

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
MAY 16, 2019 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Justice Bill Nelson; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Fred Fleeman; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Betty Hepler; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Assessor, Harley Bradley; Circuit Clerk, Leslie Mason; Collector, Susan McCormick; Juvenile, Daryl Turner; Economic Development, Clif Chitwood; Manila Pilot's Association, Curtis Hawkins; David Wildy; Wally Thomas; Ty Presson; Andrew Smith; John Gifford; Neema Fallon; Byron Teague; Woody Townsend; Gary Joliff; Extension Service, Ray Benson; Matt Moble; Chief Strategist, J.T. Harris; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Angie Nelson; NEA Town Crier, Joseph Fondren; Judge, John Alan Nelson.

1. Justice, Bill Nelson called the meeting to order. Justice Nelson stated we have 2 or 3 pieces of business to present to the Committee. Meeting was turned over to Clif Chitwood.

2. Mr. Chitwood stated he needs to amend Ordinance 2018-22, A & J Aviation LLC. Originally we had appropriated \$480,000.00 plus \$30,000.00 for additional resources. We have spent \$13,000.00 to get engineered specifications for the building. We have bid the project 3 times and the bid we received this time from A & J Construction is \$45,000.00 more than what was appropriated. I recommend we allocate an additional \$45,000.00 to this project. Motion was made by Justice, Neil Burge to appropriate an additional \$45,000.00 to the project. Second was made by Justice, Fred Fleeman. Motion passed and will be presented to the Quorum Court May, 28, 2019.

3. Mr. Chitwood stated the next item is a company called Frigortec. The company is located in Blytheville. They are a German Company and make specialized cooling machines. (Air Conditioners) They are installed in cranes at Nucor, Tenaris, Big River Steel. These coolers keep the motors from overheating. They also make a machine that cools grain down and takes care of any unwanted insects. They are asking for help for 10 people. I have made a tentative offer of \$10,000.00 per Mississippi County Employee. Total incentive \$100,000.00. Motion was made by Justice, Fred Fleeman to appropriate \$100,000.00 to Frigortec for 10 jobs. Second was made by Justice, Neil Burge. Motion passed and will be presented to Quorum Court May 28, 2019.

4. The third item is the proposal by Tadzo Consulting Company for an Economic Tactical Plan. 1. What can we do to get population growth. 2. Examine our work program, 3. Veterans recruitment. If we decide to engage them they will talk to all of our businesses, the Judge, Economic Development, Mayors. The cost for this proposal is \$96,500.00. Jonesboro had a study made for them in 1996, 2008, 2012, 2016. Our board has asked for the study to be funded. This will be a one time study. Justice Fleeman stated the County could benefit the study. We will have access to the company for 3 to 5 years. Motion was made by Justice Fred Fleeman to appropriate the \$96,500.00 for the study. Second was made by Justice, Neil Burge. Motion passed and will be presented to the Quorum Court May 28, 2019.

5. Judge Nelson stated Aaron Ruby will be meeting with Circuit Clerk, Leslie Mason and County Clerk, Janice Currie and the Judge's office tomorrow. Regular finance meeting

**Monday May 20. The Bond closing is Tuesday, May 21. Quorum Court May 28,. Senator Boozman will be at the Osceola Chamber of Commerce on May 29.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**