

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, July 15, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Justice Michael White; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Neil Burge, Justice, Fred Fleeman; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Betty Hepler; Captain, Rob Rounsavelle; Captain, David Gladden; Lt., Chris Brown; Assessor, Harley Bradley; Finance, Kelli Jones; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Collector, Susan McCormick; County Clerk, Janice Currie; John David Nelson; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Angie Nelson; NEA Town Courier, Joseph Fondren; Judge, John Alan Nelson.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Justice Michael White.
2. Justice White stated there were 9 Justices present. We are 50% thru the year. County General budget is 41%, County Roads, 34%, Landfill 32% and Jail 42%. All Elected Officials are under budget. I have talked to the Sheriff's Department about the overtime pay. The expenditure report is 154%. \$15,000.00 was budgeted and we are at \$23,218.00 and only half way thru the year. \$42,000.00 was budgeted for the jail and we are at \$49,108.00, 116% of the budget half way thru the year. Captain Rounsavelle stated coverage was the problem. We are 4 people short and are having trouble hiring. 911 also had overtime. Kelli Jones stated the overtime was for the 911 dispatchers.
3. Economic Development. Justice White stated Tamika has asked for the Workforce Training monies in the amount of \$200,000.00 that was appropriated in 2018 and was not used be appropriated for 2019. Justice Nelson stated the request was not mentioned in an Economic Meeting and will not be discussed in Finance.
4. Janitorial hours. Justice White asked if the hours were set. Various hours have been turned in for the Osceola Courthouse. County Clerk, Janice Currie stated she has told Mr. Rice his hours were 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until extra hours were set.
5. Judge Nelson stated the auditors requested we change the way we distributed our payroll. The changes were made and now the week ends on Saturday. The IRS does not post until Monday and it makes our payroll liability reports 1 day late. They have fined us \$10,275.00 in penalties. I contacted Dave Wallace, Courtney Nance in Senator Boozman's office. Their office will intervene and speak on our behalf.
6. Judge Nelson stated he has been corresponding with Brad Smithey and the Highway Department. Mr. Smithey said he would be making changes in the way our interstate systems are handled. We have asked to have access to their medians and right of way. We are considering purchasing a 110 horsepower tractor and a 15 or 20 foot batwing mower to help with the mowing of the interstates. We are also working on putting solar panels in to be able to lower our electric bills. On the days we are able to generate solar power we will be able to sell that part back to the electric company. The old class 4 cell will be sectioned off and cypress trees planted, and the other half may be a place for the solar panels.

**7. Justice White handed out information for JESAP. They are revised versions of the 2018 JESAP reports. The figures reflect the 2019 rates and the quartiles have been adjusted for the people who do not work 40 hours a week. There will be a Finance meeting on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 to discuss the JESAP schedules. The 2020 budget process will start in September.**

**8. Judge Nelson stated Burdette is close to being completed. We will try and start moving around the first Monday in August. We may employ a moving company to help with the move.**

**9. County Clerk, Janice Currie stated she may get the money for the new election equipment in September. The Secretary of State's Office has mandated what type of equipment we can purchase. We are trying to be able to purchase from a different company.**

**10. Treasurer, Peggy Meatte stated our revenues were higher for May and June.**

**11. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**