

**SANITATION & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020 1:00 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Neil Burge; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Michael White; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Howard Norvell; Finance, Kelli Jones; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; NEA Town Crier, Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Neil Burge. Justice Burge stated we were thru the first 3 quarters. Justice Burge handed the committee a spread sheet. Revenue for first nine months was \$2,474,083.53. September was a bad month for cash flow. Just over \$200,000.00. Account receivables were not coming in. \$375,000.00 and \$400,000.00 outstanding. Expenses first nine months were \$1,549,846.31. Operations part 65% of budget. Operating margins. \$924,237.22. Funds available in October \$1,908,157.44. New cell construction bid: \$2,287,775.00. Paid to date (1,107,591.03). Balance to be paid \$1,180,183.97. \$700,000.00 gap. Ample money to take care of the construction project. Judge Nelson and Justice Burge wanted to set aside \$500,000.00 every year to have funds available. Cell construction has slowed down. Still working on class 4. Leachate collection on the bottom and the liner installed. Justice Norvell asked about the collections. Justice Burge stated the cities are current. Some payments were being sent with the wrong address and were returned. Judge Nelson was contacting the larger accounts about payments. Peggy Meatte stated she had not received the court order to remove the older accounts that would never be paid.

2. The landfill budget was being worked on and should be ready by next Monday for Finance Committee.

3. Justice Burge stated the dumpsters had run its course and would be completed by the end of the year. Leachville was having a day and City of Osceola paid for their own. Two \$95.00 charges in September. Justice Burge stated there were two or three in Blytheville, 1 in Dell. Justice Norvell stated he thought the court decided the dumpsters were illegal. Opinion of the Quorum Court at the last meeting was the dumpsters were a problem. County Attorney, Jeremy Thomas thought it was illegal. Justice Jackson stated expenses for the dumpsters were tracked but were the revenues lost tracked. Justice White asked if creating zero tickets would create a legal issue. Roll offs are weighed and zeroed. 5 zero tickets to Waste Pro for September. Tonnage weight and materials were on the ticket. Revenues can be tracked. Justice Burge stated a Blytheville City Councilman approached the Judge about extra dumping in his ward. The Judge agreed to put dumpsters to help. Judge Nelson made the dumpsters available to all cities in the county in lieu of the spring and fall cleanup. Justice Norvell stated the dumpsters could not be used for private use. Justice Jackson stated she would like to have a plan. Cities received a discount. Justice Burge stated the only thing left would require some legal action on part of the Quorum Court. Justice White stated the auditors could also initiate. Issues with the former County Judge were initiated by the auditors. Auditors got the State Police and FBI involved. Variance from an Ordinance is breaking the law. Giving away services where fees are charged is theft of services. Justice Jackson asked Kelli to check into the amount of zero tickets.

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4. Equipment at landfill. Justice Burge stated in a meeting with Judge Nelson and James Rountree it was indicated another dozer was needed. Two pieces leased had been renewed and one in the spring. Compactor can't be used in the new cell until 6 ft. cover is down or liner could be torn. D6 dozer has been repaired and is available. No major expenditure on equipment was expected.

5. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George