

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2019 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Justice Michael White; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Betty Hepler; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; Sheriff, Dale Cook; Major, Rob Rounsavall; Captain, David Gladden; Finance, Kelli Jones; NEA Town Courier, Mark Brasfield; Angie Nelson; Judge, John Alan Nelson.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Michael White.
2. Justice White stated this is our regular monthly meeting then budgets. The end of September we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  thru the year. Co. General at 68%, all Elected Officials under budget, County Landfill 58%, County Jail 66%, County Roads 54%. County General Fund is up. Over \$1 million. \$2 million landfill. Landfill bought a short- term CD for 90 days. 1.51%. Landfill checking \$729,763.00. Economic Development \$8,277,000.00. Justice Nelson stated Economic Development has \$6 million in commitments. \$2 million available.
3. Personnel Committee. Ordinance for Deputy Kevin Cooper doing business with Mississippi County will be brought back. The committee asked if Deputy Cooper had a City privilege license and tax id number. Position for landfill billing. The Personnel Committee approved the position for \$15.00 per hour. The position is part time. 19  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours a week. The personnel committee is asking for funding for the part time position. The position will be funded by the landfill. Justice Burge moved to create the position of part time landfill billing clerk at \$15.00 per hour. 19  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours per week. Second was made by Justice, Molly Jackson. Motion passed and will be presented to Quorum Court.
4. Bid for landfill. Justice, Neil Burge made a motion to accept the bid for \$2,287,775.00 from R.L. Persons Construction Company. Poplar Bluff, MO. Second was made by Justice, Molly Jackson. Motion passed.
5. Judge Nelson stated there will be a Special Quorum Court Meeting after the Finance Meeting.
6. Landfill budget. Justice Burge stated salaries are up. Two people were added plus the part time slot that was just approved. Gravel/dirt/slag/sand an increase from \$23,000.00 to \$190,000.00. The plastic cover was budgeted in at the landfill. \$155,000.00 is for the material. Cell construction was budgeted \$2,500,000.00. Gravel and engineering fees will also be coming out. Total \$5,116,325.00. Projected Revenue \$2 million. \$3 million short. We anticipate a carry over of \$2 million. Justice White stated we have the landfill but also have a Solid Waste Management Board. Board approved the purchase of the machinery for the plastic cover. \$148,000.00. The Board will receive \$80,000.00 in fees. This will go back to the Solid Waste Board.
7. Sheriff. County General Fund. Sheriff Cook stated the Department was asking for 12 new vehicles this year. This was the largest increase in the Sheriff's budget. Equipped cars

minus radios, \$28,11.00. Trucks \$29,842.00. Total \$350,000.00. Car cameras had \$7,000.00 in the budget. Asking \$30,000.00 for 5 cameras. Increase in overtime from \$15,000.00 in 2019 budget to \$48,000.00. Justice Jackson asked about small equipment. 2019 \$15,420.36 to 2020 request \$40,000.00. Includes tazers, \$14,000.00 will cover tazer payments. Justice Burge asked how many units the department has. 45. 24 units have over 100,000 miles, 4 over 200,000 miles. Justice Jackson asked about the policy of driving the units outside the County. Sheriff Cook stated he has 1 employee that lives outside the County in Lepanto. This the only car that goes outside the County. The department does not hire anyone living outside the County. Emergency Operations Fund, no change, Officer's Equipment Fund, 0, Sheriff Firing Range Fund, 0, Sheriff Helicopter Fund, no change. Communications and Radio Fund dropped from \$50,000.00 to \$27,600.00. Drug Control Fund, no change, Commissary Fund \$0.

8. Jail & Maintenance Fund. Justice Ash stated the Jail had asked for a uniform increase. 2019 was \$6,500.00. 2020 request \$21,200.00. Sheriff Cook stated if entered into a contract with Cintas they would provide uniforms for the jail staff. Cintas will supply 11 uniforms per week for each person of the staff. 34 on staff in the jail. Equipment purchase. 2020 request \$31,256.00. 12 month maintenance contract for the cameras and control board. Start Oct. 2020. Justice Nelson asked why the Great River Medical Center was budgeted for \$239,832.00. The contract is with Turn Key Health. Line item will be changed to reflect Turn Key Health. Justice White asked how the new health care was working. Sheriff Cook stated it had stopped unnecessary trips to the doctors, hospital and transporting inmates. Act 1188. Transfer to jail fund. Up \$27,000.00. Total jail budget \$3.713 Million. The County supplements the fund \$1.2 million. LLBG Grant, no change. GIA Grant, no change. JAG Grant. Grant is for Osceola Police Department, Blytheville Police Department. The Sheriff's Department has been using their funds for tazers and radios. Amount of Grant \$33,371.00 split 3 ways with Osceola, Blytheville and the County. Inmate Incentive Program, no change. Sheriff Cook handed out information from Rainwater Holt & Sexton on using a collection agency to collect old fines.

9. Justice Burge asked if Deputies worked overtime was it time and half. Deputies can work 84 hours then they are paid overtime.

10. Treasurer, Peggy Meatte said revenues for Roads and County General were down. Judge Nelson stated there have not been many complaints on the move to Burdette. Courtroom move is almost completed. First Court will be held Oct. 15, 2019.

11. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George