

SANITATION & SOLID WASTE MEETING
June 12, 2019 1:00 p.m. Annex Building

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Neil Burge; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Howard Norvell; Landfill Director, James Rountree; Collector, Susan McCormick; Assessor, Harley Bradley; County Clerk, Janice Currie; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Chief Strategist, J.T. Harris; Finance, Kelli Jones; John David Nelson; Andrew and Erin Carrington; NEA Town Courier, Joseph Fondren; Judge, John Alan Nelson.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Justice Neil Burge.**
- 2. Justice Burge handed out a copy of the landfill operation report for the first 5 months of 2019. Justice Burge introduced the Landfill Director, James Rountree. The balance in the landfill is \$1,513,705.54 at the end of May.**
- 3. The main purpose of the meeting is to purchase/lease a John Deere tractor for the landfill. The lease will be for 36 months. Total price of the tractor is \$250,726.00. Monthly cost will be \$3,436.83 for a 3 year lease and includes an extended warranty. FTN is in the process of preparing the specs and bid documents for a new Class 1 and Class 4 cell. The Class 1 may be full by the end of the year. The estimates on both cells will be around \$2 million dollars. We do not need to spend the money on purchasing the tractor at this time and recommend to lease a tractor. The landfill will be purchasing a batwing bush hog with the approval of the Finance Committee. The cost of the bush hog is \$16,203.96. Justice Nelson asked what the purchase price of the tractor would be at the end of the lease. J.T. Harris stated we could purchase the tractor for \$180,000.00 at the end of the lease. Justice Ash asked if we could look into short term financing. J.T. Harris stated John Deere's interest rate was higher on short term financing. J.T. will get some numbers to present to the Finance Committee. Justice Henton made a motion to look at the options and move the purchase/lease agreement forward to the Finance Committee. Justice Mollie Jackson made the second. Motion passed and will be presented to the Finance Committee.**
- 4. The contractor for the CAO Correction Project has moved his equipment back to finish the project. Dirt removed from ditches in the County will be taken to the landfill. Additional dirt will also be brought in. The balance on the CAO Contract is around \$288,000.00. Mr. Rountree has hired 2 temporary employees to help clean the landfill. They will be paid as contract labor.**
- 5. Andrew Carrington addressed the Committee. We have purchased several buildings in the historic downtown area. There are around 37 store fronts. The buildings will be cleaned up and renovated. Would the County consider waiving the tipping fees at the landfill while the cleanup is in progress. Justice Burge stated in the past the only time fees have been waived is in the event of a natural disaster. There is a Spring and Fall County Cleanup where dumping is free. The fall cleanup will be in September. In the past there has been special arraignments worked out with the Municipalities. We will discuss it in Finance.**
- 6. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by:

Cindy George

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
JUNE 12, 2019 1:30 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Rick Ash; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Collector, Susan McCormick; Assessor, Harley Bradley; Finance, Kelli Jones; John David Nelson; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Chief Strategist, J.T. Harris; NEA Town Courier, Joseph Fondren; Judge, John Alan Nelson

1. Chairman, Justice Rick Ash called the meeting to order. Meeting was turned over to Judge Nelson.

2. Judge Nelson stated Mr. Rice has been helping the custodial duties in Osceola. He is employed in a State Workforce Program that pays his salary. The State has decided his employment has ended in Osceola We have until June 30th to hire him or he will be moved to another location. All the Elected Officials agree that Mr. Rice does an outstanding job. We would like to make Mr. Rice an employee with the County. County Clerk, Janice Currie stated he does good work. He keeps the Courthouse lawn during the winter as well as the summer. He is also capable of taking care of minor repairs and janitorial work. Justice Hepler stated he goes out of his way to help.

3. Justice Ash asked what Mr. Rice's pay scale was. Justice Hepler stated it would be minimum wage thru the Workforce Program. Will this position be custodial or maintenance? We need to look into creating a slot and salary for this position. The request will go to Finance to make the final decision and then to Quorum Court. Judge Nelson stated mid-point for JESAP Janitorial is \$23,800.00. Discussion was held to raise the work hours to 40 per week for janitorial duties. Justice, Howard Norvell made a motion create a custodial position between Osceola and Blytheville and start the salary at mid-point in JESAP and increasing the work hours to 40 per week. Second was made by Justice, Betty Hepler. Motion passed and will be presented to the Finance Committee.

4. Meeting adjourned.

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**FIRE POLICE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 12, 2019 2:00 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Rick Ash; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Fred Fleeman; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Molly Jackson; Juvenile, Daryl Turner; City Attorney, Chris Brown; Collector, Susan McCormick; Assessor, Harley Bradley; County Clerk, Janice Currie; Dennis Prude; John David Nelson; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Chief Strategist, J.T. Harris; Finance, Kelli Jones; NEA Town Courier, Joseph Fondren; Judge, John Alan Nelson.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Justice Rick Ash. Justice Ash introduced Chris Brown, Blytheville City Attorney. Mr. Brown is here today to answer questions on the Jail Fee Agreement. Justice Ash stated he did not want to see the agreement as an automatic renewal. Justice Ash will be gathering information to get an average of jail fees over the past 4 or 5 years. This agreement will lock us in for the next year at \$55.00 per day. Justice Ash stated he would like the agreement to go to the County Attorney for review. Justice Nelson stated we could remove #3 to the end of the Agreement. The decision of the Court does not have to be repeated or included in the monthly financial agreement. Justice Burge stated whatever we do affects the other municipalities in the County. Finance Committee has asked Justice Ash to look at the jail fees. Justice Ash has asked Kelli to print a spreadsheet of what the costs are to operate the jail in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018. The average is not as high thought. All committee members will have a copy before the next meeting. Justice Burge stated any changes will be effective the first of the year.

2. Justice Ash asked if the committee wanted to consider this agreement. We will have our attorney look at the agreement before Finance meeting Monday. Justice Fleeman stated the Attorney for Manila contacted him and stated they could not stand an increase in jail fees.

3. Justice Burge made a motion to send the Agreement to our County Attorney and if approved will go to Finance Monday. Second was made by Justice Jo Ann Henton. Justice Burge withdrew his motion. Justice Burge made a motion to send the Agreement to our Attorney for consideration and we delay until our next meeting. Second was made by Justice Norvell. Motion passed.

4. Meeting Adjourned.

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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
JUNE 12, 2019 2:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

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1. Chairman, Justice Bill Nelson called the meeting to order. Justice Nelson stated Cliff Chitwood was out of the Country and Randy Scott is in Little Rock. Justice Nelson presented the 2 projects for Economic Development.

2. NuArk located in Blytheville. They will be expanding 10 additional jobs. These jobs will involve the manufacturing of utility poles for internet relay stations. They now manufacture boxes for internet companies. The recommendation is for 10 jobs @ \$10,000.00 per for Mississippi County residents and \$5,000.00 for Dunklin and Pemiscott Counties. Total appropriation \$100,000.00 Justice, Neil Burge made a motion to send the recommendation to the Quorum Court June 25, 2019. Second was made by Justice, Fred Fleeman. Motion passed and will go to Quorum Court.

3. White Gold Mills a cottonseed mill will be built in Wilson and employ 55 people. The recommendation is 55 jobs @ \$12,000.00 per job for Mississippi County residents only. Total appropriation \$660,000.00. Motion was made by Justice, Fred Fleeman to send the recommendation to Quorum Court June 25, 2019. Second was made by Justice, Neil Burge. Motion passed and will go to Quorum Court.

4. Meeting adjourned.

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