

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2020 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Michael White; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Betty Hepler; Cecil McDonald; Finance, Kelli Jones; Collector, Susan Short; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Harbans Mangat; Tobbye McClanahan; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; NEA Town Crier; Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Michael White. Budgets today, Collector, Treasurer, Solid Waste, Assessor, Juvenile, Osceola and Blytheville District Courts.

2. Collector's Office. County General Collector Budget and Collector Automation Fund. In past some Collectors would build the balance in their automation fund. Common balance was \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00. Working with Betty Hepler and continued with Susan Short as Collectors balance of automation fund was brought down and shifted to County General to give relief. \$192,000.00 in anticipated expenditures in automation fund. 2021 anticipated revenues \$130,000.00. Susan Short asked in automation could personnel, payroll, insurance be moved to County General. Kelli Jones stated when software companies changed it would be hard to do salary splits. Payroll would be paid out of one of the funds. 80% back from the schools to County General. None in automation fund. Computers replaced in Burdette when move back to Blytheville. Software cost. \$13,000.00 yearly maintenance. \$32,000.00 set up and initial startup for new software. \$25,000.00 for public records/software in automation. Service contracts moved from automation to county general. Postage lower in 2021. Advertising and publication moved back to automation. County General expenditure budget. 2021 request \$265,293.00. 2021 request with raises. \$271,786.00.

3. Treasurer. Treasurer, Peggy Meatte stated no big changes were made. Travel was left the same. Line was needed in the landfill budget for travel expense. Treasurers office travels to the bank for deposits. \$500.00 a year. Stops when move back to Blytheville. New software affected Finance more than Treasurer. County General expenditure budget. 2021 request \$105,300.00. 2021 request with raises. \$108,067.00. Treasurer automation expenditure budget. 2021 request \$66,357.00. 2021 request with raises \$67,279.00.

4. Landfill. Revenues looked strong \$3,283,000.00. 10% off \$2,954,700.00. Tipping fees \$2.5 million. Judge Nelson reported he had a list of accounts that were behind and have been contacted. Judge Nelson asked for gravel/slag/sand be raised from \$75,000.00 to \$78,000.00. Move note principal and interest line designate as 2017 cell. Justice Burge asked if ACH deposits were possible. Peggy Meatte stated we were not set up for direct deposits. \$500,000.00 moving over to CD for future cell construction. Cell should be finished before end of the year. Leachate \$10,000.00 request. 2021 request \$2,831,590.00. 2021 request with raises. \$2,843,733.00.

5. Assessor. County General, Amendment 79 and Assessor's late assessment. No big changes. Changes. Fleet insurance changed to \$400.00. Dues, memberships & subscriptions cut to \$1,000.00. Internet up to \$14,800.00. Most County General carried over. Software expense. Real estate and personnel property. Start up fee and yearly fee. \$30,000.00 to

\$75,000.00. Half paid in 2020. 2021 request \$693,332.00. 2021 request with raises. \$709,934.00. Amendment 79. 2021 request \$14,500.00. Assessor's late assessment. 2021 request \$500.00.

6. Juvenile. Carried across from 2020. 2021 request \$340,586.00. 2021 with raises \$349,194.00. Juvenile automation fund. Lowered \$800.00. 2021 request \$18,250.00.

7. District Courts. Blytheville District Court with Shannon Langston. Osceola District Court with Don Betterton. Catherine Dean replaces in 2021. Judges paid by the State. County required to pay some items. County gets request for items that they are not required to pay. Both Courts treated the same. Request received from Judge Betterton. County was responsible for ½ salaries of the clerk's, social security, Medicare. Benefits, retirement, insurance, operating expenses, office supplies were not included in the past. Request was \$32,000.00 extra for Osceola, Blytheville. Budget was carried across. Same expenses that are regulated by the State. 3% increase in salaries was added.

8. Road department., courthouse, other expenditures, Quorum Court, Election Commission, County Assessment, Finance, Circuit Courts, Coroner, county general carryovers, insurance, court automation fund, adult drug fund, economic development, mental health grant, courthouse construction funds. Kelli sent a benefits comparison, cost increase comparison for review for insurance meeting Oct. 27, 2020.

9. JESAP report. \$1,000.00 raise for employees and \$2,000.00 for Elected Officials was added in to bring the employees up. Cost \$200,000.00. Talked about doing more for the bottom quartiles and freezing the top quartile. Goal had been to be in the middle quartile.

10. Insurance Committee Meeting Oct. 27, 2020 11:00 Annex. Quorum Court 7:00 p.m. Osceola Courthouse.

11. Repair bill landfill. Traded in a piece of equipment and received another one. Riggs sent a bill for \$41,000.00 for repairs. Judge Nelson upset about the bill and discussed with Riggs. Justice Burge suggested bids be taken when the leases are up with Riggs.

12. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George