

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2024 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Justice Neil Burge; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobby McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Candace Nichols; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Neil Burge. Expenses for December were in line with the budget. 2024 budget reflected changes. 98.45%.**
 - 2. Courthouse construction funds. Osceola Courthouse construction fund \$214,000.00, Blytheville Courthouse construction fund. \$231,000.00 that had been appropriated.**
 - 3. Economic Development requested \$50,000.00 to Sonic Aviation for refurbishing building 105. 5 jobs @ \$10,000.00. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to appropriate \$50,000.00 to Sonic Aviation. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.**
 - 4. Economic Development requested \$100,000.00 for a marketing plan to attend trade shows to make contacts with businesses. Metals and aviation were contacts they wanted to make. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$100,000.00 to Economic Development to be able to attend trade shows. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.**
 - 5. Economic Development asked for a Tax Back Resolution for Levy Environmental. 111 jobs. Motion was made by Justice Cecil McDonald to approve the Tax Back Resolution. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.**
 - 6. A Resolution was needed to appoint Dan Brown from U. S. Steel to the hospital board. Resolution would be presented at the next Quorum Court.**
 - 7. ARP Committee requested \$750,000.00 to reopen grants for water & sewage improvements. 2nd round \$750,999.99, \$125,000.00 max. No entity could receive more than \$400,000.00 for the 2nd round of grants for water and sewage. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
 - 8. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**