

**ENERGY & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 11, 2020 2:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Michael White; Justice, Fred Fleeman; Finance, Kelli Jones; Collector, Susan McCormick; Tobye McClanahan; Aaron Ruby; Porter Brownlee; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; NES Town Crier, Joseph Fondren.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Molly Jackson. Justice White stated he had talked to Attorney, Nate Steel. The response to the law suit at hand had been filed today. It was available on Court Connect.

2. The tower was scheduled to come down on June, 20. Entergy has moved lines and waiting on Ritter to move the fiber optic lines. Builder's Risk Insurance Policy. I need to point out CNI is carrying the insurance. \$50,000.00 deductible. CNI would be responsible for paying the deductible. \$4 million dollar on the existing structure. The rest is on the new building in progress. Osceola Courthouse insurance policy is cash value. The building for about \$3.8 million. Contents \$600,000.00. When policy comes up for renewal we may want to increase. The building could not be replaced for \$4 million.

3. Emergency Squad Building. The contractor that was going to dismantle the building does not have time now. Justice Ash knows some people that may want to demolish the building. The building needs to be removed by the 25th of June. The demolition was not in the original bid. CNI is responsible for the slab and foundation. The cost for CNI to remove would be \$5,000.00 or \$6,000.00. J.T. Harris was going to ask Goolsby if they were interested. Aaron Ruby stated the building needs to be removed as soon as possible to begin construction of the storm drains.

4. Law library books have been taken care of. Justice Jackson stated we are still waiting on the testing for asbestos. The glue that was used for the acoustical tile was found to contain asbestos, the plaster may contain asbestos. CNI was to remove all the acoustical tiles, glue and paint. CNI could not remove the tiles if they contain asbestos.

5. Budget update. Finance Director, Kelli Jones stated after bills are paid there will be around \$266,777.00 left from the money appropriated for this month. The \$302,000.00 for CNI is taken out of that figure. \$750,000.00 needs to be appropriated for CNI, Revival \$8,600.00, \$200,000.00 for Renaissance for Osceola roof. Justice, Rick Ash made a motion for the Committee to go to Finance to appropriate \$1.25 million for July's expenditures and into August. Second was made by Justice, Betty Hepler. Motion passed and will go to Finance. Meeting was turned over to Aaron Ruby.

6. Blytheville Courthouse. Aaron Ruby stated he had not made any updates to the spreadsheet. There are costs we are asking prices on. The cost for adding the boxes for disconnect panel and pedestrian gates. \$18,728.00. Additional cost and will come from contingency money. Justice Ash explained an outside disconnect was needed for fire and safety purposes. There were 3 doors before a disconnect could be reached. Only the fire

department has a key. There will be 2 places to trip. 1. Main power. 2. Generator. The fire department connection is inside a secured area. Second thing asked for. Exhaust fan in the sally port. We do not have a price back from CNI for a credit of the sally port doors. Replace the solid doors with gates. Decorative painting. Examples were handed out showing different styles of paint, murals and prints. Justice White asked about the durability. The beams, panels, crown mold will be painted. Justice Ash stated it was detailing the beams. There was not just a single painting. Displays, exhibits to display County history, medal of honor display. These items are in the CNI budget but only as allowance items. Justice Ash stated he didn't mind spending all in the budget but did not want to go over. Justice Jackson stated we would look at the list of items and decide on which ones they would do. A historian would need to be contacted to help decide what story we would like to tell. The etching on the stairs is not included in the budget. Audio/ visual should come down.

7. Sally port doors had a potential for savings. \$125,000.00 to \$135,000.00 credit from CNI. Replacing the solid doors with the gates. Aluminum sheets on the back will obscure vision. Bi-fold doors are reliable, sturdy, stable, expensive and offer better security. Justice White asked Mr. Ruby if he thought we were alright budget wise. Mr. Ruby stated yes. \$750,000.00 budgeted for furniture. The bid for the parking lot is in the budget.

8. Mr. Ruby stated the Blytheville Courthouse roof is finished. Green clay tiles. The roof on the addition will have a metal roof at no additional cost. The new courtroom will have an acoustical plaster ceiling. Acoustical wall panels will be in the old courtroom. The copper on the dome is Osceola is being removed. Probably additional cost for the roof from damaged decking. \$800,000.00 contingency left. Second floor windows are in bad shape, terra cotta repaired. The cupola will be transported to St. Louis to duplicate. Justice Fleeman asked when the fire happened in Osceola. Justice Ash stated the first floor courtroom burned in 1980.

9. Aaron Ruby showed samples for the new courthouse showing paint colors, flooring, carpet tiles. Entry doors and office doors were painted. The doors in the courtroom are white oak.

10. Energy & Property Meeting June 30, 2020. 2:30 Annex Building.

11. Meeting adjourned.