

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
May 28, 2024

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Mississippi County Courthouse in Osceola, Arkansas with Judge John Alan Nelson presiding. Rev. Douglas of Osceola gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Brown
Justice Cullom
Justice Hepler

Justice McClanahan
Justice McDonald
Justice White

Absent: Justices Ash, Burge, Jackson, Mangat, and Martin. Also in attendance was County Attorney Chris Brown.

Justice White moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies had been provided to the members. Justice McClanahan seconded the motion and the voice vote was unanimous

In the treasurer's report, County Treasurer Candace Nichols reported the interest rate at Farmers Bank in Blytheville on a \$100,000.00 CD was 5.20% for one year. She reported the sales tax revenue were up a bit from the previous month and anticipated them being up even more for the coming month. She also reported county general continues to be in good shape.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Development Commitment: Justice White reported the committee met on May 14, 2024 to discuss GREDA's and BGRAA's request of \$750,000.00 for Galactic Air.

Finance Committee: Justice White reported the committee met on May 20, 2024 and topics of discussion were:

- An appropriation of \$750,000.00 for Galactic Air which would generate 50 jobs.
- The amendment of ordinances passed during the April Quorum Court meeting due to a scrivener's error.
- Road Grant Fund of \$200,000.00. No action taken.
- Solar energy projects
- Invitations to bid on the roofs of the EOC building and the Annex Building being published.
- Expenditures were reviewed and discussed. Fund balances in county general were in good shape.

Due to the lack of a quorum, no vote could be taken on any business during this meeting.

With no further business to come before the court, Justice White moved to adjourn, Justice McClanahan seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Currie
County Clerk/Secretary

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT
SPECIAL SESSION
May 30, 2024

The Quorum Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, met in special session at 1:30 p.m. in the Mississippi County Courthouse Annex Building in Blytheville, AR with County Judge John Alan Nelson presiding.

The following members answered roll call:

Justice Ash
Justice Brown
Justice Burge
Justice Hepler
Justice Jackson

Justice Mangat
Justice Martin
Justice McDonald
Justice White

Absent: Justices Cullom and McClanahan. Also in attendance was County Attorney, Jacob Holmes.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-10 TO BE ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-19 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-11 TO BE ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-20 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Following the reading, Justice White moved for adoption, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye--- Ash, Brown, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McDonald, and White; Nay---None; Absent--- Cullom and McClanahan. O-2024-21 was passed by the court.

The clerk was asked to read an ordinance titled: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMMITMENT TO GALACTIC AIR. Following the reading, Justice White moved to adopt, Justice Ash seconded and the vote was: Aye--- Ash, Brown, Burge, Hepler, Jackson, Mangat, Martin, McDonald, and White; Nay---None; Absent--- Cullom and McClanahan. O-2024-22 was passed by the court.

There being no further business to come before the court, Justice White moved to adjourn, Justice Burge seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tiffany Baker
Deputy Clerk/Acting Secretary

**QUORUM COURT
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Osceola, Arkansas**

**6:00 p.m. REGULAR SESSION OF QUORUM COURT IN THE CIRCUIT COURTROOM OF THE
OSCEOLA COURTHOUSE**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Prayer**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Allan Veach – Extension Service Report**
- 5. Roll Call**
- 6. Reading/Approval of Minutes**
- 7. Treasurer’s Report**
- 8. Committee Reports**
 - Planning & Development Committee 6/17/2024 Justice Michael White**
 - Finance Committee 6/17/2024 Justice Michael White**
- 9. Resolutions:**
- 10. Ordinances:**
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Precision Field Services**
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Lexicon/Prospect Steel**
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Adams Gin**
 - Appropriation Ordinance -Shug Banks Memorial Plaque**
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Opioid Grant Settlement**
 - Appropriation Ordinance – Repair County Buildings**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Old Business**
- 13. Announcements**
- 14. Adjourn**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 17, 2024 1:00 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 17, 2024 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; Treasurer Candace Nichols; Finance Kelli Jones; County Clerk Janice Currie; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. All Elected Officials were within budget. Expenditures 38.2%, Road Dept. 37.5%, Landfill had purchased a new tractor, Courthouse construction. Blytheville \$218,314.00, Osceola \$119,436.00.**
 - 2. Shug Banks Memorial Fund. \$21,500.00 in the fund. Plaque was made and money was secured privately. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$21,500.00 for the Shug Banks Memorial Fund. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
 - 3. Judge Dan Ritchey requested for the Drug Court Opioid Fund. Grant was received. \$16,448.00. Personal/Family Needs \$2,400.00, Personal Development \$2,400.00, Health Care \$3,300.00, Transportation \$3,300.00, Miscellaneous \$3,448.00, Staff Training Expenses \$1,600.00. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$16,448.00 for the Drug Court Opioid Fund. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**
 - 4. Planning & Development recommended to appropriate \$400,000.00 for Precision Field Services, \$500,000.00 for Lexicon, \$125,000.00 Adams Gin/Land Company. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to appropriate the funds to Precision Field Services, Lexicon, Adams Gin/Land Company. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.**
 - 5. JESAP would be submitted and should be received around July.**
 - 6. Bid for improvements to the Annex Building and EOC had been awarded to the Sierra Group.**
 - 7. Juvenile Department had a request for flooring. \$21,514.93. Motion was made by Justice Molly Jackson to appropriate \$250,000.00 from ARPA money to Other County Bldg./Grounds for the roof at the Annex, EOC, flooring, HVAC. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
 - 8. County Clerk Janice Currie received a \$50,000.00 grant for security for the Election Center, County Clerk's Office in Osceola and Blytheville. \$14,000.00 extra was needed.**
 - 9. Meeting adjourned.**
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

1 MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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3 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-_____

4
5 AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
6 COMMITMENT TO PRECISION FIELD SERVICES
7

8 WHEREAS, Mississippi County, Arkansas seeks to grow the local economy through
9 financial incentives given to industrial businesses with the understanding that said business will
10 hire county residents; and

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12 WHEREAS, Precision Field Services has created around 30 jobs and plans to create 15
13 more; and

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15 WHEREAS, in exchange for these jobs, the County Government of Mississippi County,
16 Arkansas desires to commit four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) total in financial
17 incentives to Precision Field Services with part of that being retroactive to cover the jobs already
18 created and part to cover the 15 future jobs; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has recommended this
21 appropriation, and the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved this appropriation.
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23 NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County,
24 Arkansas, that:

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26 I.

27 The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the 2024 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3414.0187.3999	Precision Field Services Commitment	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
		Total: \$400,000.00

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33 II.

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35 All appropriations previously authorized, approved, and made as to all other offices,
36 departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed,
37 are to remain as previously appropriated. Detailed provisions of said appropriations are reflected
38 in the schedule of specific items listed by account numbers within the category for each office
39 and filed in the Office of the County Court Clerk.
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7 This Ordinance, being an appropriation ordinance, shall be in full force and effect
8 immediately from and after its passage and approval by the County Judge.
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18 JOHN ALAN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE
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1 MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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3 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-_____

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5 AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
6 COMMITMENT TO LEXICON/PROSPECT STEEL
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8 WHEREAS, Mississippi County, Arkansas seeks to grow the local economy through
9 financial incentives given to industrial businesses with the understanding that said business will
10 hire county residents; and
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12 WHEREAS, Lexicon/Prospect Steel has created around 300 jobs; and
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14 WHEREAS, in exchange for these jobs, the County Government of Mississippi County,
15 Arkansas desires to commit five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) total in financial
16 incentives to Lexicon/Prospect Steel with that being retroactive to cover the jobs already created;
17 and
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19 WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has recommended this
20 appropriation, and the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved this appropriation.
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County,
23 Arkansas, that:
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26 The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the 2024 budget:
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3414.0188.3999	Lexicon/Prospect Steel Commitment	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
Total: \$500,000.00		

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1 MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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3 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-_____

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5 AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
6 COMMITMENT TO ADAMS GIN
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8 WHEREAS, Mississippi County, Arkansas seeks to grow the local economy through
9 financial incentives given to industrial businesses with the understanding that said business will
10 hire county residents; and

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12 WHEREAS, Adams Gin plans to create 50 seasonal jobs which are counted at ¼ of full-
13 time jobs and equaling 12.5 jobs; and

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15 WHEREAS, in exchange for these jobs, the County Government of Mississippi County,
16 Arkansas desires to retroactively commit one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00)
17 total in financial incentives to Adams Gin; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has recommended this
20 appropriation, and the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved this appropriation;

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County,
23 Arkansas, that:

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26 The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the 2024 budget:

27 SLOT/ACCOUNT #	28 DESCRIPTION	29 AMOUNT
29 3414.0189.3999	Adams Gin Commitment	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
		Total: \$125,000.00

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1 MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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3 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-_____

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5 AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR EXPENSES TO PROCURE A MEMORIAL
6 PLAQUE HONORING COUNTY JUDGE A. A. "SHUG" BANKS
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8 WHEREAS, Mississippi County, Arkansas desires to procure a plaque to be placed in the
9 Blytheville Courthouse honoring County Judge Albert Alexander "Shug" Banks; and

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11 WHEREAS, all funds for this memorial were raised by private donations and held in
12 account by the County Treasurer's office; and

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14 WHEREAS, the expenses to procure said plaque are expected to be around \$21,500.00;
15 and

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17 WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has recommended this appropriation.

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19 NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County,
20 Arkansas, that:

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23 The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the 2024 budget:

SLOT/ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3497.0112.3100	County Special Project Misc.	<u>\$21,500.00</u>
		Total: \$21,500.00

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1 MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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3 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-_____

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5 AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FUNDS IN THE ADULT DRUG COURT-
6 OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT FUND
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8 WHEREAS, Mississippi County, Arkansas has previously created the Adult Drug Court-
9 Opioid Settlement Grant Fund in March of 2024; and

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11 WHEREAS, funds have been received in said fund and is now necessary to further
12 appropriate said funds for allowable restorative services outlined by the Administrative Office of
13 the Courts; and

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15 WHEREAS, the funds received in the Adult Drug Court-Opioid Settlement Grant Fund
16 shall now be appropriated in the following manner; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has recommended this appropriation.

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20 NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County,
21 Arkansas, that:

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24 The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the 2024 budget:

26 SLOT/ACCOUNT #	27 DESCRIPTION	28 AMOUNT
29 3048.0405.2001	30 Personal/Family Needs	31 \$2,400.00
32 3048.0405.3009	33 Personal Development	34 \$2,400.00
35 3048.0405.3019	36 Health Care	37 \$3,300.00
38 3048.0405.3030	39 Transportation	40 \$3,300.00
41 3048.0405.3100	42 Miscellaneous	43 \$3,448.00
44 3048.0405.3101	45 Staff Training Expenses	46 <u>\$1,600.00</u>
	47 Total:	48 \$16,448.00

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52 departments, and agencies of county government, and all other funds not hereinabove changed,
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1 **MISSISSIPPI COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

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3 **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-_____**

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5 **AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING**
6 **FUNDS TO REPAIR COUNTY BUILDINGS**
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8 **WHEREAS**, Mississippi County, Arkansas has deemed there is need for repairs at the
9 Mississippi County Courthouse Annex in Blytheville and at the Mississippi County EOC Head
10 Start building in Osceola; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the amount of the repairs for both buildings are expected to cost
13 approximately \$250,000 and the Quorum Court has determined these funds should come from the
14 ARPA funds; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has recommended and approved this appropriation;
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County,
19 Arkansas, that:
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22 The following appropriations/modifications are hereby made for the 2024 budget:
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24 SLOT/ACCOUNT #	25 DESCRIPTION	26 AMOUNT
1006.0111.2020	Repair/Maint. Bldg/Grounds	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
	Total:	\$250,000.00

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