

**FIRE POLICE & SAFETY MEETING
JULY 11, 2019 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Rick Ash; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Fred Fleeman; Justice, Michael White; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Molly Jackson; Sheriff, Dale Cook; Rob Rounsville; Captain, David Gladden; Lieutenant, Chris Brown; Felicia Pierce; Randy Nichols; Turn Key Health, Danny Hickman; John David Nelson; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; NEA Town Courier, Joseph Fondren, Jonet Washington.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Justice Rick Ash. Justice Ash stated we would be looking at a contract for medical care in the jail. The County Hospital System has been providing the services several years. Felicia Pierce and Randy Nichols are here from the hospital. Danny Hickman is with Turn Key Health. The hospital does not have the capability to do some of the things the Sheriff needs done. Justice Ash turned the meeting over to Sheriff, Dale Cook.

2. Sheriff Cook introduced Danny Hickman. Mr. Hickman stated Turn Key Health was regional based and focused. The company was established in 2009 and the main headquarters is in Oklahoma City, Ok. We were established in Arkansas in 2016. Turn Key Health is in 42 Counties in Oklahoma and Kansas, with 10 in Arkansas. Mr. Hickman handed out the proposal. Option 2 would be the best. Cost \$239,832.00. The money is appropriated in the Sheriff's budget. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Justice Norvell for the Sheriff to approve the contract. Second was made by Justice Jackson. Motion passed.

3. Justice Ash handed out a spreadsheet on jail fees for the past 5 years. 2014- \$53.70, 2015- \$61.15, 2016-\$62.96, 2017-\$64.75, 2018-\$71.33. The cost is rising because we do not have the same amount of inmates. Jeremy Thomas sent an e-mail about the contract. Mr. Thomas wanted the Supreme Court decision left in the contract. The question is do we want to enter into a contract with the City of Blytheville. Do we want to increase the per day charge in 2020 and approve the contract for \$55.00 per day for the remainder of the year? Justice Norvell stated Manila could not afford an increase. We do not need to do an increase in jail fees. Justice Burge stated if we do not increase jail fees there is no need to enter into a contract. Justice Nelson went on the record not to raise the fees for the remainder of the year, but look at raising them next year. Justice Jackson stated she would leave the fees as they are. Justice Norvell made a motion to keep the jail fees at \$55.00 for 2020 and not enter into a contract with Blytheville. Second was made by Justice Fleeman. Motion passed and will be recommended to Finance.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George