

**FINANANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2021 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Michael White; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Aaron Fleeman; Justice, Cecil McDonald; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Tobye McClanahan; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte, OEM, Wayne Reynolds; County Clerk, Janice Currie; Attorney, Jacob Holmes; Juvenile, Daryl Turner; Public Affairs, Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier, Mark Brasfield.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Michael White. Budgets today OEM, 911, Quorum Court, Prosecuting Attorney, County Health, Public Defender, Boating Safety, Circuit Court County General. Discuss possible raises for County employees. Request from County Attorney. Justice White reported County General \$1 million $\frac{3}{4}$, \$4.7 million in CD, County Roads \$1.869 million, 911 over \$1 million 3.9 million in American Rescue Plan, \$7,792 million in Economic Development, Additional \$4 million Economic Development general fund balance. \$3.5 million in Blytheville construction fund, Osceola Courthouse \$181,000.00. Windows in Osceola Courthouse were to be installed November 2nd.
2. OEM budget. 2019 \$39,862.99. 2020 \$46,961.46. 2021 revised budget \$51,008.00. 2022 projected \$31,497.92. Kelli Jones stated the largest change was moving Mr. Reynold's salary to 911 budget. Salary shows 2 months. Mr. Reynolds stated most would be carried forward.
3. 911 budget. Revenues. 2019 \$353,897.47. 2020 \$938,645.04. 2021 YTD \$641,364.56. 2022 projected. \$511,560.00. Expenditures. 2019 \$407,718.11. 2020 \$373,995.70. Revised 2021 \$500,260.00. 2022 projected \$589,338.30. 2022 projected revenues \$460,404.00. 9-30-21 fund balance @ 90% \$939,410.16. Total revenues \$1,399,814.16. Kelli Jones stated the salary was different from last year because of the closing of a slot, overtime increased, transfer to jail increased to \$243,819.00 for another dispatcher in the Sheriff's Department. 911 system would be updated in 2022. Equipment and training upgrades. Text to 911 was not offered now but may be one of the upgrades.
4. Quorum Court budget. Restricted by State laws. Based on size of County and JP's. Cost adjustment added. Carried across. 2022 projected \$213,859.63. Kelli Jones asked if there was going to be an appointment for the vacant spot. Governor's office had the Resolution declaring the vacancy. Appointment should be made before the Quorum Court meeting in November. Insurance was not budgeted for the position and would be changed.
5. Prosecuting Attorney budget. Letter was received from Sarah Ramsey. Requesting a new slot for another case coordinator for Mississippi County drug task force cases. Salary \$32,000.00. Social security \$2,488.00. Retirement \$ 4,902.40. Insurance \$10,570.00. Total \$49,920.40. Referred to Personnel Committee. Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 28 at 1:30. Annex building. 2019 \$128,467.84. 2020 \$129,040.00 Revised budget \$165,951.00. 2020 projected budget \$165,951.00. Carried across.
6. County Health Department budget. Energy & Property Committee was asked to do a survey of the properties to spend some rescue plan money. Blytheville Health Dept. 2019

\$53,209.63. 2020 \$50,227.56. Revised budget \$71,552.00. 2022 projected. \$53,332.00. Osceola Health Department. 2019. \$41,873.37. 2020 \$40,036.99. Revised budget \$45,848.93. 2022 projected. \$47,990.00. Requests from the health department. Blytheville building. Pressure washing. \$975.00. Install lights on driveway. 2 LED lights. \$42.88 per month from Entergy. Osceola Health Department. Sheet rock and insulation was not replaced. Finish and paint interior \$3,100.00. Replace sheetrock & insulation \$980.00. Requests built into the 2022 budget. May be eligible for the rescue plan. Peggy Meatte stated the requirements for the rescue plan may change.

7. Public Defender budget. Carried over from 2021. \$2019. \$116,547.14. 2020 \$108,852.66. Revised budget. \$133,060.00. 2022 projected. \$133,060.00.

8. Boating Safety Budget. 2019 \$1,860.45. 2020 \$2,549.77. 2022 projected. \$2,225.99 less 10% \$2,028.60. Marine fuel tax. Pass thru. Returned to the Emergency Squad.

9. Circuit Court County General budget. 2019 \$50,865.14. 2020 \$31,973.69. Revised budget \$51,900.00. 2022 projected. \$51,900.00. 2nd Judicial 12 Circuit Judges, 6 counties, 9 courthouses, expenses run thru main office in Jonesboro. Shared on case load. Carried across. \$21,000.00 spend in September. Jury trials started again.

10. Employee raises. Sheriff's department closed Juvenile jail. Mr. Bradley closed a slot in his office. Money was utilized to give those offices raises. Current salaries FT \$7,487,138.10. Salaries PT \$45,436.00. Holiday pay. \$123,000.00. OT \$241,500.00. Social Security \$604,891.17. Retirement. \$1,272,352.24. Cost to county. 3% \$227,749.32. 4% \$364,398.70. 5% \$455,769.27. Insurance not figured in. Justices recommended 5% raise. Justice Hepler suggested across the board. Justice Ash liked the 5% raise. Justices recommended a 5% raise for the County employees. Quorum Court was not included. Justice Ash asked when raises were done the total compensation package should be included with pay stubs.

11. Request from County Attorney, Jacob Holmes. Salary \$16,000.00. Requesting \$24,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Mr. Holmes stated he was spending around 15 hours a month as county attorney. Justice McClanahan suggested \$27,000.00. Collections would be billed separately. Justice Jackson made a motion to increase the county attorney salary to \$27,000.00. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed. Increase for 2022.

12. Quorum Court. October 26. 7:00 p.m. Burdette Courthouse. District Courts budgets for Osceola and Blytheville would be carried across. AAC revenues would not have any major changes. Small cuts in the road department. Insurance rates had not been received. Information not received on Medicare. Insurance built in as is. Dental, vision and life not changing.

13. November Quorum Court meeting would be discussed in the October meeting to change the date to November 30.

14. County Clerk Janice Currie has asked for changes in her office. Mrs. Currie wanted to meet with Judge Nelson and the Personnel Committee.

15. Sanitation & Sanitation Meeting November 1 at 1:00 p.m. Annex building. Discussion to increase tipping fees at the landfill.

16. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George