

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
2:00 P.M.**

Present: Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen, Brenda Abercrombie and L.W. Nolan. Also present, Johnny Buckley.

Mr. Bridges called the meeting to order. Mr. Nolan led the group in prayer.

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote to approve the agenda with the following addition:**

**#8      Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding GPS/cameras in parish owned vehicles.**

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the minutes of the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding the request from Sharon Dixon, Union Parish Section 8 Housing Director. Mrs. Dixon received a \$1.00 raise in May of 2020. Since that time Mrs. Dixon's work load has increased. Mrs. Dixon is requesting a pay increase of \$1.00 an hour (approximately 5.8% increase) to substantiate the increased workload which includes administering vouchers and inspecting units. Mrs. Dixon currently works a four-day ten-hour work week. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to recommend to the full jury to grant a pay increase in the amount of \$1.00 an hour (approximately 5.8% increase) which will bring Mrs. Dixon's hourly rate to \$18.50. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding the annual Police Jury Convention which is to be held in Lake Charles on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the early discounted rate is \$275 per person. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that once the fees are paid there is a \$125 cancellation rate if done in writing by February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that there have been instances when jurors have registered and not attended. **Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to recommend to the full jury to authorize travel for the jurors, secretary/treasurer and superintendents to attend the annual Police Jury Convention that is being held in Lake Charles March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding the annual Louisiana Environmental Conference which is to be held in Lafayette on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to authorize travel for the Public Works Director and Assistant Landfill Superintendent to attend the annual Louisiana Environmental Conference which is to be held in Lafayette on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented each Finance Committee member and the Police Jury President with a copy of the proposed 2021 amended budget and the proposed 2022 budget. A lengthy discussion was held on the changes for the proposed 2022 budget and why the changes are necessary. The Secretary/Treasurer also referred to certain Louisiana statutes pointing out why the jury has to contribute support to other entities. A public hearing will be held on December 30, 2021 @ 10:00 AM followed by a Special Meeting to adopt the budgets. The budget will be available for public inspection. **No action taken.**

A brief discussion was held concerning the placement of GPS devices in parish owned vehicles. Mrs. Abercrombie expressed her displeasure at the devices being ordered and how it was handled. Mr. Pilgreen also voiced his concerns over who would be monitoring the system and the cost. **No action taken.**

**There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Bridges declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan and duly seconded by Mr. Pilgreen on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.**

Ben Bridges, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer