



Parish of Ascension

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

**November 8, 2021 - 5:30 PM
ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
607 EAST WORTHEY ROAD
GONZALES, LOUISIANA 70737**

MINUTES

- (1) **Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Cagnolatti. Councilman Alvin Thomas led the Committee in the invocation and pledge.
- (2) **Roll Call** – All members were present with the exception of Councilman Corey Orgeron and Councilman Michael Mason.
- (3) **Chair's Additions** – There were no additions to the agenda.
- (4) **Public Comment** – Chairman Cagnolatti announced that anyone wishing to speak should sign in now.
- (5) **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a. **Ascension Economic Development to introduce Project Horizon, CF Industries, LLC, for participation in the ITEP under the Post-Executive Order 2018 rules** - Kate MacArthur, President and CEO Ascension Economic Development presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion passed with no objection.
 - b. **Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish, FD#1 and the City of Gonzales to improve fire protection for the joint benefit of the Parish and City of Gonzales, total amount \$120,000.00** - Josh Wingerter, Fire Service Coordinator

Fire District #1 presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dal Waguespack. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.

- c. **Presentation and Approval of Health Insurance Open Enrollment Provider Quotes on the 2022 Rates** -Megan Babin, Human Resources Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dal Waguespack. A motion to amend the motion was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler to add that the Committee was approving acceptance of United Healthcare as the new health insurance provider for the Parish. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- d. **Southeast Louisiana High School Rodeo Club - to provide funding in the amount of \$17,000.00 to enhance economic development through the hosting of a rodeo to be held at Lamar Dixon Expo Center, scheduled in March of 2022** - Finance Chairman John Cagnolatti and Mr. David Deveer with the Southeast Louisiana High School Rodeo Club presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- e. **Contract Renewal - Dr. J. Robert Barnes - to render psychiatric, substance abuse and mental health services to residents of Ascension Parish at the Ascension Counseling Centers for families and children and the Ascension Substance Abuse Center. Total Compensation shall not exceed \$224,881.28** - Dr. Lisa Weber-Curry, Director of Mental Health presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion passed with no objection.
- f. **Renewal of Legal Services Contract with Jeff Diez to provide legal advice, advisory opinions, counsel and legal assistance to the Parish President, staff and administrators of the Executive Office on an as-needed, on-call continuing basis, per fee schedule, not to exceed \$60,000.00** - Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Attorney presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- g. **Renewal of Contract between the Parish and In-Telecom Consulting, LLC - Installation, maintenance, troubleshooting and repair of all inside phone and communication wiring. Not to exceed \$77,500.00** - Brandon O'Deay, IT Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- h. **Renewal of Contract with Clean Earth of Alabama, Inc. for the Parish Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day scheduled for Spring of 2022. Total amount per fee schedule, not to exceed \$100,911.00** - Ron Savoy, Director of Public Works presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion passed with no objection.
- i. **Contract Report for the Month of October 2021** – Chairman Cagnolatti asked that the Committee members review the contract report and contact Legal or Finance with any questions.

(6) FINANCE REPORTS

a. Bid/Quote Items: To Accept Lowest Responsive Bid/Quote as Follows:

1. Blinker Sign Flashing LED Stop Signs (Bid) – K&K Systems, Inc., \$1,170.00

each - Cynthia LeBlanc, Purchasing Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.

2. Pumped Sand & River Silt Combined (Bid) - Rene's Industries, Inc. for River Silt and Rene's Industries, Inc. for Pumped Sand

– Cynthia LeBlanc, Purchasing Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion passed with no objection.

3. 3M Street Road Name Signs (Bid) - Traffic Control Products of LA

– Cynthia LeBlanc, Purchasing Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.

4. Shavings Screened Cottonwood or White Pine Shavings (Bid) - S&S Farms,

\$5.00 per bale – Cynthia LeBlanc, Purchasing Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.

5. SAF Coat Infield Topdressing (Bid) - GreenPoint AG, \$158.50 per ton

– Cynthia LeBlanc, Purchasing Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.

6. Chiller Replacement at Old Courthouse East Building (Quote Request) - CMC

Corporate Solutions, \$94,800.00 – Devin Russ, Procurement Manager presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.

(7) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm on a motion by Councilman Chase Melancon, seconded by Councilman Dempsey Lambert.