

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 17, 2021 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Michael White; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Harbans Mangat; Justice, Aaron Fleeman; Justice, Cecil McDonald; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Rick Ash; Assessor, Harley Bradley; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Finance, Kelli Jones; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Judge, John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier, Marcus McClain.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Michael White. Reports looked different from the new software. Budget summary report. Not everything imported from the first of the year. Compared to old style expense report. Percent of funds used year to date. Shown by office. Month to date, year to date appropriations, expenditures % used. Transaction report. Different form and style. Gave each check that was written. Kelli Jones stated the officials needed to be familiar with the account numbers. Balance referred to as a running balance to date less transactions of line item. First quarter not added. This report was for April only. Road Department. Gravel budget \$250,000.00, Transaction to date \$4,078.69, Balance to date \$245,921.31. One week showed up for February 5th. Balance to date showed what was left in the budget before transactions. April expenditures in line. Road Department budget for gravel would be moved as needed. Judge Nelson stated all stockpiled gravel was ready.

2. Energy & Property. Committee recommended appropriating \$750,000.00. Recommendation not to purchase the Blytheville Police Department. Interested in doing something. Resolution to Quorum Court for the old copper. Checked to see if all copper returned. People questioned if new copper was installed on courthouse. If more new copper was purchased than the old copper taken off answered questions. Old copper would be sold and used for Osceola Courthouse repairs.

3. Old software. Kelli Jones requested an extension for six months. Office involved was Finance. Access was needed to import information. \$15,000.00. Not included in budget. Motion was made by Justice, Molly Jackson to extend the old software contract. Second was made by Justice, Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.

4. Wellness program. Justice Fleeman stated Cigna had given \$10,000.00 for an incentive program. Would Finance appropriate or clean up at the end of the year. Committee had no preference. Gift cards would be given when requirements met. 1. Sign up for Cigna registration. 2. Preventive exam or OB/GYN. Cigna reimbursed would be credit on the bill. Money may not be spent. Tabled for now.

5. Juvenile At Risk Youth Program. Juvenile Dept. went to the Juvenile Judges and requested \$2,500.00 for feeding youth during sessions. Judges approved the request. Motion was made by Justice, Molly Jackson to appropriate \$2,500.00 for the At Risk Program. Second was made by Justice, Aaron Fleeman. Motion passed.

6. Osceola Health Department. Repairs were needed. Not enough money appropriated. \$9,800.00 was appropriated for building and grounds maintenance. \$7,000.00 was spent from storm damage.

7. American Rescue Plan. COVID money would be received. Mississippi County would receive \$7.9 million. Guidelines had been sent on how to use funds. Aimed toward infrastructure. Jonesboro sun listed Counties around Mississippi County and amounts that would be received. Program designated a signer would be needed. (CEO) Secondary contact person. Judge Nelson the signer, Treasurer the contact person. Money could be used for updating the County Health Unit, Senior Citizens Program, Coroner's office, new air and heating system independent for every room. Judge Nelson stated capital investment would be appropriate. Three years to spend the money. Input was needed from different sources. Peggy Meatte stated there was a portal where she would submit Judge Nelson for the signer and Peggy Meatte as contact person. There was a lot of personal information asked. Elected Officials needed to add input. Steering Committee needed to be formed. Broadband was mentioned for money to be spent on. Schools would get their own money and do not need to overlap.

8. No Resolution needed for Veteran Service Officer. Dale Dickerson chosen for the position. Nick Bertucci, Regional Director interviewed applicants and made the decision for Mr. Dickerson. Computer and software needed to be checked and updated. Certification was done online.

9. School board election ended tomorrow.

10. Judge Nelson stated the Courthouse renovation was on time and under budget. Transition to Burdett went smooth. ANC allowed the County to use the campus in Burdette rent free. Elevators stored in Atlanta may have been damaged by a tornado. Contractor and Mr. Brownlee investigated to make sure the elevators were not damaged. Harley Bradley asked about the trees cut down at the Blytheville Courthouse. Subcontractor for Cromwell & Associates, a landscape designer had the removal in the original plan. Trees were scheduled to be removed in 2019.

11. Appropriations for Quorum Court. 1. \$750,000.00 from Energy & Property for Courthouse Renovation. 2. \$2,500.00 Juvenile Dept. for At Risk Program. 3. \$15,000.00 from Financial Management for extension software contract.

**12. Meeting adjourned.
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**