

**ENERGY & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2021 1:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Michael White; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Collector Susan Short; Attorney Jake Holmes; Juvenile Daryl Turner; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry.

1. Meeting called to order by Justice Molly Jackson. Justice Jackson welcomed Joe Lewis. Mr. Aaron Ruby had looked at both health departments with a structural engineer and found both to be sound. Judge Nelson updated on ARP money. New committee was created for the ARP funds. Kitchenette in both buildings ARP money would not apply. Had to be tied to COVID. There was a room set up for vaccines that could be renovated. Needed separate heat and air. Coolers updated. Lab would qualify. Parking lot did not qualify. Covered parking might be covered.

2. Information received on Courthouses. Last pay app for Osceola \$22,401.91. Aaron Ruby had provided a list for Osceola. Bond issue 100% complete. Blytheville Courthouse project. Pay app #22 was received. Furniture delivered and stored off site. Expense to CNI. Elevator inspection had not been done and not functioning, building not climate controlled, punch list not complete. \$30,000.00 left in contingency, \$234,699.63 undesignated funds. Judge Nelson stated all buildings would be cleaned up and left in good shape. Justice Ash asked about the work to be done in the Osceola Courthouse especially the courtroom. Intending to use the Burdette Courtroom for Osceola Court while repairs were being made in Osceola. Court cases for Blytheville had not been set.

3. Farm land survey may be completed by Wednesday Dec. 8th.

4. No appropriation needed for courthouse construction.

5. Key schedule for new courthouse. Tom Henry in charge. Mr. Henry contacted each office to get the requests for keys needed. Aaron Ruby and the consultant took the requests and sent to production.

6. Disconnect notice was received for the Blytheville Courthouse. There was miscommunication between the energy company and CNI. Contractor had taken steps to fix the problem. End date for the contract was the end of October.

7. American Rescue Plan Committee was formed. Committee members. Justice Reggie Cullom, Justice Molly Jackson, Justice Harbans Mangat, Justice Cecil McDonald, Justice Tobye McClanahan. Manuals were printed to present to the committee. Improvements must be tied back to COVID. Consultants could be hired. Cost between 1% & 5% for total consulted. Justice White stated the County received close to \$8 million. \$1.4 million had been transferred to the RPF. Another \$1.1 million would be transferred in 2021 for a total of \$2.5 million in the RPF separate from the CARES money. RFP needed to be published.

8. Furniture being stored insured for \$700,000.00. Premium \$3,000.00. Security was updated where furniture stored. Costs would go back to CNI.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George