

**ENERGY & PROPERTY MEETING
JULY 28, 2020 BLYTHEVILLE COURTHOUSE**

ATTENDANCE: Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Bill Nelson; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Alvin Clay; Harban Mangat; Cecil McDonald; Porter Brownlee; Aaron Ruby; Public Affairs, Steven Savage.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Molly Jackson. Meeting was turned over to Aaron Ruby.

2. Mr. Ruby gave a tour of the Blytheville Courthouse. Renaissance roofing has finished the roof. The copper downspouts will be installed later to prevent them from being damaged. All wood remains and glazing will be added to the windows. Sashes will be put back that match the old ones. Mortar will be matched. Scaffold will remain for the duration of the renovation.

3. First floor. Electrical room will be where the old boiler room was. Doors have been installed in the corridors that will automatically shut in the event of a fire. They remain open unless there was a fire. Stairs have to be rated for exit. Plaster has been repaired and will be kept. Lighting will change. Light fixtures mounted where they were, new paint, all marble will be cleaned and re-grouted. Steps will be painted an accent color to see the steps better. New power, heat and air, plumbing. New heat and air units are energy efficient. Collectors office has more room than before. Marble lobby is off limits. Light fixtures are being stored there. New hardware will replace the old. County Clerk's office. Where the County Clerk keeps documents and records will have glass panels to display old records and County history. Assessor's office will have built in counters. More space than before.

4. Addition. Mats over concrete to minimize tracking. New elevator shaft will be in the addition along with the entry way. Addition stops short of the old Courthouse so you can tell what is old and new. Addition is not as tall as the old one. Sally port behind addition. Restrooms for public and employees. Panels that covered the vents have been removed. Terra cotta was painted to look like limestone. 3 new elevators. One for public, inmates, employees.

5. Second floor. Circuit Clerk's Office. Largest office. Glass panels for display of old records. Treasurer and Finance Offices together for easy communication. Common space for work room or break room. Layout tables for larger copying. Key fobs will be used by employees for access to areas the public can't use. Judge's office. Reception area and office for the Judge with a half bath. Exposed brick walls are 3 bricks thick. Very solid construction. Small courtroom remains the same. Decorative painting on ceiling in lobby.

6. Third floor not toured because of asbestos removal. CNI recreated decorative windows.

7. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George