

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2021 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Aaron Fleeman; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Joe Lewis Sr.; Justice Michael White; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Major Rob Rounsavall; Captain David Gladden; Sheriff Dale Cook; Prosecuting Attorney Keith Crestman; Blytheville Chief of Police Ross Thompson; Osceola Police Chief Hamilton; Attorney Jacob Holmes; Bryce Cook; Brittney Fitzgerald; Judge John Alan Nelson; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Finance Kelly Jones; County Clerk Janice Currie; Mayor James Sanders; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

**1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash. Drug Task Force Case Coordinator Position Proposal was handed out. E-mails were sent last week on how many cases were generated in 2019, 2020, 2021. 765 cases total. \$32,000.00 salary was asked for when first requested. New proposal \$40,000.00 was asked for. Mayor Sanders and Osceola were asked to assist with one third of the salaries. County would take the benefits.**

**2. Cases were adjudicated in Circuit Court. Keith Crestman introduced himself. Governor appointed him Prosecuting Attorney. State money was used in the past to pay four case coordinators. Brittany Fitzgerald was the current case coordinator. Technically a Craighead County employee. DTF was reorganized. Mississippi County Prosecuting Attorney was Bryce Cook.**

**3. There were three functioning DTF's in Mississippi County. Civil forfeitures benefited the DTF. Each DTF agency used these seizures for their benefit to purchase equipment and further investigation. 255 cases were averaged per year. There were six counties with nine courthouses. Justice Burge asked if the other Counties shared in the expense of the case coordinator. Mr. Cook stated every county helped finance staff. New case coordinator would be a Mississippi County employee paid by Mississippi County but housed in Craighead County.**

**4. Salary \$40,000.00. Social Security \$3,060.00. Retirement \$6,128.00. Insurance \$10,570.00. Total \$59,758.00.**

**5. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to create a slot for the DTF case coordinator salary \$40,000.00 and go to Finance. Second was made by Justice Aaron Fleeman. Effective January 1, 2022. Motion passed.**

**6. Meeting adjourned  
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**