

Finance Committee  
January 29, 2020

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, January 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, Mr. John McCarty, and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Absent: none. Also in attendance, Ms. Amy Magee.

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

With no other public comments, the Chairman continued with agenda items.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the January purchase orders to-date and explained the process of blanket purchase orders for annual expenses. She stated that they would review the monthly purchase orders and the budgeted financial each month.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2020 approved inter-fund transfers for review and explained the timing of when the entries would be posted.

The Committee discussed the requested appropriation for the LSU Ag Center. The Chairman discussed the mandated offices that the Police Jury was required to maintain and the declining revenues due to reduced oil and gas production in the parish. The Committee discussed a reduction of all non-mandated appropriations and for having the requesting organizations present more information on the programming and funding sources.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Cowans to recommend the Police Jury reduce all 2020 appropriations by 10% and to authorize the President to sign and execute the LSU Ag Center appropriation for the 10% reduction of \$14,580. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the invitation for all parish Mayors to attend the February Business Session to discuss the Police Jury's policies and expectations for annual appropriations and requests for assistance. The Committee asked President Magee to address the following items at the meeting:

- 10% reduction for 2020 appropriations
- LGAP and other grant opportunities
- Non-compliance list
- Verification of the funding expenditures
- Appropriate items for request being for road work, drainage issues, or equipment
- Providing financials and annual budget
- Police Jury policy on what is within the scope of work our Road Department performs
- Continued assistance for routine pothole and grading work

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