

Finance Committee
January 21, 2021

The Finance Committee met Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno Jr. Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Ms. Amy Magee and Mr. John McCarty. Absent: Ms. Tarneshala Cowans.

With the Chairman not present, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Magee. Mr. McCarty gave the invocation and Ms. Magee led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Magee noted that Ms. Cowans and the Secretary-Treasurer were both listening via teleconference due to mandated COVID-19 quarantines.

The Committee discussed the deadline for the 2020-21 LGAP application. Ms. Magee stated that only the Village of North Hodge had requested a letter of support from the Police Jury and that the maximum for municipalities was \$25,000, leaving \$33,800 available. They discussed options for what the Police Jury could apply for and other grant opportunities available. Ms. Magee stated that if more municipalities applied, the Jury would not want to compete against them, but that the Police Jury should have an application prepared if no one else requested anything. Ms. Magee stated that a vehicle to be used by Administration, Maintenance, OEP, Administrative Clerks, and travel would benefit multiple departments. Ms. Cowans agreed.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Jury use the 2020-21 LGAP application to apply for the purchase of an SUV. Motion carried.

Ms. Magee stated that the 2020 Finance Committee had requested the President to talk to the Sheriff's Office about the cost of prisoner housing. She stated that the Secretary-Treasurer had also been contacted by the correctional center asking if the Police Jury is supposed to receive the invoices for the towns. Ms. Magee stated that in her research she found that the Police Jury has been paying for all of the municipal prisoners, even though it is not mandated. The Committee discussed the cost per day for different types of prisoners and the tickets and sentences imposed by the towns.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Jury notify the Sheriff's Office that the Police Jury will only pay for their mandated prisoners. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Magee to set the next Finance Committee Meeting for Tuesday, February 16th at 12:00 PM at the Administrative Building. Motion carried.

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