**MINUTES**

Livingston Parish

January 28, 2021

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at the hour of five forty-five (5:45) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

R.C. “Bubba” Harris

Gerald McMorris

Maurice “Scooter” Keen – Co-chair

Jeff Ard - Chair

**Also Present**: Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director

 Jim Ryan of Government Consultants, Inc. and Parish Financial Advisor

**Absent:** None

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The Chair, Councilman Jeff Ard, called the meeting to order and asked the Deputy Clerk, Angie Cornett to call the roll. All board members were present.

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The Chair read agenda item 3a) *Old Business.* Having none, he called on parish finance director, Jennifer Meyers to address item 4) *New* Business: *Monthly/YTD Financials.* Meyers noted that sales tax revenues were doing great, and that, after one more month, it would close out the year. She called attention to the check register dated December 4, 2020 to the present as she last met with them during the monthly finance meeting on December 3rd. She urged the board to contact her in the event that there were questions on any of the checks. She added that the financials ended on December 31, 2020 since most revenues have a two-month lag and only a few normal operation expenses had occurred in 2021.

Meyers had accepted quotes for property, auto, and worker’s comp. insurance as she was able to get the year-end quote moved from September 28th to February 1 to avoid getting them during hurricane season. In addition, this year was a first where a residual GOMESA check was received from the royalty check. She explained that when the parish bonded out of their GOMESA money, the projected revenue was supposed to be $700,000 yearly. However, past years were more. In November, the parish received a check for about $250,000 that could be used for drainage projects such as those that Councilman Delatte spoke of. Of course, due to the current oil and gas situation, Meyers noted that this would not be reoccurring, and that she would not be budgeting again for it.

Councilman Keen inquired as to when Bass Pro bonds would be paid off. Mr. Jim Ryan approached, but did not introduce himself, and replied that he believed it to be during the spring. The chair allowed a brief discussion as Ryan praised the decision made by Meyers and Administration last year to bond out the GOMESA money. In addition, he explained why it was such a good decision.

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Having no further business to come before the committee, it was moved and agreed that the Finance Committee adjourn until the Chair decides.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Mr. Gerald McMorris for the Livingston Parish Finance Committee to adjourn until the next Finance Committee is called.

YEAS: MR. GERALD MCMORRIS, MR. MAURICE “SCOOTER” KEEN, MR. R.C. “BUBBA” HARRIS, MR. JEFF ARD

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

**/s/ Angie Cornett**  **/s/ Jeff Ard**

Angie Cornett, Deputy Clerk Jeff Ard, Chair