

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 11, 2011
Chairman Steve Lee
Vice-Chairman Charles Julien

Members: Haston Lewis, Danny Millet, Charles Julien, Jaclyn Hotard, Darnel Usry, Cheryl Millet, Raydell Morris

PRESENT: Haston Lewis, Cheryl Millet, Ronnie Smith, Steve Lee, Raydell Morris, Darnel Usry

ABSENT: Charles Julien, Jaclyn Hotard, Danny Millet

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

Brenda Labat – Bid Openings – 2011 Road Improvement Program (Carry over 12-28-10)

Brenda Labat, stated, "There were two bidders for that project. The bids were Barriere Construction – \$195,100.00 and Coastal Bridge out of Baton Rouge bid \$181,000.00. Further down on the agenda, administration is ready to award the bid, if the council so chooses. We have had two weeks to go over them."

Brenda Labat – Bid Openings – Persimmon St./St. Joan of Arc drainage improvements

Brenda Labat, Director of Purchasing, stated, "We opened today the bids for Persimmon St./St. Joan of Arc drainage improvements. The bidders were:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
BLD Services, LLC	\$1,587,980.00
Command Construction Ind.	\$1,539,190.00
Cycle Construction Co., LLC	\$1,701,106.00
Grady Crawford Construction Co.	\$1,764,064.00
RamJ Construction, LLC	\$1,646,605.00

the estimate on this job was 1.6 million. The administration requests that we take these under advisement."

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to take the bids for Persimmon St./St. Joan of Arc drainage improvements under advisement. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Morris, Julien and Danny Millet absent.

Brenda Labat – Bid Awards – HVAC Repairs (ARRA Weatherization Program) – Authorization to award the low bid to Howard Mechanical Systems, LaPlace (Carry over 12-28-10)

Brenda Labat, stated, "The administration recommends awarding to the low bidder Howard Mechanical Systems of LaPlace. Their price was \$60.00 an hour. This is an annual bid with unit pricing."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to award the bid for HVAC Repairs (ARRA Weatherization Program) to Howard Mechanical Systems of LaPlace at \$60.00 an hour. The motion

passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Julien and Danny Millet absent.

Brenda Labat – Bid Awards – Electrical Repairs (ARRA Weatherization Program) – Authorization to award the low bid to D & G Electrical of Destrehan (Carry over 12-28-10)

Brenda Labat stated, "The next item is electrical for the same program. The low bidder was D & G Electrical of Destrehan. Their price was \$44.00 an hour. We recommend awarding."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Mrs. Labat did you get that matter that we spoke about clarified with D & G earlier today?"

Brenda Labat stated, "Yes. They are listed."

MOTION: Councilman Morris moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to award the bid for Electrical Repairs (ARRA Weatherization Program) to D & G Electrical of Destrehan at \$44.00 an hour. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Julien and Danny Millet absent.

Brenda Labat – Bid Awards – Plumbing Repairs (ARRA Weatherization Program) – Authorization to award the low bid to Brotherhood Way General Contractors of Kenner (Carry over 12-28-10)

Brenda Labat stated, "The next item is plumbing repairs with the same program. We recommend Brotherhood General Contractors of Kenner at \$65.00 an hour."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Morris seconded the motion to award the bid for Plumbing Repairs (ARRA Weatherization Program) to Brotherhood Way General Contractors of Kenner at \$65.00 an hour. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Julien and Danny Millet absent.

Councilman Julien arrived at 6:08 PM

Brenda Labat – Bid Awards – 2011 Removal & replacement of concrete sidewalks, driveways & streets – Authorization to award the low bid to DMC of Metairie

Brenda Labat stated, "Administration recommends tabling of this item. We are looking for some information from the District Attorney's Office."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to table the bid award for 2011 removal & replacement of concrete sidewalks, driveways & streets. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Danny Millet absent.

Brenda Labat – Bid Awards – Drainage Excavations of Parish ditches – 2011 Annual Contract – authorization to award the low bid to Compass Ventures of LaPlace

Brenda Labat stated, "Again we recommend tabling this item, we are getting some additional information."

MOTION: Councilman Morris moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to table the award for drainage excavations of the parish ditches – 2011 Annual Contract. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Danny Millet absent.

Councilwoman Hotard arrived at 6:10 PM

Brenda Labat – Bid Awards – 2011 Road Improvements – Asphalt – Authorization to award the low bid to Coastal Bridge Co., LLC of Baton Rouge

Brenda Labat stated, *"I just read you the two bids earlier. Coastal Bridge was the low bidder from Baton Rouge. We recommend awarding it to them."*

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to award the low bid for 2011 Road Improvements – Asphalt – to Coastal Bridge Co., LLC of Baton Rouge. The motion passed with Councilman Danny Millet absent.

Brenda Labat – Bid Awards – HHS Building Renovations and additions – Authorization to award the low bid to Lanco Construction Co. of LaPlace

Brenda Labat stated, *"We would like to award this to the low bidder that being Lanco Construction Company of LaPlace."*

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to award the low bid for HHS Building renovations and additions to Lanco Construction Co. of LaPlace. The motion passed with Councilman Danny Millet absent.

Ronnie Smith – (Carry Over 11-23-10) SWDI Contract Extension

Councilman Smith asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Pat McTopy/Randy DeSoto – Central Library Addition – Authorization to award and sign the contract with the low bidder J.A. Jack Julius, Jr. Inc. of Marrero for \$1,127,000.00 (Carry over 12-28-10)

Randy DeSoto, Parish Librarian, stated, *"This was the low bid out of the seven bids. We are requesting for the parish council to authorize the parish president to sign the contract with the low bidder."*

Councilman Lee stated, *"I want to thank you for your patience. We are sorry we were unable to deal with this at the last meeting. We hope that didn't cause you any problems or any of the citizens."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award and sign the contract with the low bidder J.A. Jack Julius, Jr. Inc. of Marrero for \$1,127,000.00 for the Central Library Addition. The motion passed with Councilman Danny Millet absent.

Paul Oncale – Authorization for the renewal of the Firefighter's Medical, Dental and Life Insurance with Humana as presented by the Massad Group for the 2011 Calendar year (Carry over 12-28-10)

Paul Oncale, Director of Safety, stated, *"The current policy for the fire fighters for medical, health and dental insurance is with Humana. The contract allows for a one year extension of the policy. There is an increase of about 9% from last year which is in line with the recent increase of the parish employee health insurance. The administration feels that this is the best option for the fire fighters at this time and recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to grant administration authorization for the renewal of the Firefighter's Medical, Dental and Life Insurance with Humana as presented by the Massad Group for the 2011 Calendar year. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 3 abstaining (Lee, Hotard, Cheryl Millet) and 1 absent (Danny Millet).

Any and all other financial concerns

There were no other financial concerns at this time.

Adjournment

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Danny Millet absent.