

**ENERGY & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2024 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Cecil McDonald; Mayor Joe Harris, Jr.; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Candace Nichols; Collector Susan Short; Assessor's Office Kim Trump; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Osceola Health Unit had moved back into the Osceola building. Scheduled a walk thru on January 29th for Blytheville. Both projects should be completed within a year.
 2. Blytheville Courthouse had \$231,670.00 in the construction fund. Judge Nelson had a meeting scheduled for January 22nd with CNI and Porter Brownlee. Storm windows had not been completed. CNI would complete installation. Total expenditure on the Blytheville Courthouse was around \$16 million dollars. Total expenditure in Osceola \$3 million. HVAC was not working properly and needed to be evaluated.
 3. Osceola Courthouse project agreement was to spend \$2 million. Renaissance Roofing would be contacted for quotes to clean the Osceola and Blytheville drains twice a year. Roof access in Osceola was needed. \$214,543.00 left in the construction fund. Annual fire inspection done in November 2023. Several items needed to be addressed within 90 days. Ceiling tiles, boiler pipes needed to be sealed with fire retardant material, gas storage not in an approved cabinet or containers, extension cords used as permanent wiring, outlets needed face plate covers, extension cords not plugged into strips. Judge Nelson would like to see what caused the discoloration of the dome. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to have the dome inspected to see what had caused the discoloration. Motion died for lack of a second. Storage area in the Assessor's office didn't have lights. Justice Jackson would contact Aaron Ruby with the requests.
 4. Solar panels. 12,600 acres in Wilson had been committed. Properties would be surrounded by solar panels. 65% abatement was needed to be able to build. The county didn't support solar panels. Cities were the ones that needed to stop them from being built.
 5. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George