

**ENERGY & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021 2:00 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Molly Jackson; Justice, Aaron Fleeman; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Tobye McClanahan; Justice, Cecil McDonald; Justice, Harbans Mangat; Marcus McClain; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Finance, Kelli Jones; Aaron Ruby; Porter Brownlee; Public Affairs, Steven Savage.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Molly Jackson. Justice Jackson stated the budget was tracking well. Change order #13. Created a catwalk. \$14,815.33. Hall displays \$40,826.60. \$3,273.40 below what was budgeted. Allowances were in negative. Terra cotta repointing on parapet walls. \$228,480.84. Bird control. Mr. Ruby was looking at different ways to control the pigeons that was reasonable. Proposed \$26,000.00 was expensive. No guarantee it would work. Last pay app that had not been paid. \$309,000.00. Current balance in construction fund \$766,000.00 minus \$309,000.00. \$457,000.00 left. Justice Jackson recommended to appropriate \$310,000.00. Justice, Rick Ash made a motion to appropriate \$310,000.00 to the construction fund. Second was made by Justice, Betty Hepler. Motion passed and will go to Finance.

2. Finance Director, Kelli Jones and Treasurer, Peggy Meatte was going to track items A & E expenses, architect, to see where the budget was for the course of the project. Projected date for completion of the project was September, 2021. Justice Ash asked the balance in contingency fund. \$200,000.00. Contingency fund would start to be used and leave undesignated balance for now. \$277,122.20. Interest was still collected on Osceola and Blytheville checking accounts. No CD.

3. X-ray machine and metal detector for the Blytheville Courthouse \$35,000.00. Sheriff's department would make the decision on what equipment was needed. Old detector was not ADA compliant. Devices were to be placed at the entrance to the Courthouse. The floor in the Courtroom was cut for electricity to be run. Tile would not be able to be matched. Carpet would be installed and help with acoustics. Tile floor on second floor where bathroom was would be replaced and matched as close as possible. Justice McClanahan asked how much of the courthouse would keep the old flooring. Old flooring was staying in the corridors, carpet in the offices.

4. Justice Hepler asked Mr. Ruby if he had met with Ed Harshman about the copper dome. Mr. Harshman wanted the copper to be cleaned. Cleaner used cannot go down the roof drain. County kept salvage rights for old copper. Did the copper have different grades? Was the roof installed as good as the original copper dome? Mr. Ruby stated there was a grade in copper. The copper used on the new dome was thicker than the original. 20 oz. Copper got thinner over the years. Built in gutters at the base of the dome had a history of leaking. Four or five attempts had been made to repair the gutters. Taller flashing, edge of copper up 4 inches, reinforcement bars. Justice Ash stated there was a deep copper tone on original dome. New dome aging faster than thought. Oxidation was a natural process. Eventually would turn green. The copper installed on the new dome was all new copper. North side was aging faster. When copper was cleaned would seal to keep shiny look. Had

to be applied every year. Renaissance Roofing did not recommend the process. Sashes in Osceola Courtroom windows were to be replaced. Christmas lights were removed. Alternatives were recommended to protect the building.

5. May 11, 2021 next Energy & Property meeting. 2:00 p.m. Annex building.

6. County cleanup. April 24, 7-noon. Individuals free, municipalities ½ price.

6. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George