

Finance Committee  
October 29, 2020

The Finance Committee met Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Absent: Mr. John McCarty.

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

There were no public comments.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that they had received confirmation of the Louisiana CARES reimbursement for the third round.

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. She stated that the final budget amendments would be presented with the consolidated budget.

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2021 budget from the Library Board. Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. Culpepper to recommend the Jury approve the Proposed 2021 Library Board budget as presented. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations and options for the Solid Waste Department. They discussed the expenses of the program and the history of the program costing more than the revenues brought in.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. Culpepper to recommend the Jury make the following changes to the Solid Waste Program:

- Close the landfill on Saturdays and suspend that shift from November 2020 thru January 2021 and re-assess the needs in 2021.
- Increase the dumping fee from \$35/ton to \$45/ton
- Institute a \$25 permit fee for anyone, residential or commercial, that comes across the scales with the fee being paid per visit.
- Conduct a meeting with the municipalities and their contracted vendors that dump at the landfill for no charge.
- Increase the fees for commercial bin rentals from \$75 per bin to \$115.75 per bin. Mr. Sessions discussed a disposal fee charge for each individual dump.
- Pursue a sales tax, if possible
- Suspend construction of new model bin sites until 2022.

Motion carried.

Mr. Culpepper stated that he did not want to pursue an ad valorem millage until the Jury had done all they could to preserve the program without it.

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