

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2024 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Mallory Darby; GREDF Brad Harrison; Mike Jacques; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Candance Nichols; Mayor Bo McCollum; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Meeting was turned over to Clif Chitwood. BGRAA project was presented by Brad Harrison. Sonic Aviation was located in Florida. The request was for \$50,000.00 for 5 jobs to renovate building 105 at the airport property. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$50,000.00 for 5 jobs to renovate building 105. Second was made by Justice Rick Ash. Motion passed and would go to Finance.

2. Marketing and Recruitment budget was reviewed. There were opportunities in the metals and aviation, aerospace industry. Mr. Chitwood thought it was time to be aggressive. Funds were needed. Metal and aerospace shows needed to be attended. Mr. Chitwood requested \$100,000.00 to fund marketing in Mississippi County. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to fund the request for marketing. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed and would go to Finance.

3. Guidelines and legal opinions would be obtained for site preparedness and presented next month.

4. Tax Back Resolution was needed for Levy Environmental Services. 111 jobs at the Osceola site, \$43 million investment, \$21.67 hourly wage. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to present the Tax Back Resolution at the Quorum Court Meeting this month. Second was made by Justice Rick Ash. Motion passed and would be presented to the Quorum Court in January.

5. Randy Scott reported 60 new homes loans were in process with the work here/live here project.

6. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George