repair/Maintenance Bld./Equipment increased to \$20,000.00. Leachate hauling increased, fleet insurance increased, service contracts increased, equipment purchase increased from a request for a tractor from James Rountree and Judge Nelson. A F-350 truck was requested.**
- 8. Prosecuting Office Jeremy Thomas came to the Court with a request to fund a position in the office. The Court was funding DTF and Victims of Crime Coordinator Sarah Ramsey. Funding salaries for District Court's were the State's responsibility. Justice White recommended to follow State Regulations and not fund the slot.**
- 9. Cleaning service in the Blytheville Courthouse. The Courthouse had a part-time employee that worked six hours-four days a week. A professional service had hired two people, 4 hours**

**2 nights a week. SG360 would need to double their time. Discussion was held about defunding the part time position. No schedule had been received for the total amount from SG360. Justice Ash thought the county should contract the services. \$100,000.00 had been appropriated for cleaning. Part-time slot would be zeroed out and proposed to the Judge when he gets back from D.C.**

**10. Judge Nelson came to the Court proposing a new position titled Chief of Staff. Salary \$73,000.00. No decision was made. Personnel Committee meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 to discuss the job title, job description. Salary would be straight across no increase. Justice McClanahan requested to get the job description before the meeting. The job description would be sent to Judge Nelson for edits.**

**11. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**