

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Fred Fleeman; Justice Rick Ash; Finance Kelli Jones; OEM Wayne Reynolds; Prosecuting Attorney Jeremy Thomas; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Meeting was turned over to Jeremy Thomas. Prosecuting Attorney salaries were paid for by the State. Blytheville Office received around \$110,000.00, Osceola Office \$45,000.00 for office expenses. Mr. Thomas requested his budget be raised from \$45,000.00 to \$96,000.00 for salaries. Justice White asked for a budget proposal. Justice White said the Court needed more time to review the request. The budget would not be amended for the Quorum Court meeting Nov. 29, 2022.
 2. AWIN upgrades. \$900,000.00 was in the original budget. Wayne Reynolds said the \$900,000.00 was an estimate. Mr. Reynolds had the updated quote. \$1.047 million. \$100,000.00 more. Mr. Reynolds requested \$1.047 million. Request was raised to \$1.048 million.
 3. Budget. Revenue grand total \$62,566,704.07. Included the library, hospital, ARP. Courthouse. Clif Chitwood had been working with Kelli Jones to clean up the commitments that would not be used. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to present the budget to the Quorum Court with the change to the 911 request. Second was made by Justice Fred Fleeman. Motion passed.
 4. Courthouse renovation had received a second award. 911 had a problem with homes and subdivisions being built in the county and not entered into the 911 system. Mr. Reynolds requested an Ordinance requiring builders to let 911 and the Assessors Office know. Request would go to the Planning & Development Committee.
 5. Appropriation Ordinance was needed for Steven Crosskno antenna that was destroyed when the tower at the Courthouse was taken down. \$4,154.91. Motion had already been made. \$500.00 employee health & wellness benefit fund. No appropriation needed. Cigna could not purchase the gift cards anymore. County had to purchase and get reimbursed from Cigna.
 6. Monthly expenditures. 83% of the year. The county was within budget. Road department was over budget in fuel, asphalt, grave, grader blades. Judge Nelson was doing what needed to be done to the county roads and had the money. Landfill had \$1.5 in CD's purchased. Professional services \$169,000.00 and special legal fees \$208,000.00. They were FTN and Engineers.
 7. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George