

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021 2:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Aaron Fleeman; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Michael White; Justice Joe Lewis Sr.; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Attorney Jake Holmes; County Clerk Janice Currie; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Finance Kelli Jones; Attorney Jeremy Thomas; Judge John Alan Nelson; Attorney Dave Nichols; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Aaron Fleeman. Mr. Nichols stated the numbers started with \$658,000.00. Reduced by negotiations to \$110,000.00. Continue to negotiate claims down from \$150,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Mississippi County had paid \$93,000.00 in claims. \$57,000.00 short of paying all claims.

2. Justice White was concerned over the documentation of claims paid. Employee claims had been settled with some providers. Claims that were thought to be paid still had some employees being put in collections. Justice White asked Mr. Nichols for documentation on claims that had been paid and the providers. Mr. Nichols stated if he was provided with a letter from the collection agency they could contact them. Justice Fleeman stated that the County needed the paperwork on the claims paid including the settlement money.

3. Mr. Nichols stated he would send the claims paid along with the claims list. On first check sent the numbers and information was what were needed. Some information was left out on payment from the settlement. Time frame for getting a dollar amount was not known. Finance tried the percentage that was given on St. Bernards payments and it did not work.

4. Claims should be paid with no more negotiation by first week of January 2022. Report showing information needed received by mid January.

5. Judge Nelson stated there was a plan before the settlement. Once the settlement was made the TPA had control of the money and started paying claims. Information on the claims was not received. Data needed to be kept in real time. Financial Management and Treasurer needed the information to keep up with the payments.

6. Justice Ash stated if the County could get the information on claims paid on the settlement to justify the \$57,000.00 the County would send the money. TPA would pay claims and then send final information. Information should be sent to the Judge's office, Finance or Treasurer.

7. Legal fees were not deducted from settlement. Costs included invoices, mediator bill, court reporter.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George