

MINUTES

Livingston Parish Finance Committee
August 8, 2024

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 8th, 2024, at the hour of five – thirty (5:30) p.m. with the following members present:

John Mangus – Chair
Lonnie Watts
Joseph Erdey
Ricky Goff

Also Present: Mickey McMorris, Finance Director
Randy Delatte, Parish President

The Chair started with a prayer and the Pledge.

The Chair called the meeting to order and called roll.

The Chair addressed agenda item:

6. New Business:

a. Legal Fees Update – Mickey McMorris

Mr. Micky McMorris, Finance Director, stated that with the \$114,000 that the Council added to the Legal Budget, the remaining budget is \$67,000. Mr. McMorris also states that Mr. Moody, Legal Counsel, informed them that the Inmate Legal Challenges could be charged to the Jail Fund rather than the Parish’s General Fund. That would free \$47,000 in the General Fund that could be used elsewhere. Mr. McMorris asked if a recommendation would be sent to the Council for approval to use these funds.

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 Jail Funds to be utilized to pay for Inmate Challenges/Legal Fees. The Chair moved on to the next item.

Mr. McMorris also addressed ARPA fund expenditures. Mr. Mangus asked when we started receiving these funds, and that it was part of the Covid Rescue Plan provided by Congress.

Mr. McMorris also addresses the Financial Statements and Audit. He states that the finances have been thoroughly reviewed and will be explained in detail during the Council Meeting tonight.

The Chair addressed the agenda item:

6. New Business:

a. Discussion of Airport – Ryan Chavers

Mr. Ryan Chavers wanted to speak about how the Parish Funds should be used to benefit the Parish, whether that be roads, drainage, or any other necessity. He also stated how since 2018 the Parish has given \$180,000 out of Taxpayer pockets to the Airport. He also wanted to make it known that he is not trying to advocate against it, he just doesn't want the Airport to be funded with Parish funds.

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 Ricky Goff and seconded by Lonnie Watts; the meeting was adjourned.

Raven Watts

Raven Watts, Deputy Clerk

John Mangus

John Mangus, Chair