

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (SPECIAL SESSION)
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 1:30 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White, Justice Neil Burge, Justice Molly Jackson, Justice Betty Hepler, Justice Aaron Fleeman, Justice Rick Ash, Justice Cecil McDonald, Justice Tobye McClanahan, Justice Harbans Mangat, Public Affairs Director Tom Henry, County Judge John Alan Nelson, County Clerk Janice Currie, County Treasurer Peggy Meatte and Financial Management Director Kelli Jones.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael White. Order of business today. To get an overview of the projected county revenues in 2022, the beginning of the budget process. Justice Michael White said you can't budget expenditures unless you know how much money you've got to spend, so we try to be as accurate as we possibly can.

2. The committee looked at four major sections of the county budget: County General, Roads, Jail and the Landfill. Finance Director Kelli Jones said that the spreadsheet she created combined both the old system and the new systems into one place. White instructed the committee to pay attention to 2019 and 2020 numbers, then to skip to the 2021 original budget totals to understanding 2022 projections. He also reminded members that they are only allowed to budget 90% of projected revenues in County General, but that there are few exceptions and special revenues where they can budget 100%. A great deal of time was spent understanding from where the revenues came and Justice White praised increased revenues from the county's P.I.L.O.T. (payment in lieu of taxes) agreements. Justice White also explained that some revenues had been down due to COVID (for example a reduction in court cases and fines). White also explained that the county had that day cashed in two reserve CD's (approximately \$750,000).

3. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Henry