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Livingston Parish Finance Committee November 30, 2023

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the hour of five forty-five (5:45) p.m. with the following members present:

Randy Delatte - Chair
Jeff Ard
Erin Sandefur
Tracy Girlinghouse

Also Present: Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director

The chair called the meeting to order and asked the Deputy Clerk to call roll.

The Chair addressed the agenda item, “Old Business” with there being none, the Chair moved forward.

The Chair addressed the agenda item, “New Business”. The Chair then called upon Jennifer Brady, Finance Director, to address agenda items 4a and 4b.

Ms. Brady states that the budgets that are being introduced tonight are up to date through November 30th, 2023, and there is nothing crazy for this year and 2024. She states that they also have the standard check register and sale tax.

The Chair confirms that we are talking about both agenda items. He then goes on to ask about the 25-million-dollar adjustment on the budget. He then asks about the 7-million-dollar deficit on the budget.

Ms. Brady then states it is probably the Grants that have been added in as she received them.

The Chair then asks if they can adopt a deficit budget to which Ms. Brady says that you cannot.

She states that it is not a deficit that the Chair is seeing that they are spending money that they have in the account. They are spending more money than they took in that current year, which is the whole purpose of fund balance she states.

The Chair then states he is not explaining himself the way he needs to be and states – there is a 25-million-dollar adjustment from Grant money and asks why he must amend the budget.

Ms. Brady then states she does not understand what the Chair is asking.

The Chair then asks if the budget year of 2023 must be amended to which Ms. Brady answers yes. The Chair wants to know why we must amend it. Ms. Brady then states the budget needs to be amended because revenues and expenses have changed from what was proposed last year in December.

The Chair asked if the 25-million-dollar adjustment was normal for each year. Ms. Brady states that it could be more or could be less. He wants to know why this year the adjustment is so high.

The Chair and Ms. Brady then had a lengthy discussion about what each of them were trying to explain to each other. Ms. Brady then states that most of the projects that are in the 25-million-dollar adjustment will be finished this year and will not go to next year’s budget.

The Chair addressed agenda item 4c, he states that his Legislative Auditor has a check list for him, and he is waiting to receive that information. He then will decide whether the forensic Audit will be needed to be brought before the Council.

The Chair asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Having no other business to come before the committee, it was moved and agreed that the Livingston Parish Finance Committee adjourn.

MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse; the meeting was adjourned.

\s/ Raven Watts

Raven Watts, Deputy Clerk

\s/ Randy Delatte

Randy Delatte, Chair