

Finance Committee
October 2, 2017

The Finance Committee met Monday, October 2, 2017, at 5:30 in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Regina Rowe and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Also present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Eddie Langston, Ms. Maxie Monroe, and Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Mr. McCarty. Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Ms. Rowe led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Marcie Nelson thanked the Jury for their consideration of the additional parking lot for the Jackson Parish Library and explained the uses and needs for additional and handicapped spaces.
- Mr. Culpepper addressed the inconvenience of Friday evening meetings, the need for a jury presence within the OEP office, and asked that the committee not change the current policy for municipality appropriations.
- Ms. Monroe spoke about the history of municipality appropriations.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to recommend that the Jury pay 2017 appropriations of \$7,500.00 to the municipalities that met with non-compliance standards and to deduct any outstanding coroner's fees. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to recommend that the Jury exclude Chatham from the 2017 municipal appropriations in order to rebuild Lewis Street. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend that the Jury reserve the decision to pay municipal appropriations until the fourth quarter in order to determine if funds are available. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to recommend that the Jury pay their portion of the tax settlement of the Jackson Parish Tax Collection Agency and Enable Gas Transmission, LLC (EXCO) of an estimated \$88,000 in one full payment. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend that the Jury approve the request of the Jackson Parish Library to convert the lot at 614 S. Polk Ave. into an additional parking lot. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend that the Jury request a letter and continued legal work from Mr. Darrell Avery on behalf of the Watershed District for contract work done on the pier. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to adjourn. Motion carried.