

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 5th, 2023
4:45 P.M.**

Present: DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley and L.W. Nolan. Absent: Curtis Moses.
Also present: Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen, Ceis Nyegaard, Danielle Harkins, Luke Britt, Bernie Nolan, Chris Strickland, Tommy Durrett, Mike Holley, George Cothran, Lynn Ramsey, Tammy Ramsey and Johnny Creed.

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

Melissa Bryan, Keep Union Beautiful, addressed the Committee regarding a request for the Police Jury to assist in the clean-up day to be held on September 16th, 2023.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley and declared adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve the minutes of the July 31st, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to approve a \$1,500 expenditure to Keep Union Beautiful to assist in the clean-up day to be held on September 16th, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley to table the discussion of the request from the Zion Hill Community Outreach Ministries. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the transfer of the LAMP money into Louisiana National Bank. LAMP is currently paying an average monthly yield of 5.3039%. The jury has \$2,531,189.74 invested with LAMP.

Mr. Ramsey stated that LAMP basically does most of their investments globally. They are not insured and their funds are in foreign banks. They do not have any local interest. Mr. Ramsey is proposing to move \$2,000,000.00 from the LAMP investment account and place it in Louisiana National Bank. Louisiana National Bank is offering a Fed Fund Rate of 5.24 with an annual percentage yield of 5.38%. Mr. Ramsey stated that the money that the police jury has with LAMP is not secure.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan to table this matter until the next Finance Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of hiring a mechanic. The Public Works Director stated that a large budgetary cost is equipment repair. Mr. Durrett said in order to get a good mechanic you will have to pay approximately \$30.00 an hour or more. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan to table the mechanic discussion until a later date. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding rock to be used for the Union Parish Road Maintenance Program. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan to recommend to the full jury to approve the purchase of rock in an amount up to \$100,000. The rock will be used for the UPPJ Road Maintenance Program. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding repairs to the 2000 Mack Truck. The cost to repair the Mack Truck is \$11,178.00. The repairs will get the truck back in operation. **Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley, to recommend to the full jury to authorize payment for the Bruckner's invoice in the amount of \$11,178.00 for repairs to the 2000 Mack CH613. Motion carried unanimously.**

There was no auditor discussion.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of August and explained to the jurors that the report reflects what has been budgeted for the year compared to what has been spent.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the following:

- One (1) interfund transfer for the month - \$300,000 to the Landfill Collection Fund (19)
- \$15,600 spent out of the General Fund on sanity hearings
- \$5,000 spent out of the General Fund on the Green Oaks invoice
- \$89,497.75 spent out of Road Maintenance on road materials/supplies
- \$490,000 received from FEMA on Loch Lomond (2016 floods)
- \$25,955.37 – third FLAP payment received
- \$2,808 – Airport fuel income

- Detention Center
256 DOC inmates and 119 parish inmates
DOC income for the month was \$201,005.00
51 TWP inmates participating in TWP
TWP Program generated \$58,681.93
\$19,550.00 collected for surplus property

Inmates working at the following facilities
Fayette Sanitation 13
Thomas Nursery 3
Trash Guys 3
UPPJ 3
Packer Sanitation 9
House of Rayford 20

- The Secretary/Treasurer also reported on the Landfill/Sales Tax, Landfill/Tipping Fees, Landfill/Equipment Rental, Landfill/Equipment Trucks and Litter Court

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of August. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. No one signed up for public comment.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Ramsey declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan and duly seconded by Mr. Buckley on this the 5th day of September, 2023.

DeWayne Ramsey, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer