

Finance Committee
July, 30 2018

The Finance Committee met Monday, July 30, 2018 at 12:30 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 Mr. Lynn Treadway. Also present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Ms. Amy Magee, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Ms. Regina Rowe.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Mr. McCarty.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Culpepper to amend the agenda to include the following items:
Discuss and recommend on increasing the salary for Darrell Avery for additional work performed
Discuss and recommend on the request from the Village of Hodge for two side by side vehicles for \$17,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Ms. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury approve increasing the budget for gravel by \$100,000 due to an excessively wet spring. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury approve the purchase of hardware for the electronic minutes and agendas system. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the current policy for paying annual municipal appropriations.

Mr. McCarty stated that he agreed with the current policy that is in place to pay \$7,500 per year.

Mr. Culpepper spoke about the history of paying appropriations and the need for the policy that was adopted in 2016.

Mr. Treadway said he would like to see the Jury increase the annual appropriation to \$10,000.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that any appropriation granted must have a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that specifies what the appropriation is needed for and that the Jury must follow-up to ensure that it was spent appropriately.

The Committee discussed the money that had been allocated to Jonesboro to move the outfall for the Jonesboro oxidation pond. Mr. Treadway stated that moving the outfall was a benefit to the Jury and the Parish to allow them to certify the land on Industrial Drive and was not an appropriation. Mr. Culpepper stated that it also benefits the Town of Jonesboro and that it went against the municipal appropriations policy.

The Committee discussed the Police Jury Departments using local vendors for parts. The Road Superintendent, Mr. Jody Stuckey discussed the history of the consignment program through Napa for batteries and that they select vendors based on pricing and availability.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury increase the salary for Darrell Avery by \$400.00 per month. Motion carried.

The Committee considered the request from the Village of Hodge for the purchase of two side by side vehicle units for \$17,000.00.

Mr. Treadway said he would like to see the Jury approve the request.

Mr. Culpepper asked if the previous balance from special project appropriations had been reduced. He stated that every municipality signed the same agreement accepting the municipal appropriations policy and that if the Jury wasn't going to abide by their policy they should suspend it and forgive all of the balances.

Mr. Culpepper asked that Mr. McCarty work with the Jurors to develop a policy that everyone can agree on. Mr. McCarty stated that he would like to see this request tabled until the Jury reviews the policy.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to table all municipal appropriation requests until the Jury addresses their policy. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Culpepper to adjourn. Motion carried.