

**ENERGY & PROPERTY MEETING
SANITATION & SOLID WASTE MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairmans Justice Molly Jackson & Tobbye McClanahan; Justice Michael White; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Alan Beach; Porter Brownlee; Gary Clements; Osceola Fire Department Chief Peter Hill, Ray Williams; J.T. Harris; Finance Kelli Jones; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Meeting was turned over to Judge John Alan Nelson. Chairman of the Election Commission asked for the rain damage to be repaired and handicap parking beside their building. Judge Nelson introduced Gary Clements, Porter Brownlee and J.T. Harris. Meeting was turned over to Gary Clements with Clements & Associates located in Little Rock, AR. The scale house was located on the far side away from the class 1 cell and needed to be where they would be working for the next 75 years. Porter Brownlee gave an update on construction laws. Contractors would be interviewed to provide pre- construction services. Incentives were for the contractor to save money. Motion was made by Justice Michael White to move forward with Clements & Associates, Porter Brownlee to start the process. Second was made by Justice Melinda Martin. Motion passed.

2. Justice Betty Hepler was in favor of the new scale house. Justice Hepler delivered a message from Justice Reggie Cullom. Justice Cullom would not vote for another dollar to be spent on anything until the Court started on the Osceola Courthouse. Justice Hepler took a stand and would be right behind him. Justice Harbans Mangat agreed.

3. Fire Chief Peter Hill and Ray Williams were present from the Osceola Fire Department. The inspection of the Osceola Courthouse was at 90 days. Immediate safety issues were electrical, room where gasoline was stored, electrical wires hanging from the ceiling, exposed outlets. Justice Ash said these were maintenance issues and should not go to Aaron Ruby. Explosion proof box could be purchased to store the gas. J.T. Harris would move the gas and find an explosive storage unit, ceiling tiles would be purchased and installed. Justice Ash would contact an electrician. Tom Henry would prepare an ad for the Osceola and Blytheville paper for a Day Porter. Moving forward. Keep the Courthouse open, Aaron Ruby was working on estimates for repairs.

4. Health department asked for an additional \$3,600.00 for phone drops to make project complete. \$160,000.00 was left in the line item that was appropriated. Balance would be checked. Janice Currie and Leslie Mason were getting estimates on countertops in record rooms. \$14,000.00. The Court would like to see the final estimate. Tribal Funds would be used on the Annex building. Roof, HVAC and walls from leaks.

5. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George