

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2023 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Justice Neil Burge; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Betty Hepler; Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason; Deputy Clerk Ashley McGuirt; Treasurer Candace Nichols; Finance Kelli Jones; Sheriff Dale Cook; Collector Susan Short; Coroner Karen Ash Crane; Senior Citizens Center; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

1. Circuit Judge Dan Ritchey. 2023 \$11,450.00. 2024 request \$11,400.00. Carry over.
2. Coroner. 2023 \$50,053.96. 2024 request \$60,090.91. Increase on professional services was up. Coroner Karen Ash Crane would like to see an increase of \$10.00 per deputy.
3. Collector. 2023 \$367,848.70. 2024 request \$386,183.71. 5% raise and 6% insurance. Included. Closed one slot and also disbursed the funds. Collector Automation 2023 \$107,118.00. 2024 request. \$101,800.00.
4. Senior Citizens Center. 2023 \$664,414.29. 2024 request \$700,983.55. Senior Citizens Equipment Fund. 2023 \$42,015.43. 2024 request \$28,090.22. \$2,733.78. Food, supplies, service contracts and maintenance had increased. \$1,000.00 per month rent was paid to NEAR. Gas and internet were paid by the center for Osceola. Equipment was in good shape. Vehicle repair was down.
5. Circuit Clerk. 2024 \$445,023.14. 2024 request \$1,212,484.15. Increase was for the books being repaired. Circuit Clerk BLY Recorder 25%. 2023 \$36,511.60. 2024 request \$12,700.00. Circuit Clerk Recorder 75. 2023 \$67,935.79. 2024 request \$109,387.30. Circuit Clerk Child Support. 2023 \$37.50. 2024 request \$900.00. Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee Fund. 2023 \$8,745.00. 2024 request \$7,000.00. Circuit Clerk OSC Recorder 25%. 2023 \$10,000.00. 2024 request \$18,000.00. E-filing had not started. E-recording was being used.
6. Chief Deputy's salary needed to be discussed on how to disburse funds when a slot was closed. All Chief Deputies were paid the same now. No decision was made.
7. Meeting adjourned.
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George