The Equipment Committee of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met at its meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent: Mr. Roy Edwards

Mr. Mark Ball opened the meeting to public comments on agenda items. No comments were brought forth.

The committee discussed the need for a new track hoe for the Consolidated Gas Utility District. Specs were discussed for a stronger back hoe with a 4-way blade. Actual specs will be presented by the Roads Superintendent and approved by the full jury at the next regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve specs for bids on a new track hoe for the CGUD. Motion carried.

The committee discussed improvements to the Coroner's Van. The Grant Parish Coroner has requested flashing lights, safety steps, and to have the rear of the van lowered by approximately 2" to assist in the loading and unloading of a stretcher. Coroner is obtaining quotes for the requested improvements and will utilize the lowest quote.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to approve requested improvements to the Grant Parish Coroner's Van. Motion carried.

The committee discussed specs for the two new motor graders that were approved at the February regular meeting. It was decided to request a minimum of 150 hp, 34,000 lb, 14 ft blade, with radial tires. Other specs will be added by the Road Maintenance Superintendent and approved at the March regular meeting of the jury.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to discuss a new sweeper for the Roads Department. Motion carried.

The committee discussed issues with the current sweeper and the need for a new one. Specs should be similar to a Broce broom 4 with closed canopy.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve a new sweeper/broom to be paid for with 2022/2023 LGAP funds and specs to be approved at the March regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adjourn. Motion carried.

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