

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 8, 2021 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; County Clerk Janice Currie; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Sheriff Dale Cook; Major Rob Rounsavall; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Copies prepared by Kelli Jones were handed out. Compared 2021 budget to 2022 requests. Updates included 5% raise and everything thru 10-31-2021. These were the main changes that affected all budgets. \$25,000.00 was added for jail budget for the one time inmate pilot program. Justice White, Kelli Jones, Amanda, Barbara from the Senior Citizens Center met to discuss their budget. Amanda made changes to the revenues and expenditures. Former budget was \$150,000.00 short. Relief money was to be received. Added about \$43,000.00 to revenues. Budget not balanced yet but closer. County gave almost 50% of their budget. \$350,000.00. Cities have not contributed financially. Judge Nelson was informed of the circumstances and asked to talk to the mayors to ask for help. Number of meals each year were around 44,000. Meals were delivered 5 days a week. Federal and State funds had been cut. Changes in County Clerk and Election Coordinator were changed. Added full time slot in County Clerk Office and increased salary in one spot to Chief Deputy. Health Department request for maintenance for building was included. Circuit Clerk Leslie Mason wanted to add \$4,000.00 to the public records line. Sheriff had a fund Sheriff Emergency Operation decreased expenditures. Osceola District Court had not submitted their budget. The county paid for ½ salary for clerks in Osceola and Blytheville. Chickasawba clerks were getting a small increase in salary. Juvenile had request of \$6,000.00 for a software line. Added to budget. \$10,000.00 for travel/transport. Prosecuting attorney budget didn't include DTF request for a case coordinator. OEM. Grant would pay a portion of salary but only if paid out of OEM. 911 paid for 4 dispatchers. Salary split was put in OEM. Transfer from County General to the jail less than last year \$1,943,635.00. Farm land site prep. \$375,000.00. Cares act was not included. Revenue replacement fund not included. No appropriations had been made. Insurance brought across.

2. Energy and Property. Justice Jackson visited the Blytheville Health Unit. Building was built in 1990 and in good shape. New building was not needed. Osceola Health Unit was in good shape and about 5 years newer.

3. Efficiency Committee. Justice McDonald was asked if he had anything to report. Committee would meet again to see how all committees are efficiently running. Another meeting was to be held with the Assessor Harley Bradley.

4. Insurance. No cost increase in insurance this year. Costs were brought straight across. Short term and long- term disability was discussed. Could be added at a later date. Would not interact with the catastrophic leave. County paid 100% of benefit package. Aflac could

write a long- term disability. Committee approved staying with current insurance plan. Open enrollment would start. Medicare was a good move for the County and employees.

5. County Clerk was asked if the changes she asked for were good. Janice Currie might have to ask for overtime for the Election Coordinator. Peggy Meatte asked about the vehicles for the Senior Citizens Center. Was included in the budget. Justice Ash was working on what type of vehicles were needed. When relief money was spent a thesis needed to be written.

6. Expense grant total all funds. \$35,500,350.77. Projected revenues. \$27,816,693.00, fund and CD balances \$25,989,993.91. Revenue grand total \$53,806,686.91.

7. Quorum Court November 30, 2021. 7:00 p.m. Burdette Courthouse.

8. Courthouse construction was moving slow. Furniture delivered after Thanksgiving. Tentative Energy & Property scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 16, 2021.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George