

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 1:30**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; County Clerk Janice Currie; Finance Kelli Jones; Assessor Brannah Bibbs; NEA Town Courier Marcus McClain.

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. 2022 budget was finished and clean up budget presented in March. All Elected Officials under budget. \$1.239 million in County General. \$8.98 million in County General CD. ARP \$7 million. Landfill CD fund over \$2 million. Road Department \$2.4 million in CD fund. \$1.1 million in operating fund. Economic Development CD fund \$8.9 million.**
- 2. ARP Committee had money to dedicate. No appropriation needed at this time. Conference on grant would be held this week and a final draft prepared. Cleaning service for the Blytheville Courthouse. Money was left in the construction fund that could be used to pay the service. Additional money from ARP would be given to the Osceola Courthouse. Additional key fobs were needed.**
- 3. Economic Development requested \$75,000.00 for D & L Refrigeration to purchase an additional piece of equipment. Hire 7 new people from Mississippi County with one engineer. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to appropriate \$75,000.00 to D & L Refrigeration. Second was made by Justice Molly Jackson. Motion passed.**
- 4. ANC Workforce Training. Mr. Chitwood requested \$100,000.00 for workforce training. P & D Committee recommended the appropriation. Motion was made by Justice Harbans Mangat to appropriate \$100,000.00 for workforce training. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.**
- 5. Assessors Office had gone from a 5 year to 3 year reappraisal. State had given enough money in the past. Assessor Brannah Bibbs asked for \$7,500.00 to cover the cost difference for the year. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burg to appropriate \$7,500.00 to the line item in the Assessor's office. Second was made by Justice Harbans Mangat. Motion passed.**
- 6. Judge Nelson and Tom Henry were going to Washington next week. They would meet with the Tiber Group, Representative Rick Crawford, Senator John Boozman, Senator Tom Cotton, Representative Jason Smith, Representative Steve Cohen, grant writers, Representative Kay Granger.**
- 7. Coroner Karen Ash Crane asked for \$1,500.00 for internet service and \$700.00 for her phone. Motion was made by Justice Drake Brown to appropriate \$1,500.00 for internet service and phone. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.**

8. County Clerk Janice Currie asked to raise the third deputy clerk's salary to be the same as the other Deputy Clerks. Justice White said the Court needed more time to look at the request.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George