

MINUTES

**Livingston Parish Finance Committee
April 11, 2024**

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the hour of five – thirty (5:30) p.m. with the following members present:

John Mangus – Chair
Lonnie Watts
Joseph Erdey

Also Present: Mickey McMorris, Finance Director

The Chair started with a prayer and the Pledge.

The chair called the meeting to order and called roll.

The Chair addressed the agenda item, “Old Business.”

The Chair called Mr. Micky McMorris to give an update about the Lod Stafford bridge. He states that we are in a dispute with FEMA about the funding of the bridge to raise the road. He states that he will try to get someone to come and speak about the update at the next Council Meeting. The Chair then stated that it will be placed on the next agenda.

Having no other “Old Business” to discuss the Chair moved on to the next item, “New Business.”

- a. Discuss purchase of Generator Backup – Mickey McMorris

The Finance Director, Mickey McMorris came to the podium and explained what this item was about. Recently, the 911 communications district lost power, and the back up generators did not power on. Due to this event, the Parish needs to purchase additional backup batteries. This was already approved the backup batteries will be installed on April 24, 2024. Councilman Joe Erdey asked how many towers this Parish has, and this is the only Communication tower that is in our Parish.

The Chair then goes on to talk about agenda item 7a. Mr. Mickey McMorris then explained what this item was about. Recently, the backup generator for the Health Unit/ Administration Building was struck by lightning. Insurance has paid \$93,000 and will reimburse us \$3500 – \$4000 to install. Bids have been made and they found a generator that is in stock for \$117,000. They did find one for \$99,000 but it would be 6 months before it would be installed. They will need this sooner rather than later with Hurricane season approaching. They have also applied for grants through GOSEP for two new generators.

A motion was made by Joe Erdey and seconded by Lonnie Watts to send this item with a positive recommendation to the Council to approve the purchase of a Generator Backup. The Chair moved on to the next item.

- b. Discuss purchase of a new FTR (For the Record) Recorder for the Council Chambers

It was explained that the Council would need a new FTR (For the Record) Recorder for the Chambers. The one that is currently in there is not working properly. It is used as a recorder for the meetings that are held as a backup just in case the video is not audible. It would cost \$8,310 for the updated machine. A motion was made by Lonnie Watts and seconded by Joe Erdey to send this item with a positive recommendation to the Council to approve this purchase of a new FTR (For the Record) Recorder for the Council Chambers. The Chair moved on to the next item.

c. Update on Funding for Parishwide Drainage Study

Mr. Gerlad Burns came to the podium and explained what this item was about. He stated that in 2019 the Master Plan Committee wanted to come up with a Parish Wide Drainage program which would cost around \$500,000. The Council in 2019 approved to amend the budget for \$125,000 towards the Parish Wide Drainage Plan. Mr. McMorris then came up and spoke about this item. He stated the Parish has applied for the Resilience Grant which has 1.9 million Dollars towards a Master Drainage Study. RFQ went out last week and the Office of Community Development gave the go ahead with proceeding of the grant. Mr. McMorris spoke with an engineer today about how much this would cost; he said it could cost anywhere between 4-7 million. Mr. McMorris stated that Parish Present, Randy Delatte, wants to push forward with the Parish Wide Drainage Plan. Mr. Brian Clemmons also spoke about this issue. Mr. Mangus stated that we would keep the Master Plan would continue to be updated as we are.

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 Lonnie Watts and seconded by Joseph Erdey; the meeting was adjourned.

1st Raven Watts

Raven Watts, Deputy Clerk

1st John Mangus

John Mangus, Chair