

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 20, 2019 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Michael White; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Assessor, Harley Bradley; Circuit Clerk, Leslie Mason; Finance, Kelli Jones; John David Nelson; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Angie Nelson; NEA Town Courier, Joseph Fondren; Judge, John Alan Nelson.

1. Meeting called to order by Justice, Michael White. April financials have been provided by e-mail. We have finished the first third of the year. All Elected Officials are within budget. County Roads 23%, County Jail 27%. We will be getting our construction fund money Tuesday. \$17 ½ million. We will have two accounts 4800 for Blytheville and 4801 for Osceola. Osceola will receive a minimum of \$2 million and the rest will be used for Blytheville. Justice, Bill Nelson made a motion to appropriate \$2 million to the Osceola construction fund and the balance to the Blytheville construction fund. Justice, Neil Burge made the second. Motion passed and will be presented to Quorum Court. Treasurer, Peggy Meatte stated the Trustee will be paying the initial fees before the money is wired tomorrow. The committee gave Mrs. Jones the ok to purchase a laptop.

2. Justice Burge stated we are waiting on the plans from FTN for the new cell construction. When we receive them we will be ready to bid. Judge Nelson stated we need to appropriate more money for the design phase. The Class 4 design phase we appropriated \$320,000.00, \$80,000.00 of that was for class 4 cell. Justice White stated we should have appropriated \$348,600.00. Total appropriation \$350,200.00. Justice Nelson made the motion to appropriate an additional \$30,200.00 Second was made by Justice Burge. Motion passed and will be presented to Quorum Court. Justice Burge stated the balance in the landfill account is \$1.4 million. We still have the commitment for the CAO. Judge Nelson stated we have a new landfill director, James Rountree.

3. Energy & Property Committee met and discussed another storage building for the Circuit Clerk, Leslie Mason. Justice Jackson stated the Committee gave Mrs. Mason the ok to rent the additional space. The cost of the building will be \$325.00 per month. The rent will be paid out of the 25% Blytheville recording fund.

4. Justice White stated we received a bill for a study on the Regal Building. Justice White asked if we had approved this study. Justice Nelson stated no. Finance Director, Kelli Jones stated there was nothing appropriated in the line item for the study. There have been several jail transfers this month. ADEQ storage tank permits are up to date.

5. Judge Nelson stated we interviewed four contractors for the renovation. The law has changed, we thought we could hire them at risk thru the design stage and completion of the renovation. We will not hire a construction company during the design stage and will hard bid the construction part. The cost of materials has gone up 7% to 10%. Jeff Green from

Evergreen out of New York visited the Courthouse to discuss artwork on the ceiling in the courtroom.

6. Justice Nelson stated we have three appropriations to bring to Quorum Court. 1. Amend O-2018-22 add \$45,000.00 to the construction line for A & J Aviation. 2. Frigortec. Appropriate \$100,000.00 for 10 jobs. 3. Tadzo appropriate \$96,500.00 for workforce study. Justice Nelson made a motion to take to the full court. Justice Burge made the second. Motion passed and will go to Quorum Court.

7. Assessor, Harley Bradley asked the Justices if they had received his letters. Justice White stated we would be going to the ANC building during renovation. Mr. Bradley asked about the second letter for employee raises. Justice White stated in July we would be looking into raises.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George