

Grants Committee
August 18, 2021

The Grants Committee met Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 12:15 PM in The Nathaniel Zeno Jr. Meeting Room, Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Ms. Amy Magee, and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans (left after item #2). Absent: none.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Amy Magee.

The Chair opened the floor for public comments, and they were heard.

The Committee reviewed the recommended expenditures for the American Recovery Plan. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the tabulation forms and information on the hardware and software upgrades.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to recommend the Jury authorize a contract with OpenGov and NeoGov for financial and payroll software and authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase upgraded board tablets as ordered. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Cowans to authorize employee hazard pay of \$2.00/hour for worked hours during the pandemic for 2020. Motion carried.

Mr. Culpepper asked the Secretary-Treasurer to calculate hazard pay for the Coroner's Office as well and present it to the Jury.

The Committee discussed getting an appraisal and a timber cruiser to be able to make an offer on the land for the landfill expansion.

The Committee discussed the revenue loss calculation. Ms. Magee discussed letters of request.

Ms. Cowans left the meeting.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Jury construct four gravel bin site locations at Hwy 148, Dorsey Shop Road, Zoar Road, and Walker Road, not to exceed \$200 thousand total, in lieu of constructing one model bin site at Hwy 148. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Jury transfer \$1 million from the ARP fund to the General Fund for revenue loss. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed reviewing letters of request as they are submitted.

The dates of the next Grants Committee meetings were set for Wednesday, September 1st at 12:00 PM and Wednesday, September 15th at 12:15 PM

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.