

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 3, 2020
5:00 PM**

Present: Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen (entered meeting @ 5:25 PM), Brenda Abercrombie and L.W. Nolan. Also, present: Johnny Buckley.

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

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Donny Grafton has been trapping beavers for the Union Parish Police Jury for twenty (20) years. He receives \$1,400 per month and submits a report each month on the traps he checks and how many beavers he kills. Mr. Grafton uses his own vehicle and gas. Mr. Grafton has not received an increase in several years. **Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to recommend to the full jury to increase the amount paid to Donny Grafton, nuisance trapper, from \$1,400 to \$1,500 per month effective February 2020. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a cash balance breakdown by fund to each committee member. The Secretary/Treasurer explained how she compiles her finance report for the jury. Before the meeting the GL for all funds are studied and then anything pertinent is highlighted and presented to the jury. By law, not only should the Revenue and Expense report be presented, but also a financial report. The Detention Center will always be a main focus of the report because of the way it operates at a deficit. The Detention Center's expenses still outweigh the revenues. We must find a way to get expenses down.

The Secretary/Treasurer explained that the Finance Chairman receives daily reports of all checks written for that day. The reports are not sent for approval because those expenses have already been incurred. They are being sent so that the chairman can know what is being spent on a day to day basis. Essentially the Finance Chairman knows where every penny is going.

The Secretary/Treasurer asked that if any committee member would like something reported on please let her know in advance. Otherwise, the financial reports will include the pertinent items that the Secretary/Treasurer feels are important.

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that when she ran her goal was to help with roads and see where the money is going. Mrs. Abercrombie would like to see where finances can be tightened so more money can go to the roads.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Bridges declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie and duly seconded by Mr. Pilgreen on this the 3rd day of February, 2020.

**Ben Bridges, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**