

A public hearing was held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, at 5:15 P.M., on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, to receive comments on the proposed 2017 Budget.

Ms. Peggy Romero, Budget Director, gave an update regarding the budget. She stated that in the past the District Attorney's Office would pay \$25,000.00 to the Police Jury for administrative fees and would not be doing so in 2017 because he recently hired a new assistant district attorney. She further stated that this would reduce revenue by the \$25,000.00 but that we had an employee retiring and that would create a budget adjustment in salaries, social security, and health insurance that would save \$38,037.59. She also stated that after deducting the \$25,000.00 from that amount there would be \$13,037.59 to be used to reduce prior year fund balances with.

Ms. Billie Meyer, Registrar of Voters for Acadia Parish, addressed the Police Jury and thanked the jurors for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the position being terminated. She stated that it was brought to her attention that a juror commented to a constituent that the position that is being terminated is funded by the state and she wanted to clarify that it is fully funded by the parish. She further stated that the state would provide half of the funding for the position if the population reached 65,001 and the parish would pay the other half. She stated that she felt the recent growth of the population in the parish would meet or exceed the 2,400 people needed for the state to open up the position in another 2-3 years. She also stated that the workload in their office has quadrupled over recent years and the position is needed because their work does not end when an election cycle ends. She advised that the position is needed and asked that the Police Jury maintain the position.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS THE PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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