

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Mr. Mac Plummer, Chairman
January 10, 2024

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 10th day of January, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Doug Rimmer, President, called the meeting to order and the roll was called by Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary, with the following members present:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia, Absent
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Ms. Julianna Parks
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Mac Plummer, Absent
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Charles Gray, Absent	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Mr. John Ed Jordan	Mr. Tom Salzer

Mr. Rimmer asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Finance Committee regarding a matter not on today's agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices and budget to actual monthly comparison for the month of December, 2023.

Mr. Rimmer called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gray, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer

Motion was made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the amended 2023 Budget and the Proposed 2024 Budget for the operation of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission.

Mr. Rimmer called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gray, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Salzer to approve a proposal from Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, for audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records for 2023, and authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.

Mr. Rimmer called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gray, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 10th day of January, 2024, that the Parish Administrator or Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a proposal with Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, for audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records for the year 2023.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2024.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Brotherton to approve a proposal from Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, to perform specified procedures on the control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2023.

Mr. Rimmer called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gray, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve a request from Mr. Glenn Benton for discretionary funds for fencing around a small lot in Tall Timbers Park that will be used as a practice field for younger aged players. Mr. Benton stated that he is getting quotes for pricing and will submit them to the Parish Attorney for approval.

Mr. Rimmer called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gray, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer

Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Administrator, stated that the allocation of broadband funding for use in ARPA water and sewer projects needs to be addressed. He stated that the police jury has spent approximately \$12 million of \$24 million for ARPA projects, advising that the last ARPA project is currently near completion. He stated that this leaves approximately \$13 million in funding that needs to be allocated to much needed water and sewer projects.

Mr. Ford stated that the police jury has met with broadband companies, and they have not requested any funding in the past three (3) years. Mr. Rodgers stated that broadband companies do not want the money because of the stipulations associated with using these funds. Mr. Jorden expressed concern about citizens in his district needing broadband service and not having the funding if the situation arises. Mr. Rodgers assured Mr. Jorden that there will be other options for funding if companies come forward needing funding for broadband. Mr. Rodgers stated that if the police jury does not act now, they will lose these funds.

Mr. Rodgers stated that he would like to move forward and have the broadband funds obligated to ARPA water and sewer projects by the end of the year. Mr. Ford stated that they need to start the process now to allow time for engineering to get involved and begin the bid process.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to allocate the remaining broadband funds to be used for ARPA water and sewer projects.

Mr. Rimmer called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gray, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m. by Mr. Rimmer.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

MAC PLUMMER, CHAIRMAN
FINANCE COMMITTEE