

**ENERGY & PROPERTY MEETING
JULY 13, 2021 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Tobbye McClanahan; Justice, Cecil McDonald; Aaron Ruby; Porter Brownlee; Jacob Evans; Economic Development, Cliff Chitwood; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Finance, Kelli Jones; Rev. Jones; Public Affairs, Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier, Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Rick Ash for Justice, Molly Jackson. Mr. Ruby introduced Jacob Evans. He had worked on the plans for the Blytheville renovation. Elevator inspector was to be here next week. Elevators should be delivered in two weeks. Middle of September before elevators would be installed. Justice Jackson had asked for a true date for completion of project. Contractors said it would be end of October. Justice Ash thought the middle of December. Move after the first of the year. Ceiling in Courtroom would be sprayed and cork floor added to help with the acoustics. Evergreen was working on the paint design for Courtroom.

2. Budget. Lines 15 and 16 were updated change orders from last budget. #15 re-set decorative louvres \$4,604.07. #16 Door hold opens, millwork revisions \$27,318.57. Credit to omit secured parking signs and painting exterior fixtures. \$6,326.79. Floor boxes, conduit & quarry tile/carpet missing. \$32,281.93. Site furnishings, benches, trash receptacles etc. Credit \$16,500.00. Overall credit \$60,484.95. Security camera deposit. 50% had been submitted for payment. Metal detector. \$35,000.00. Difference in original quote from Homeland Security. Mr. Ruby was comparing the quotes. Balance construction contingency \$125,000.00. Undesignated funds \$260,000.00.

3. Mr. Ruby stated lines 84 and 85 were added for the Osceola project. Masonry repairs to parapet walls/prep for roof not to exceed \$50,000.00. Bad brick work was exposed. Needed to be done to attach membranes. PVC membranes in circular areas material only no labor. \$2,000.00. Change to tan. Justice Hepler stated she would like to see the membrane remain white. Windows should be received in September.

4. Elevator manufacturer sent a letter of list of things to do to the shaft before elevators were installed. Elevator inspection was scheduled for next week.

5. Osceola budget update. \$36,000.00 was appropriated but not accounted for. Additional money was appropriated for birds. Osceola interest earmarked on the first set of change orders for Osceola. No additional money asked for at this time.

6. Last pay apps from CNI totaled \$775,000.00. Justice Ash stated around \$800,000.00 was appropriated. Kelli Jones stated she thought around \$750,000.00. Justice Jackson recommended to appropriate \$1 million to the construction fund. Motion was made by Justice, Betty Hepler to appropriate \$1 million to the courthouse fund and go to Finance with the request. Second was made by Justice, Cecil McDonald. Payment to Homeland has not been made yet. Aaron Ruby had asked Homeland to send him the invoices to be approved.

Invoices had not been received at this time. Motion passed and will go to Finance July 19, 2021.

7. Justice Ash asked Mr. Ruby if he was satisfied with the progress on Blytheville Courthouse or were we behind. Mr. Ruby stated he was happy with the project in general but we were behind. New canopy for the west side was copper. Period researched. Attached to the lion heads that are on the building. Mr. Henry stated the contractors would try to give a more accurate finish date. Justice Ash stated we needed to make sure Ritter would be able to get hooked up before moving date.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George.