

**FIRE, POLICE & SAFETY MEETING
JUNE 24, 2024 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Neil Burge; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Sheriff Cook; David Gladden; Treasurer Candace Nichols; OEM John Willard; Mayor Ronnie Johnson; Mayor Michelle Williams; Armored Mark Roger; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Neil Burge. Meeting was turned over to Judge John Alan Nelson. Judge Nelson said the reason for this meeting was to discuss the Birdsong and Armored Fire Departments. They were going to disband. This was because there was a lack of volunteers and funding.
 2. Tom Henry handed out maps, county districts, regulations, Resolutions, Act 833 funds distributed and certification requirements. Discussion was held.
 3. Judge Nelson recommended for Joiner to cover Birdsong and Blytheville to cover Armored. The Joiner fire department was covering Birdsong. Blytheville Fire Chief Mike Carney said they would entertain the idea but needed to check into boundaries, manpower, equipment and expenses. The Committee suggested Judge Nelson meet with the Blytheville Mayor to discuss the possibilities.
 4. Aaron Ruby informed Judge Nelson there was major electrical problems in the Osceola Courthouse. Most of the money allocated for Osceola would be needed to make the repairs. Justice Jackson would call an Energy & Property Meeting.
 5. Judge Nelson needed to have a Sanitation and Solid Waste Meeting to discuss equipment. An excavator was destroyed by fire. The insurance company paid \$80,000.00 on the claim. More money was needed to purchase a new one.
 6. Mississippi County would be hosing the Arkansas Aerospace and Defense Alliance on Wednesday.
 7. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George