

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Justice Michael White; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Fred Fleeman; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Betty Hepler; Collector, Susan McCormick; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; County Clerk, Janice Currie; Finance, Kelli Jones; Harban Mangat; NEA Town Courier, Joseph Fondren.

**1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Justice Michael White. All Elected Officials are 7% on budget. Sheriff 6%. County General 5%. County Road 6%. County Jail 6%. \$5,781,244.96 appropriated for Courthouse Renovation in current budget. \$2 million for Osceola Courthouse construction project. Kelli Jones stated clean up budget should be ready in March. Treasurer, Peggy Meatte stated Senior Citizens was in the red. Transfer has already been made this month.**

**2. Compactor for the landfill lease has been renewed. The old compactor was traded for a new one. Payments are \$1,606.96 more than the old lease. Appropriation needed \$19,283.52. An agreement for a new excavator for the Road Department was entered into. The payment is \$2,815.02 a month. Appropriation needed \$33,780.48. Justice Ash asked if the appropriations would come from the Road Department budget and not General Funds. The money comes from the Road Department Budget.**

**3. Doing business with the County. There is an employee in the Leachville/Manilla Assessor's Office whose husband with a body shop has requested to do business with the County. Eric Solomon in Manila. Kelli Jones stated Mr. Solomon has done some repairs for the County. Justice Nelson suggested an Ordinance be approved in case he does business with the County again. An Ordinance will be presented to Quorum Court.**

**4. Treasurer, Peggy Meatte stated Apprentice Software will be coming to meet with Norris to discuss the server issue. The Assessor and Collector's office may be going to the same software. All offices will be compatible. Peggy stated the software was user friendly.**

**5. Senior Citizens. Kelli stated when the 2020 budget was being worked on Justice White, Kelli, Amanda and Barbara worked to balance. Expenditures had to come down. Food was cut, along with other line items. Janitor's position was terminated. Barbara asked Kelli to address the Court to see if there was anyway to help. Justice White stated Senior Citizens are supported by Federal, State and the County. The County is giving the Center \$238,000.00. Federal and State are cutting their funding. When the budget was presented the Center was \$61,000.00 short from Revenues and Expenditures. Justice Nelson stated our Senior Citizens are equal to our Veterans and we need to take care of them. 41% of the maintenance budget has already been spent. The County has not increased their funding in several years. Justice Norvell suggested we ask Amanda and Barbara to come to the next Finance meeting to discuss how the County could help. Special meeting will be called. There is a possibility the Center could receive grants.**

**6. Justice White asked County Clerk, Janice Currie how early voting was going. She stated things were going well. 3 early voting places. Blytheville, Osceola, Manila. Manilla will rotate next week to Leachville. Monday before the Election there will be no voting in Manila or Leachville. 18 voting places for the March Election.**

**7. Treasurer, Peggy Meatte stated revenues were good. The County has not received the pilot money from the Power Plant at Dell. They said it was mailed in December. The power plant will put a stop payment and re issue the checks.**

**8. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by:  
Cindy George**