PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMTTEE MEETING JUNE 17, 2024 1:00 P.M. ANNEX BUIDING

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Treasurer Candace Nichols; Finance Kelli Jones; Randy Scott; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Mallory Darby; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. GREDA had proposals to present. Meeting was turned over to Clif Chitwood.
- 2. Request for Precision Tech. 40 jobs. 15 new jobs. \$400,000.00 and were interested in the work here/live here program. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to appropriate \$400,000.00 to Precision Field Services. 45 jobs. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed and would be presented to the Finance Committee.
- 3. Request for Lexicon. \$500,000.00. Interested in the work here/live here program. Justice Burge was concerned about going back and funding jobs and use all the Economic Development money. Economic Development accounts over \$12 million. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$500,000.00 to Lexicon. Second was made by Justice Rick Ash. Motion passed and would be presented to the Finance Committee.
- 4. Request for Adams Gin Co. 50 jobs. 12 ½ full time jobs. \$125,000.00. Interested in the work here/live here program. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to appropriate \$125,000.00 to Adams Gin Co. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed and would be presented to the Finance Committee.
- 5. John Newcomb was Chairman of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. Mr. Newcomb invited the Commission to meet in Mississippi County. A tour would be given by Big River Steel Mill. A dinner would be provided at the mansion house in Wilson. November 6th, 2024. The State would pay a percent and Economic Development would pay a percent. No request for funding now.
- 6. Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by: Cindy George