

## MINUTES

### **Livingston Parish Finance Committee October 24, 2024**

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the hour of five – forty five (5:45) p.m. with the following members present:

John Mangus – Chair  
Lonnie Watts  
Ricky Goff  
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, “New Business.”

#### a. Presentations of Financial Statements – Mickey McMorris

The Finance Director, Mickey McMorris came to the podium and explained that administration is wanting to implement a new payroll system that would be more time efficient. He emphasized this contract is time sensitive to ensure the system is ready to go for January 2025. Mr. Magus asked Mr. McMorris to explain why this system is better than the current one. He explained the administrative staff currently must do all reports such as W2’s and retirement forms. This new system does all of that on its own.

Mr. Goff asked how old the current system is. Mr. McMorris said with the current system, employees must clock in via fingerprint. With the new system, they would be able to do it on their phones. The current system has been in place since 2007 and is cheaper, but they are paying more in “man hours.”

A motion was made by Ricky Goff and seconded by Lonnie Watts to send a positive recommendation to the full Council.

The Chair moved to item,

#### b. Discussion of Public Officials Liability Insurance – David Hooter, Human Resources

David Hooter with Huan Resources approached the podium and explained that it is the wish of the Parish President that all public officials be covered by liability insurance. Mr. Goff asked if the money is already in the budget for this expense? Mr. McMorris explained it is not specifically listed at that time, but there will be some extra money in the general fund.

A motion was made by Ricky Goff and seconded by Joe Erdey to send a positive recommendation to the full Council.

The Chair moved to item,

c. Discussion of Hiring a Professional Beaver Trapper – Joe Erdey

The Chair called up Mr. Erdey to elaborate on this item. Mr. Erdey expressed he has a major problem in his district with beavers. He said he spoke to wildlife and fisheries, and they put him in contact with a professional beaver trapper. Mr. Erdey explained that he didn't have a number amount that was needed, but just wanted everyone to be aware of the issue and plan to set some money aside to pay the trapper.

DPW Director, Robert Dugas came to the podium and validated that there is a beaver issue, but he would like to see that the whole Parish be able to utilize this trapper, not just Albany area.

Mr. Goff noted he was interested in what the trapper can do for the Parish since it is a continuous issue.

The Chair advised the discussion about ARPA funds has been removed from the agenda and will not be talked about.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur approached the podium and explained the Parish would lose the ARPA money if not used. She asked the finance committee to look into spending the money on the Juban extension. She was told that the state does not build roads anymore.

Councilman Dean Coates approached the podium and asked that the finance committee use some of the ARPA money towards updating water systems. Mr. Mangus thought that was a good idea, but also noted that it cannot be used for private water companies. Mr. Coates agreed and added that there are some municipalities that could use the money.

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 Caroline Lockhart*

Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

*1st John Mangus*

John Mangus, Chair