

Finance Committee
September 24, 2020

The Finance Committee met Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. John McCarty and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Absent: Mr. Todd Culpepper.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCarty. Mr. McCarty gave the invocation and Ms. Cowans led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the month-to-date purchase orders, financial statements, and budget vs. actual budget report. She reviewed the Master Fund trial balance and discussed the restricted fund balances. The Committee reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure report and the budget report for current vs. actual. They discussed the budgeted deficit in the Solid Waste fund and that it is given large allocations from the General Fund to sustain operations.

The Committee reviewed the submitted estimates for a new air conditioning unit for the Coroner's lab area in the Blake Building.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Jury award the low bid to Southern Air Conditioning for \$4,500. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the submitted estimate for an upgraded Courthouse generator for \$99k. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that she and the Maintenance Supervisor had developed a "Pre-storm Checklist" that had been implemented that would ensure that the generator fuel levels are checked before, during, and after a storm event in addition to other preparative items.

The Committee did not take any action on the estimate. Mr. McCarty stated that he would like to see the Maintenance department use the checklist and save the cost of a new generator.

The Committee discussed the "Opinion of Probable Cost" for road repairs in East Hodge for \$50,000. The Committee stated that they want to help East Hodge with the repairs, but they want to see if they can pursue funding opportunities from the state first through the LGAP and Economic Development grants. The Committee requested that the President meet with Mayor Mims to review the grant opportunities and offer assistance to help them request funding through the state and then have the Committee review additional assistance if needed. No action was taken or recommendation made to the Jury.

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the budget changes to-date and gave explanation for the larger changes noting that the net impact was a \$603.45 increase to expenses.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Jury approve the 2020 budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. McCarty to adjourn. Motion carried.