

May 1, 2019

Energy & Property Committee Meeting
Blytheville Annex Conference Room
1:30 pm

In Attendance: Quorum Court Justices: Molly Jackson, Rick Ash, Betty Hepler, Bill Nelson, JoAnne Henton, Alvin Clay, Neil Burge, and Michael White. Elected Officials: John Nelson – County Judge, Peggy Meatte - Treasurer, Janice Currie – County Clerk, Harley Bradley – Assessor, Susan McCormick – Collector, Leslie Mason – Circuit Clerk. Kelli Jones – Finance, Daryl Turner – Juvenile, Steven Savage – Public Affairs, John David Nelson – Judge’s Office, JT Harris – Chief Strategist, Joseph Fondren – NEA Town Courier.

Justice Molly Jackson, serving as chairman for Justice Belcher, called the meeting to order. First order of business is additional storage space needed for Circuit Clerk, Leslie Mason. All Energy & Property Committee Members viewed the storage area that is behind the First Commercial Bank where Leslie Mason’s office is currently located. Committee members agreed that the space was nice and sufficient for the Circuit Clerk’s records. Ben Massey, First Commercial Bank, is willing to work with the county and provide additional security measures to the door to help secure the area. First Commercial Bank is offering the space for the price of \$325.00 per month. After discussion, Justice Rick Ash made a motion to send a 2 year lease proposal in the amount of \$325.00 per month to be paid out of the Circuit Clerk’s 25% recorder fund to the Finance Committee. Justice Betty Hepler 2nd the motion. All was in favor. None opposed.

Second order of business is the possible deconstruction of the tower on the northwest corner of the Blytheville courthouse lot. Judge Nelson has received two bids. One bid was near \$40,000. The other bid was \$12,000 plus an additional \$2,000 for the moving of utility services during the deconstruction. The committee discussed the two options. Justice Molly Jackson made the recommendation that Judge Nelson should choose the option he feels most comfortable with. Justice Rick Ash made a motion for the Judge to choose the option he feels most comfortable with while recommending the lower cost option as long as they were a reputable company with proper licensing and insurance and with the stipulation that Burlington Northern was notified about the deconstruction. Justice Betty Hepler 2nd the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

Justice Molly Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelli Jones.

