



# Parish of Ascension

Office of Finance

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 7, 2023 - 5:30 PM

ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE  
607 EAST WORTHEY ROAD  
GONZALES, LOUISIANA 70737

### AGENDA

- (1) **Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge**
- (2) **Roll Call**
- (3) **Chair's Additions**
- (4) **Public Comment**
- (5) **GENERAL BUSINESS**
  - a. Ascension Economic Development to introduce Project Blue Topaz, CF Industries Nitrogen, LLC for approval of participation in the ITEP under the Post-Executive Order 2018 rules (Kate MacArthur, President and CEO Ascension Economic Development Corporation)
  - b. Ascension Economic Development to introduce Project Mack, CF Industries Nitrogen, LLC for approval of participation in the ITEP under the Post-Executive Order 2018 rules (Kate MacArthur, President and CEO Ascension Economic Development Corporation)
  - c. Approval of the renewal of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish and Ascension Economic Development Corporation (AEDC), to promote and develop industry, commerce, and economic development in the Parish for a total amount of \$322,800.00 (Kate MacArthur, President and CEO Ascension Economic Development Corporation)
  - d. Approval of the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Ascension, the City of Gonzales and Fire District No. 1 for fire protection outside the city limits and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to sign all related documents. Total contract amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 (Joshua Wingerter, Fire Service Coordinator Fire District No. 1)
  - e. Approval of the Renewal of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government, Fire District No. 3 and Prairieville Fire Department for the compensation of part-time firefighters for the 2024 calendar year. Total contract amount not to exceed \$490,000.00 (Mark Stewart, Chief Fire District No. 3)
  - f. Approval of Amendment #3 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University to replace Exhibit B, Billable Rate Schedule in its entirety, which will include

the billable rate for the Executive Director of Early Childhood Initiatives. This amendment does not affect the contract price (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director)

- g.** Approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Joey Thibodeaux's Drain Cleaning and Plumbing for labor and materials as needed to repair leaks, install taps, and any other work necessary to maintain the distribution system for Parish Utilities of Ascension (PUA), for an additional amount of \$60,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$189,000.00 (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director)
- h.** Approval of the Renewal of the contract between the Parish and Joey Thibodeaux's Drain Cleaning & Plumbing for all labor and materials as needed to repair leaks, install taps and any other work necessary to maintain the distribution system for Parish Utilities of Ascension (PUA). Total contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director)
- i.** Approval of Amendment #3 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Multistudio, LLC of Louisiana to extend the contract term for an additional year through December 31, 2024. This amendment does not affect the contract price (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director)
- j.** Approval of Ordinance adopting the Ascension Consolidated Utility District #1 and Parish Utilities of Ascension Water Company's Rules and Regulations (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director)
- k.** Request for Approval to submit an application for the 2023 - 2024 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- l.** Request for approval to submit an application for 2023 - 2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- m.** Approval of the renewal of the Professional Services Contract between the Parish and In-Telecom Consulting, LLC for programming and maintenance of communications equipment. Total contract amount not to exceed \$77,500.00 (Brandon O'Deay, Director Technology)
- n.** Results of Request for Quotes and approval to enter into a contract/agreement with JKF Trucking (\$115.00 per hour), Seek Ye First Trucking, (\$110.00 per hour tri-axle, \$125.00 per hour quad-axle) and Cody Edwards Trucking, LLC (\$115.00 per hour) for Dump Trucks with Drivers on an as-needed basis to assist with hauling hot asphalt to various locations within Ascension Parish (Jim Buras, Purchasing Director)
- o.** Bid results and approval to enter into Contract for Ascension Parish 5% Initiative Generator Project for the installation of two Parish-owned generators at the Ground Storage Facility, and Parish Utilities Water Plant in Donaldsonville, La with the lowest responsive bid submitted by Ready Power, LLC in the amount of \$153,298.00 (Jim Buras, Purchasing Director)
- p.** Approval of Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Impact Sports Gonzales for payment of spring and fall baseball officials for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 (Michael King, Recreation Director)
- q.** Approval of Agreement with DOTD for State Project No. H.014918 for the LA 73 Roundabout at Bluff Rd. Connector and for the approval of Parish President Clint Cointment to sign all documents related to this project (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer)
- r.** Approval of Resolution indicating the intention of the Parish to approve the two year appointment of Dawn Caballero as a director to the Board of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (Patrick Goldsmith, Interim Chief Administrative Officer)
- s.** Approval of the Renewal of the contract between Ascension Parish Government and Lofton Industrial Services, LLC for temporary staffing services. Total contract amount not to exceed \$69,000.00 (Lucy Cason, Human Resources Director)
- t.** Approval of the Renewal of the Joint Intergovernmental Agreement and Cooperative

Endeavor Agreement to Implement an Adult Drug Intervention Program for adult offenders for the 2024 calendar year at a not to exceed amount of \$89,900.00 (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Legal Counsel)

- u. Approval of the Legal Services Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Jennifer E. Frederickson of the law firm Stemmans & Alley, to represent the Parish regarding insurance litigation, including Workmen's Compensation and any other legal matters necessary. Contract amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Legal Counsel)
- v. Contract Report of all Contracts/Agreements entered into in the month of October 2023 (Finance Chairman Michael Mason)

**(6) FINANCE REPORTS**

- a. Parish Position Report - 3rd Quarter 2023 (Lucy Cason, Human Resources Director)
- b. Financial Update - Open Finance at  
<https://ascensionparishla.finance.socrata.com/#!/dashboard> (Finance Chairman Michael Mason)

**(7) Adjourn**

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