

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2021 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Collector Susan Short; Assessor Harley Bradley; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; County Clerk Janice Currie; Finance Kelli Jones; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Mark Brasfield.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White.**
- 2. Circuit Court Automation Revenues. Circuit Judges must approve anything done. 12 Circuits in the 2nd Judicial. Judge Pam Honeycutt was the Judicial Judge. 2022 Revenues \$12,740.00 less 10%\$11,466.00. 2022 expenditures. \$11,100.00. 2022 projected \$11,100.00. Osceola Courthouse had requested plexiglass be installed on the Judge's bench.**
- 3. County Judge, Courthouse, Other County. Largest changes in budgets were salary adjustments. County Judge 2022 projected. \$216,999.86., Courthouse expenditures 2022 projected \$481,469.97. Utilities increased. Other miscellaneous increased to \$50,000.00. Possibly purchasing equipment to keep windows cleaned. Other County expenditures 2022 projected \$212,050.00.**
- 4. Blytheville and Osceola District Courts. Expenses shared with Cities and State. Kelli Jones had not received budgets. Salary raise was not included. Blytheville 2022 projected \$88,965.00. Osceola 2022 projected. \$93,737.00.**
- 5. Veterans. Dale Dickerson was the veteran officer now. He was asking for some equipment. Norris was getting an estimate on a laptop and printer. Insurance \$10,570.00. Former veteran officer was not on County insurance. 2022 projected \$56,168.75.**
- 6. Cooperative Extension. Contract basis. County does not pay salaries. \$120,000.00 maximum contribution from the County. Kept four agents in the County. Office was located in Osceola in the FSA building. 2022 projected \$128,550.00. County paid rent.**
- 7. Insurance ACCT-Revenues. Separate fund insurance premiums were put in to pay Cobra. Revenues 2022 projected. \$7,000.00 less 10% \$6,300.00. Expenditures \$7,100.00. Total Revenues \$10,596.30.**
- 8. Reappraisal. Assessors office. 2022 projected. \$195,818.00. Revenues and Expenditures the same.**
- 9. Adult Drug Court. Revenues. 2022 projected \$980.00 less 10% \$882.00. Expenditures. \$882.00. Total revenues. \$8,479.47. Initiated by Circuit Court Judges. Alternative to jail. Successful program.**

10. Economic Development. 5% raise included. Revenues. \$3,400,000.00 less 10% \$3,060,000.00. Expenditures 2022 projected. \$2,536,711.10. Total \$7,843,406.09. Carried over. GREDA board member were working on numbers. Contract was with GREDA for economic services. \$500,000.00 approved for the Cold War Museum. Purpose was for a new roof and to secure the building.

11. Mental Health Grant. Went thru Financial Management and Sheriff's Department. Pass thru. 2022 projected revenues. \$28,362,21 less 10% \$28,362.21. 2022 expenditures. \$28,851.84. Total \$28,449.23.

12. Senior Citizens Center. Purchasing three vans was discussed. Justice Ash stated the prices had increased. Sports utility vans were being looked into. Budget. Revenues and expenditures submitted was \$157,000.00 short. Senior Citizens will meet will Kelli to adjust their budget.

13. Collector Susan Short reported they had bought the apprentice program. In years past it had taken weeks to balance the books. This year it was four hours. Collections were down in personal. Online collections \$1million 490 thousand.

14. Energy & Property Committee Meeting. Discussion on County Farm land. \$3,000.00 was needed to start the survey on leveling the land. Approximately 300 acres. Survey would be done this week. Two wells were needed. Finance agreed to the request and an appropriation would be done at a later date. Problems may occur with long term leases. Judge Nelson suggested the County level the land. \$350,000.00. New line budget added to budget for land leveling. Revenue eliminated for 2022.

15. Personnel Committee. 1. Judge Nelson and Janice currie agreed the Election Coordinator should be moved to the County Clerk's Office. She had a person she would like to move to that position. Increase salary to chief deputy. Would work in the office full time except for Elections. Another person was needed to replace the person moving to Election Coordinator. New slot created at chief deputy pay. Election Coordinator/Clerk. New position began Jan. 2022. Salaries were to be included in 2022 budget. Voted on when budget was passed. County Clerk would resubmit her budget. 2. DTF had asked for a case coordinator. More information was needed. Case numbers for the past three years were needed. When data was received the committee would meet again. Justice McClanahan was asked about creating a position for someone who lived outside the County. Three DTS were dealing with the coordinator. Judge Nelson was going to ask City of Blytheville and Osceola to help with the salary. Justice Ash stated the County should pay for our percentage, Blytheville their percentage, Osceola theirs. Position started in January 2022.

16. Quorum Court meeting moved to Nov. 30th. 7:00 p.m. Burdette

17. Courthouse budget. Appropriate the remainder into undesignated along with the interest. Contingency left \$30,000.00. \$200,000.00 undesignated plus interest. Approximately \$300,000.00 left undesignated. Extra monies would be used for the Osceola Courthouse.

18. Pilot money was received from Nucor. \$120,000.00 to county general. ANC approached Judge Nelson about a pilot program. Worked with the State on anti -recidivism program. \$25,000.00. 45% inmates released returned by to jail within three years. Justice Jackson stated it was a good program. Considered a one time project.

19. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George