

**ENERGY & PROPERTY**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019 2:00 P.M. ANNEX BLDG.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Alvin Clay; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Chief Strategist, J.T. Harris; John David Nelson; Attorney, Jim Harris; Mr. Prunty; Juvenile, Daryl Turner; County Judge, John Alan Nelson.

- 1. Justice, Rick Ash called the meeting to order for Justice, Sylvester Belcher. Justice, Rick Ash turned the meeting over to Judge Nelson.**
- 2. Judge Nelson explained he would like to bring a Resolution before the Court in support of applying for a grant with the Arkansas Heritage Preservation. The grant money would be used for repairs/replacement of the roof on the Blytheville Courthouse. The grant will be around \$350,000.00. Mr. Aaron Ruby has asked for a Resolution to be passed by the Quorum Court to be attached to the application. This will let the Historic Society be aware that the Quorum Court is in agreement with the application. The Society will want a Resolution, a letter from the Judge, easement to the Courthouse. Judge Nelson will sign a contract to get the Courthouse on the Historical Registry. The Blytheville Courthouse will be able to apply for grants in the future. The deadline for the application is February 1, 2019.**
- 3. Justice, Bill Nelson asked if you get the grant prior to the approval of the bond issue, what would be the effect. Judge Nelson stated we are getting the grant in conjunction with the renovation. The Historical Society is aware of everything. Justice, Neil Burge stated there was a grant that was available for replacing the roof on the Blytheville Courthouse about three years ago. The Court rejected this grant because of the covenants that the Courthouse could not be used for anything else. Justice Burge asked if the Courthouse would use the same materials.**
- 4. Justice Ash for a motion for the County to apply for the grant to repair/replace the Blytheville Courthouse roof. Justice, Molly Jackson made the motion. Second was made by Justice, Betty Hepler. Motion passed. The Resolution will be presented to the Quorum Court Jan. 22, 2019.**
- 5. Justice Ash asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Justice, Molly Jackson. Second was made by Justice, Jo Ann Henton.**
- 6. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**

**FIRE, POLICE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 2019 ANNEX BLDG.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Justice Rick Ash; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Molly Jackson; Sheriff, Dale Cook; Public Affairs, Steven Savage, Chief Strategist, J.T. Harris; John David Nelson; Attorney, Jim Harris, Mr. Prunty; Juvenile, Daryl Turner; NEA Town Crier, Joseph Fondren; County Judge, John Alan Nelson

**1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Justice Rick Ash.**

**2. Justice Ash introduced the owner of the Essence Event Center, Mr. Prunty. Attorney, Jim Harris spoke for Mr. Prunty. Mr. Prunty would like to apply for a private club license. We will need the approval of the Quorum Court before the application can be submitted to ABC Board. The former club had an old license that was grandfathered in which allowed them to stay open basically 24 hours a day. The private club license Mr. Prunty will have has a 2 a.m. closing time. Mr. Prunty has a bail bonding company in Mississippi County for about 30 years, currently appointed to the State Board Rural Service Commission by Governor Hutchinson. He has a good reputation in Northeast Arkansas and Mississippi County. The Event Center was purchased in July 2018, in August he received an on premise beer license. Mr. Prunty stated the Essence Event Center would be used for family reunions, wedding receptions, etc.. Justice Asked if the only time the center would be open is if someone rents it. Mr. Prunty stated it was not a club but an event center. Justice Ash asked Mr. Prunty some specific questions. 1. Are you planning to have security? Mr. Prunty stated he would be supplying security. 2. Are there cameras on the property? Mr. Prunty stated not at this time but will be getting some. 3. Justice, Jo Ann Henton asked if she booked an event and the Security came from Memphis who is responsible for payment? Mr. Prunty stated for a large event that needed extra security the cost would be 50/50. Justice, Neil Burge asked if they would be having bands or live entertainment would the center have full security? Mr. Prunty stated yes. Justice Ash asked Sheriff Cook if he had any comments. The Sheriff had no comments.**

**3. Justice, Howard Norvell made a motion to grant Mr. Prunty permission to seek his private club license thru ABC. Second was made by Justice, Molly Jackson. Motion passed and will be presented to the Quorum Court Tuesday Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**4. Motion to adjourn was made by Justice, Howard Norvell . Second by Justice, Betty Hepler.**

**5. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**