

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Dexter Brown)**
- III. ROLL CALL:**
- IV. CONDOLENCES:**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **Regular Meeting: September 16th, 2026**
 - **Special Meeting: September 29th, 2026**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - *Items passed through committee.

1. Vote to appoint Katherine Pickett, Lastie Cormier, and Leroy Randall Jr., for three appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year term and Hals Beard, Sandy Coleman Erica Morgan, and James Simon for four appointments for a two-year term. (09-19-2026 - 09-19-2027), (09-19-2026 – 09-19-2028), (11-18-2026 -11-18-2027), and (11-18-2026 -11-18-2028).
2. Vote to appoint Benjamin Doucet for one appointment to Fire District No. 2 for the remainder of a two-year term. (05-15-2025 - 05-15-2027).
3. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Mary Anne Anderson advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 204 Texas Eastern Road, Opelousas La 70570. Parcel #0103588700A.
4. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Kenneth Moses Frank and Vertina Rougeau advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 9190 Highway 190, Opelousas La 70570. Parcel #0602986050.
5. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Yeager Soileau and Angelle Valentine Soileau C/O Connie Vasseur advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 2714 W Landry Street, Opelousas La 70570. Parcel #0106285500.
6. Authorize St. Landry Parish Government to demolish an adjudicated property located at 324 Carriere Street Washington, La 70589 that has been condemned by the town of Washington within the 3-year mark.
7. Authorize St. Landry Parish Government to demolish an adjudicated property located at 161 Armide Street Eunice, La 70535 no notice needs to be sent by the council clerk all parties previously signed authorization form.

8. Authorize the Preliminary & Final approval for Lots 1-14 (5.55 acres) located on McCarthy Road Opelousas, La.
9. Authorize variance for Jessica Meche relocating a 1998 mobile home from 127 Empire Lane Branch, La into St. Landry Parish. The new proposed location is 359 Country Ridge Road Lot 21 Opelousas, La.
10. Authorize variance for Wendy Murphy relocating a 1985 mobile home located at 1065 Sandoz St. Opelousas, La., in St. Landry Parish, to 184 Mini Road Opelousas, La.
11. Discuss moving mobile homes on 304 Bernard Road Opelousas, La 70570.
12. Authorize the Adjudicated Property Sales dated September 29, 2026.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-031

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0101716100 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-032

ADJUDICATED PROPERTY SALE

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL THE FOLLOWING 27 PROPERTIES LISTED ON THIS ORDINANCE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-033

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2026 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby amended to reflect the detailed amended estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as an amended operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-034

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2027 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2027 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby adopted to reflect the detailed estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-030

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 8178722206 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that *Katina Johnson* is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, *Katina Johnson* may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to *Katina Johnson*, an adjoining landowner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

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This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8502113900 in the St. Landry Parish land records which adjoins the property bearing parcel number 0500035000.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2026

A Resolution Establishing the Rules and Order of Business of the Parish Council and Providing for the Recording and Publication of Its Official Proceedings

WHEREAS, the Parish Council is authorized to determine its own rules and order of business; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20 requires public bodies to maintain written minutes of all open meetings; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20(A) requires the minutes to include the date, time, and place of the meeting; the members recorded as present or absent; the substance of all matters decided; and a record of individual votes when requested by a member; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20 does not require the minutes of the Parish Council to constitute a word-for-word or verbatim transcript of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council desires to ensure that its official actions are made available to the public in a timely manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

Section 1. Rules and Order of Business

The Parish Council shall determine and adopt its own rules and order of business for conducting regular meetings, special meetings, public hearings, and other official proceedings.

Section 2. Written Minutes and Proceedings

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20, the Clerk of the Parish Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all open meetings of the Parish Council.

The minutes shall include:

1. The date, time, and place of the meeting;
2. The members of the Parish Council recorded as present or absent;
3. The substance of all matters decided; and
4. At the request of any council member, a record of each member's vote.

The minutes shall provide an accurate summary of the proceedings and official actions of the Parish Council. The minutes are not required to be a word-for-word or verbatim transcript of every statement made during the meeting unless otherwise required by law.

Section 3. Public Records

The minutes shall constitute public records and shall be made available within a reasonable time after each meeting, subject to the exceptions provided by law.

Section 4. Publication of Official Actions

All official actions taken by the Parish Council shall be published in the official journal, **The Eunice News**, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the action was taken.

When required by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20(B), a copy of the minutes shall also be posted on the Parish Council's website within ten (10) days after publication in the official journal and shall remain available on the website for at least three (3) months after posting.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 023-2026

A Resolution to Reassign the Polling Locations for Precincts 1A, 1B, 1C, 2B, 2C, and 5

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council serves as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Precincts 1A, 1B, 1C, 2B, 2C, and 5 currently use North Central High School, located at 6579 Highway 10, Lebeau, Louisiana, as their polling location; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council has determined that these precincts should be reassigned to separate polling locations to provide appropriate and accessible locations for conducting elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, that the following polling locations are hereby reassigned:

Section 1. Precinct 1A

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
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North Central High School	Fire District No. 3
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6579 Highway 10	18021 State Highway 182
Lebeau, Louisiana	Bunkie, Louisiana

Section 2. Precinct 1B

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
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North Central High School	Morrow Community Center
6579 Highway 10	189 Highway 107
Lebeau, Louisiana	Morrow, Louisiana

Section 3. Precinct 1C

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
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North Central High School District 7 Fire Station	
6579 Highway 10	3449 Highway 361
Lebeau, Louisiana	Morrow, Louisiana

Section 4. Precincts 2B, 2C, and 5

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
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North Central High School Palmetto Fire Hall	
6579 Highway 10	224 East Railroad Avenue
Lebeau, Louisiana	Palmetto, Louisiana

Section 5. Notice and Election Records

The Clerk of the Parish Council is authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the St. Landry Parish Registrar of Voters, the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, the Louisiana Secretary of State, and any other appropriate election official.

The appropriate officials are requested to update all election records and provide public notice of the polling-location changes in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Accessibility

Each new polling location shall be arranged and operated in compliance with applicable accessibility requirements so that qualified voters with disabilities are provided access to the polling place and the voting process.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and the completion of any notice, review, or approval required by applicable law.

RESOLUTION NO. 024-2026

A Resolution Requesting Financial Assistance from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation, for Improvements to the St. Landry Parish Airport

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the St. Landry Parish Airport; and, the

sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the St. Landry Parish Government, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor" does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport specifically as described in the Six (6) year Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance which is dated September 1, 2026, and which commences in the year 2027.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the DOTD Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 025-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST WITHDRAWAL FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5311 RURAL AREA FORMULA PROGRAM AND APPROVING A PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PROGRAM-ASSISTED ASSETS, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has participated in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program through the Louisiana

Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to support public transportation services within St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Section 5311 program requires compliance with applicable federal and state regulations, financial obligations, local matching requirements, and asset management provisions; and

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has evaluated the financial and operational requirements associated with continued participation in the program and has determined that withdrawal should be pursued in consideration of the Parish's fiscal resources and long-term operational sustainability; and

WHEREAS, withdrawal from the Section 5311 program requires coordination with DOTD and FTA, as applicable, to address outstanding program obligations and the appropriate disposition of vehicles, equipment, and other assets acquired or improved with program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council recognizes that the disposition of federally or state-assisted assets must comply with applicable requirements, including any necessary prior approvals, repayment obligations, transfer restrictions, and asset accountability procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council desires to authorize the Parish President to formally request withdrawal from the Section 5311 program and coordinate with DOTD and FTA regarding the proposed disposition of affected assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Council, duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST WITHDRAWAL

The St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes the Parish President, on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government, to submit a formal written request to DOTD seeking withdrawal from the FTA Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program, subject to applicable federal and state requirements and the necessary approvals.

SECTION 2. PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

The Parish Council authorizes the submission of a proposed asset disposition plan to DOTD and FTA, as applicable, covering vehicles, equipment, and other property acquired or improved through Section 5311 funding.

The proposed disposition shall be as follows:

The final disposition of each affected asset shall remain subject to applicable federal and state requirements, and all required written approvals. Nothing in this Resolution authorizes an otherwise prohibited sale, transfer, disposal, or change in use of program-assisted property.

SECTION 3. INVENTORY AND COMPLIANCE

The appropriate Parish officials are authorized to compile and submit asset inventories, funding records, vehicle information, and other documentation reasonably required by DOTD or FTA to determine applicable disposition requirements and outstanding program obligations.

SECTION 4. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OBLIGATIONS

The Parish President is authorized to coordinate with DOTD and FTA concerning any required financial reconciliation, repayment, transfer documentation, closeout procedures, or other outstanding obligations arising from withdrawal from the program.

SECTION 5. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS

The Parish President is authorized to sign and submit the official withdrawal request, related correspondence, and other administrative documents necessary to carry out the intent of this

Resolution, provided that such actions remain consistent with this Resolution and applicable law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the St. Landry Parish Council and shall not be construed as establishing an effective withdrawal date or authorizing final asset disposition before any required agency approvals have been obtained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to DOTD and any other appropriate agency upon request.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LA**

MINUTES

- I.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.
- II.** The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere.
- III.** **Roll Call: PRESENT:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** None.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I want to welcome each and everyone of you here tonight. I see that we have an overflow crowd and we have some people that are outside, they could not come in. I will ask that you all turn off all of your electronic devices off.”

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Eli Landry addressed the council. He stated, “I am Eli Landry. I live at 309 Water Tower Road, Washington, LA. I have been coming to these meetings for 50 years; I started the fall of 1971. The first and this last president takes the cake. This one here really stuck us in debt and I have never seen that before. There was a resolution made when Don was here. I guess it was all erased because none of it was placed into effect. Having a motor pool instead of having everybody run to town they were running with new cars home, that is an expense for nothing. Anybody that works in the office should not have a car, period. If you need a car to go do business there is a motor pool, get it from there, otherwise they don’t have any cars. I was supposed to talk about something else, but this is more important. It is time for this parish to wake up and the council to start voting ‘NO’ because our Parish President is a Dictator. What he did with the people, you don’t have a right to use your property as you want, to do what you want, that is dictatorship. We have people right now that is dying to try to preserve this, and you all are failing them. It is time to wake up, pick up your pants, whatever it is and do right because you all are not doing it. It was the third week of September, MIA Week, you all don’t heave to that because if you all would you all would right, thank you.”

Mr. Will Woods addressed the council. He stated, “Good evening, everybody. I am Will Woods. I live at 2821 HWY 359, Washington, LA. How did we get here? How did St. Landry Parish reach a point where we were discussing refinancing another \$1,650,000.00 in debt? How did we arrive at a situation where according to testimony during the Bond Hearing approximately \$1,700,000.00 remains across all parish accounts while the parish debt stands at \$4,450,000.00? Those numbers should alarm every person in this room. Tonight is not about politics, it is not about personalities, it is about responsibility. For months the citizens of this parish have watched a government divide against itself. We

have watched public disagreements, accusations of withheld information and a complete breakdown in the corporation between members of this administration and members of this council. The result of that failure is before us tonight. We are not voting for growth, new infrastructure or economic development, we are voting on debt again and the people of the parish deserve to know why. Where was the oversight? Where were the warnings? Where was the long-term plan to prevent us from reaching this point? Those are the questions that should concern every elected official sitting in this room. The Parish President bears responsibility for this disaster and the council bears responsibility as well for doing nothing to prevent it. Neither side gets a free pass, neither side can point a finger at the other and claim no responsibility for where we are today. The Citizens are tired of this council not holding him accountable. What concerns me most is that public trust continues to erode when citizens lose confidence in their government, everything becomes more difficult. Trust must be earned through transparency and cooperation in sound financial management. Right now, I think most citizens believe this government is a failure. At this point I believe outside financial oversight and guidance should be seriously considered, not because anyone wants it but because restoring stability must become the priority. The focus should not be on protecting political careers or preserving egos, the focus should be on protecting St. Landry Parish. Leadership is not about winning arguments, controlling information or building factions. A true leader creates trust, a true leader promotes transparency, a true leader encourages teamwork, accepts accountability and focuses on results instead of excuses. The people of St. Landry Parish deserve that kind of leadership. Tonight I ask you to put aside the divisions and acknowledge the seriousness of this financial situation and begin revealing the public's trust. I love this parish, I trust you all to make the right decision tonight. Use your heart and vote with that. Thank you."

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Jarreau, you are in the audience. I would like for you to come up and explain where we are at on this and where are we going?"

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, "Good afternoon and thanks for your time. I have a few updates since the last time I was here, that was 2 weeks ago. The Bond Commission, the day after we discussed the ordinance the last time, approved an extension of 6 months for \$1,650,000.00 plus interest. Along with that I believe you all have the approval certificate from the Bond Commission, a separate condition to their approval was Proposed Financial Oversight by the Legislative Auditor. My understanding is that is already taking place. They meet with the Parish President and his staff and I believe that is ongoing and it will be as long as the debt is outstanding. The second update that I have is this: Ongoing negotiations with the bank. I know you all got the term sheet today. Unfortunately, it was finalized today, I would have loved to get it to you all earlier but that is when it was finalized so that is where we are. I know that this ordinance says 5 years for \$3,000,000.00 but there is two restrictions on that. The first restriction is: The Bond Commission. You can't exceed what the Bond Commission authorized. So six months, \$1,650,000.00 plus interest which is the outstanding debt. The second restriction is: Even though The Bond Commission may approve something you still have to have a bank that will loan the money. At this point Washington State Bank has proposed these terms. They have told us these are non-negotiable, take them or leave them and that is it."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Could you expound on those conditions that the bank laid out please?"

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, "Yes, would you like for me to go through each one?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Yes."

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, "Absolutely. Section one provides the issuer with an amount of \$1,732,905.86. Revenue Notes in 2026 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana. The Parish and Lender agree that the new note would replace and extinguish the outstanding revenue anticipation note series 2025-A in Revenue anticipation series 2025-B at closing. Last year those are the 2 notes that were issued, a

total of \$2,950,000.00 I believe. The second is the Legal Authority for the Note, Section 14:30 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, purpose of the note, for the purpose of paying current expenses of the parish during the term of the note in anticipation of revenues accruing to the parish during the term of the note, that is under that Statutory Authority, that language is always included.

The day-to-date of the note delivery would be October 1st, 2026, that is Thursday, that is when the prior note is outstanding or due. The form of the note to be issued as a single note or one with Washington State Bank owning that note. The final maturity of the note would be April 1st, 2027. It has a fixed interest rate of 6%. The principal and interest payments schedule is on Exhibit A, and we can go through that now. The required payment that Washington State Bank is requiring is on November 5th, 2026, a payment of \$150,000.00. December 5th, 2026, a payment of \$150,000.00, January 5th, 2027, a payment of \$150,000.00, February 5th, 2027, a payment of \$650,000.00, March 5th, 2027, a payment of \$150,000.00 and April 1st, 2027, final maturity so the remainder of that is outstanding a payment of \$530,000.00 that would be outstanding based on what the bank told us today. The prepayment provisions, the note is subject to prepayment at any time, that means if the parish comes into some money and they want to pay it off earlier than is available. Security, the note is secured by and payable for a pledge of all revenues accruing to the parish during the term of the note. I would like to clarify something that was mentioned in a prior meeting on that. The council can't circumvent voter dedication of tax. I know there is a couple of dedicated taxes in the parish and those will not be included in this pledge. Allowing the parish council to pledge voter dedicated taxes you would be circumventing the voters of the parish and that is not allowed. When this says all revenues accruing to the parish it means all revenue is not dedicated by the voters. The Sinking Fund, the parish agrees that its Racino Revenues, Video Poker Revenues, Walmart Distribution Tax Revenue and all Piolet Revenues in whole or as allocated to the Parish Government are to be deposited into a Sinking Fund held by the lender. The Sinking Fund money shall be restricted to paying down the outstanding balance of the note. It should have two designated officers of the lender, Washington State Bank, as required signatures. On or before the 5th, of each month the balance of the Sinking Fund shall be applied to the monthly principal and interest payment set forth on Exhibit A. Upon mutual agreement of the parish and the lender, after each month's payment any excess monies in the fund shall be relinquished to the parish. If the Sinking Fund does not have sufficient monies to make the monthly payment the parish agrees to deposit additional monies into the Sinking Fund to satisfy such payment when it is due. Section 13: Additional Debt: The parish agrees that as long as the note is outstanding it shall not incur any new debt without the prior approval of the lender, it is pretty standard. Section 14: Louisiana Legislative Auditor Proposed Fiscal Oversight. As a condition to the lender purchasing the note the parish shall agree to the Legislative Auditors Proposed conditions for enhanced fiscal oversight. The parish shall also agree in a separate agreement between the lender and the parish to copy the lender on all communications to and from the Legislative Auditor regarding recommendations and decisions relating to the proposed conditions. The parish shall also consent to the Legislative Auditor communicating directly with the designated officer of the lender regarding the status and progress of the proposed conditions. Tax status, this just says interest on the note is excludable from gross income for Federal Income Tax purposes, it is not an item of tax preference. Defense or Default, noncompliance with any of the provisions included in this offer to purchase shall be in the event of default upon occurrence of an event of default. The lender shall have the right to demand immediate repayment of the outstanding balance of the note unless such default is cured within 5 days of notice by the lenders of the parish. Legal Opinion: The Legal Opinion of Foley and Judell, that is our firm, due to the authorization and the validity of the note and exemption of the interest on the note will be required. We provide that opinion to the bank. It just says that everything that was done in connection with this is legal. The debt is enforceable and it is excluded from gross income for the bank's purposes. I could go through the lender letter, the lender will sign an investment letter, these are for tax reasons, indicating it has made a full investigation and security for the issue and it is not relied upon or requested that any disclosure document be prepared by or on behalf of issuer that is purchasing the note without any intention to sell any portion thereof to any person other than another financial institution. Roll of Lender: The lender and its representatives are not registered municipal advisors and do not provide advice to municipal entities or obligated persons with respect to municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities including regarding

the structure, timing, terms and similar matters concerning municipal financial products or municipal securities issuances or engaging in salutation in municipal entities or obligated persons for the provision by nonaffiliated persons of municipal advisor services and or investment advisory services. The next page is the signature page.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Tonight we have to vote on this \$3,000,000.00 Ordinance that was introduced for us to proceed with this loan, am I correct?”

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, “That is correct.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Without us approving that ordinance we can’t make this loan with Washington State Bank, am I correct?”

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, “That is right. The authorization went in October 1st, 2026, Thursday.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What is the interest right now? What have we accrued from the \$1,650,000.00. I know what interest is going to be on the loan but what is it that we owe? I understand today there were some new developments saying we don’t owe the \$1,650,000.000? Do we still owe the \$1,650,000.00?”

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, “I am unaware of any developments about that. The interest as of Thursday would be \$82,905.86.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “What happens if we don’t make the payment for Thursday?”

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, “The parish would be in default on the loan.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Tell me the ramifications of that.”

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, “So the ramifications are: The Treasurer, The Attorney General and the Legislative Auditor would convene what is called a Fiscal Review Committee. They would decide whether or not a Fiscal Administrator would be appointed to handle all of the financial decisions of the parish. The number one factor is default on debt service. It would be highly likely that a Fiscal Administrator would be appointed.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “What happens to our Credit Rating?”

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, “I am not 100% sure.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “It goes to Zero. It means that we can’t borrow anymore. That is what I am told by the bank. That is why they are making the offer that they are making now.”

Mr. Andrew Jarreau, Foley & Judell stated, “I am not a banker.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Mr. Bellard, we have to pay \$150,000.00 every month for the next 3 months then \$650,000.00 in February, I think, is that correct? Do we have the money to do that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Does any member of the council have any issues with the bank’s portfolio here that he just read to us? Thank you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Dejean do you have anything that you want to say?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I just want to make sure that you all understand that Mr. Jarreau represents the council and the parish president. It is not like he is representing one over the other, he represents everybody here. There were some issues about who he represents. He represents everybody.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Now at this time with no other comments I am going to ask that we vote on adopting Ordinance 2026-029.”

A Public Hearing was previously held on September 16th, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2026-029**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Nancy Carriere. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 29th, day of September, 2026.

1. Vote to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2026-029.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-029

(Sponsored by: Councilman Faltery Jolivette)

An ordinance to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of a Revenue Note of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, in an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), desires to authorize the Parish to incur debt and issue its not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) Revenue Note, Series 2026 (the "**Note**") in the manner authorized and provided by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "**Act**"), for the purpose of (i) paying current expenses of the Parish during the term of the Note and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Note; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish Council**"), acting, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

SECTION 1. Authorization of Revenue Note. Under the terms of the Act, the Parish is hereby authorized to incur debt for the purpose of paying current expenses of the Parish during the term of the Note, in anticipation of the revenues accruing to the Parish during the term of the Note, and to represent said indebtedness, the Parish shall issue its Revenue Note, Series 2026 (the "**Note**"). The Note shall mature on the date and bear interest at the rate as set forth in the Note, which interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Note shall be issued in the form of a single fully registered note, dated the date of delivery thereof to the Lender (as defined below) and numbered R-1. The principal of the Note shall be subject to prepayment at any time, in whole or in part at the option of the Parish upon five (5) Business Days' notice to the Lender (as defined below), at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment. The purchase price of the Note shall be advanced to the Parish by the Lender as installments, and interest shall accrue from the date of the receipt of each such installment and not prepaid by the Parish. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Note may be issued in multiple subseries, each of which shall constitute part of the Note authorized hereunder.

SECTION 2. Form and Execution of Note. The Note shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, with such additions, omissions and changes as may be necessary, and the Clerk of the Parish Council and the Parish President (the "**Authorized Officers**") are each authorized and directed on behalf of the Parish to execute, seal and deliver the Note to the Lender (as defined below).

SECTION 3. **Security for Note.** The Note will be secured by and payable from a pledge of all revenues accruing to the Parish during the term of the Note, until the Note is paid in full in accordance with its terms, all in accordance with the provisions of the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority.

SECTION 4. **Award of Note.** The Parish hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Parish Council or the Parish President to accept the offer to purchase (the, "***Term Sheet***") submitted by qualified lender (the, "***Lender***"), in the form attached as **Exhibit B** hereto (all the terms and provisions of which shall be incorporated herein by reference), such Term Sheet being expressly subject to any parameters included in this Ordinance and the approval parameters of the State Bond Commission. Terms of the Term Sheet not expressly stated in this Ordinance are hereby approved and adopted as if fully set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as a condition to the delivery of the Note to the Lender, the Lender will execute a standard letter, acceptable to it and the Parish, indicating (i) it has conducted its own analysis with respect to the Note, (ii) it is extending credit in the form of the Note as a vehicle for making a commercial loan to the Parish, and (iii) it intends to hold the Note until maturity, provided that the Lender retains the right at any time to dispose of the Note or any interest therein or portion thereof, but agrees that any such sale, transfer or distribution by the Lender shall be made in accordance with applicable law and only to (a) an affiliate of the Lender; or (b) one or more banks, entities directly or indirectly controlled by a bank or under common control with a bank, other than a broker dealer or municipal securities dealer, which certifies that it is a "*qualified institutional buyer*" as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

SECTION 5. **Authorization of Officers.** The Parish President and the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council are each hereby further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish, to accept, receive, execute, seal, attest and deliver all such documents, certificates and other instruments as are required in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Note and to take such further action as may be appropriate or required by law or advised by bond counsel or the municipal advisor in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Note.

SECTION 6. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Note shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Note, but this Ordinance and the Note shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validate or make legal any provision of the Ordinance and/or the Note which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance and to the Note.

SECTION 7. **Disclosure Under SEC Rule 15c2-12.** The Parish will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 CFR 240.15c2-12].

SECTION 8. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 11

NAYS: 1

ABSENT: 0

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 29th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk of St. Landry Parish Council

/s/ Wayne Ardoin
Chairman of St. Landry Parish Council

EXHIBIT B

OFFER TO PURCHASE

September 29, 2026

Parish of St. Landry
Opelousas, Louisiana

RE: Not exceeding \$3,000,000 Revenue Note, Series
2026 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana

Please accept this letter as a commitment of _____ (the "Lender") to purchase the above-captioned Note upon the terms and conditions outlined below:

1. **Issuer and Amount:** \$3,000,000 (maximum principal amount) Revenue Note, Series 2026 (the "Note") of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"). Principal will be advanced by the Lender at closing as directed by the Parish.
2. **Authority for Note:** Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional authority (the "Act").
3. **Purpose of Note:** For the purpose of paying current expenses of the Parish during the term of the Note, in anticipation of the revenues accruing to the Parish during the term of the Note.
4. **Dated Date of Note:** The date of delivery will be October 1, 2026. The Note will be dated as of its date of delivery.
5. **Form of Note:** To be issued as a single, fully registered note, numbered R-1.
6. **Final Maturity:** The Note will have a maturity of not exceeding five (5) years.
7. **Fixed Interest Rate:** 6.00%. Interest shall accrue on a 30/360 basis on the amount of the Note outstanding from time-to-time.
8. **Principal and Interest Payments:** The Parish agrees to make annual payments on the principal (plus accrued interest thereon) of the Note in the amounts set forth on Exhibit A hereto.
9. **Prepayment Provisions:** The Note is subject to prepayment at any time, in whole or in part, at the option of the Parish, at par plus accrued but unpaid interest thereon.
10. **Security:** The Note is secured by and payable from a pledge of all revenues accruing to the Parish during the term of the Note.
11. **Tax Status:** Interest on the Note may be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax and shall be a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), as amended. Under the provisions of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, interest on the Note owned by corporations or residents of Louisiana is exempt from State income taxation to the extent such interest is exempt from federal income taxation.
12. **Legal Opinion:** Legal opinions of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., as to the due authorization and validity of the Note and the exemption of interest on the Note from federal and state taxation will be required.
13. **Lender Letter:** The Lender will sign an investment letter indicating that it has made a full investigation of the security for the issue and has not relied upon or requested that any disclosure document be prepared by or on behalf of the Issuer, and that it is purchasing the Note without any intention to sell any portion thereof to any person other than another financial institution.
14. **Role of Lender:** The Lender and its representatives are not registered municipal advisors and do not provide advice to municipal entities or obligated persons with respect to municipal

financial products or the issuance of municipal securities (including regarding the structure, timing, terms and similar matters concerning municipal financial products or municipal securities issuances)

or engage in the solicitation of municipal entities or obligated people for the provision by non-affiliated persons of municipal advisory services and/or investment advisory services.

(FIRST MEETING)
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask that a temporary chairman be appointed to the Finance Committee. Mr. Taylor is absent. He has been hospitalized.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to appoint Councilman Ken Marks as temporary Chairman for the Administrative/Finance Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We need to amend the agenda.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Do we have to amend the agenda before we proceed or can we do it as the last item?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Do it now.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “A motion to amend the agenda to add a line item to approve the highest bidders from the last Adjudicated Property Sales dated September 29, 2026. It will be item #8 on the agenda.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to amend the agenda to add a line item to approve the highest bidders from the last Adjudicated Property Sales dated September 29, 2026.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. ***Motion carried.***

1. ***Temporary Chairman Ken Marks*** called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Councilman Faltery Jolivette said the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.**
2. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. **Ex-Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown. ***Councilman Dexter Brown was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.***
4. **Person to address the Committee.**

Mr. Dakota Arnaud addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Dakota Arnaud. I live at 605 St. Joseph Street, Arnaudville. I am in Mr. Alvin Stelly’s District. I am addressing you all about access to this meeting. I don’t know how many of you all were involved with what happened before this meeting but the fact that I was put on a band list according to your security from you all from accessing a Public Meeting is unacceptable for your security to state that. Mr. Alvin informed me that it was not from you all but that is why I am addressing you all now. Where is the mix-up? You all had a meeting a week ago and I was prohibited from the meeting. To resolve that there is one of two things that can happen. Either the District Attorney or we file suite. I know

St. Landry Parish does not have the funds to handle another lawsuit. It would also mean that you all would have to revote on what you all voted on last week therefore defaulting on that loan because I was prohibited from entering this meeting. Have any of you all seen me in this room before? None of you can say that you have. According to your security and your Parish President I interrupted your parish meeting last week and that is why I am prohibited from being here from you guys and your attorney. That is why I wanted to address you all and look at you all and ask you all if I am prohibited from coming into my parish's public meeting and addressing you? According to your security and your parish president I am."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Not that I know of. I haven't seen you come to the meetings. I would say, like Mr. Stelly, I don't know what happened. This is my first time hearing of this."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Mr. Arnaud, you were outside on the evening of that meeting?"

Mr. Dakota Arnaud stated, "Yes Sir."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Were you arrested? Were you detained?"

Mr. Dakota Arnaud stated, "I was detained. According to your Parish President, I told him a couple of things outside of the meeting. He told the officer that I had threatened him. I have it all on recording and no one asked me to review it. I was issued a band. Your deputies or security, whatever they call themselves, called the Opelousas Department and detained me until the Opelousas Police Department showed up outside of this meeting. They informed me that I had a lifetime band from your public meetings. That is still standing today. If you call Opelousas Police Department right now, I would be detained and hauled to jail until arraignment tomorrow morning. I have an active band on behalf of you guys through Opelousas Police Department from last week and you all don't even know it. It opens you all up to so many legal liabilities and risks because I am prohibited from coming to you all to speak and that is my first amendment right. That is why I wanted to bring to you all attention that this happened. As we saw tonight it happened again. I videoed it. Two officers immediately ran outside before I even touched the door saying, Dakota you are not welcome, you have been banned. The council banned you and the attorney. They meet with the attorney and you are banned. It is on video, if I need to play it for you all I can. I don't think that they would contradict the statement. They are standing in here as well."

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, "I would say by your mere presence here that you are not banned. So, we are beyond that, right. What do you want next?"

Mr. Dakota Arnaud stated, "The council says I am not banned but Opelousas Police Department says different. I have a legal risk from walking onto this courthouse grounds because of this council. The band is not just meetings it is the courthouse square."

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, "I would ask someone to contact the Opelousas Police Department and say there is no band as of now as long as everyone behaves."

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, "Who would be in charge of doing that?"

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, "We will solve that. That is the second thing solved."

Mr. Dakota Arnaud stated, "That is all that I ask, thank you. Are there any questions for me?"

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, "Someone has to call O. P. D. Maybe you can Jessie."

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, "Yes, the Parish President."

Mr. Richard Lucito addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Richard Lucito. I live at 104 Lou Andrus Drive, Opelousas LA. I want to make a comment about the Resolution that you are going to consider tonight. It reads a Resolution Establishing the Rules and Order of Business of the Parish Council and Providing for the Recording and Publication of its Official of Proceedings. My concern with the Resolution is this: First of all, it does have the word ‘and’ in it. It is really addressing two things. The fact that you can decide your order of business and that is addressed in Section 1. The Parish Council shall determine and adopt rules and orders of business for conducting regular meetings, special meetings, public hearings and other official proceedings. The second thing is regarding the recording of the meeting for publication and public record. As I understand the resolution is written it would eliminate recording public comments made and discussed at meetings as well as discussing it period. I am concerned that in cases of litigation could put the parish in a dilemma and in cases where people would litigate against the parish it would give them no way to get the actual discussion of what transpired at the meetings. So, my question is this: Are you all just not going to publish the information? Will the business of the meetings be kept for local reference or will you all only keep records of what is published in the Official Journal? I think you all need to consider that. Thank you.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “What are the official responsibilities of us for that, the law?”

Mr. Richard Lucito stated, “The law says you don’t have to include all of the conversation.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “The law says you only have to keep the minutes, Richard. Right now, they are published verbatim, word for word.”

Mr. Richard Lucito questioned, “So will the minutes be kept? Complete.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “You have to keep minutes. We have a clerk here.”

Mr. Richard Lucito stated, “So all this will do is avoid publication only but if someone needs the minutes or if the parish needs the minutes for litigation or something or whatever they would be able to get it through a public request, I guess. The official minutes.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “They will get the minutes that is kept by Ms. Sherell Jordan, yes. What I would like to know is this: Someone said that you all only keep this video for a certain amount of time. Is that true?”

Mr. Richard Lucito stated, “With Facebook, everybody has it.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “If you wanted to go back a year ago like you said the final record from a year ago of audio records from here is that maintained? I know that it is 30 days online.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Arnaud, I will ask you to refrain from speaking out at the meeting, please.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I think it is a good idea to keep it. It is not hard to save, is it saved somewhere?”

IT, Thomas Hall stated, “We have been moving them to YouTube because YouTube does not have that time limit on them. We put them both on Facebook live and on YouTube, but Facebook live only does it for 30 days.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Tom, can you speak in your mic so Mr. Alvin can hear you.”

IT, Thomas Hall stated, “We began migrating the videos from Facebook to YouTube because YouTube does not have that 30 days where it gets rid of the videos, it will hold it indefinitely but Facebook is only for 30 days and then the videos are gone, the Facebook live videos.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I would advise keeping the visual longer than 30 days.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “Where did that 30 days come from? YouTube?”

IT, Thomas Hall stated, “Facebook itself.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Now we are going to YouTube.”

IT, Thomas Hall stated, “We have migrated to YouTube.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Okay what is their policy?”

IT, Thomas Hall stated, “They don’t have one yet.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “So then we can keep it for longer than 30 days or indefinite I guess.”

IT, Thomas Hall stated, “Correct.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “In the past our recording system had went out and we had to get a little cassette. What happens in that case?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “You are keeping minutes, old school style okay. Ms. Jordan is doing that. She is recording this and she comes up with the minutes so has what they have been using since they have been having printed paper, that is what we have.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We have had to have a cassette brought on hand.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Verbal things don’t reflect intent a lot. The way that you say things, nuances, to me it is always good to have an audio version, a real time video version of what you got. I don’t know what the law says about that. I don’t think it even requires that you even have that. I would suggest that you all keep that and now he says that it is going to YouTube. It seems like it would be a Server that you could put that on and store it. If someone wants to get an audio or video charge them a couple of bucks for it.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Jessie, we had discussed that about doing that and recommending the municipalities in the meeting and things of that nature to follow the same format.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The law changed. The law does require us as a Public Body to record all of our meetings, and it must be live, and it has to be stored like this. Our intent is not to not print minutes but not word for word minutes because last year we almost spent \$70,000.00.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “We do keep a video log?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, we keep that on YouTube.”

IT, Thomas Hall stated, “So the recording, the live recording is different from the Facebook live. I have not been told anything about Facebook Live being a law that we have to provide that. The recording takes place from these microphones, and it has always been stored and always kept. It is kept on the server, and it is kept on google

drive as well through a backup so we will never have to worry about our data being taken and being held captive. So Facebook Live was added as a Public Service but we always recorded these meetings. The video has been relatively new.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “Am I understanding this correctly. In other words, if there is someone who does not have social media, Facebook Live, YouTube or whatever, will they be able to, if they need a copy of the minutes come to Ms. Sherell and get a copy?”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “I would think so.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “I thought any open meeting had to have minutes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes they do but it doesn’t have to be word for word.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “What do you mean word for word Jessie?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Whenever they transcribe our meeting everything, we say is being typed down on paper and sent to the Eunice News for publication.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “So in other words it cuts a lot of that out?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “it is just going to be a summary of the proceedings and the actual vote.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Is that legal?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is the only way you can, that is the legal way to do it. What we were doing is above and beyond.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “We can cut a lot of other places instead of cutting our minutes written down. There is a lot of other places we can cut. If you all want an example I will give you all an example. Everybody that is going to Conventions that is a waste of money in my book. If you want to go to Conventions pay your own convention and let us see how many goes to convention.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “As far as the minutes I did not put it on here to do away with I want to make that clear. I want everybody to understand I am not trying to have the minutes. I am trying not to spend \$70,000.00 a year publishing minutes, that is what I am saying. I am not trying to have the minutes I am trying not to spend \$70,000.00 publishing it. You can walk in here and get a copy of it. You can get it downloaded, you can do what you want, it is not, not having it, it is just making sure that we don’t publish it if it is not necessary, that all that I am saying.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “So who determine what is going to be published? Since it is going to be in a summary who decides what should be published and what should not be?”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Our Clerk.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “According to the Statue, we would publish only what we vote for Ms. Nancy, that is what the statue states. Any motion that we make here is what we vote for. Of course, we will still do the condolences as normal but anything that we make a motion for that is what we would be typing. If you all choose to type the Public Comments that would be up to you all, but the motions is the important stuff. All the ordinance, resolutions would stand the same but right now it would be just the motions that we would do.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dean stated, “Do you all have this piece of paper, the statue. That tells you what is important, what she can put in the minutes. The date, time and place of the meeting. The members, whether they are present or absent. The substance of all matters decided and at the request of any member a record by individual member of any vote. I have seen minutes in the newspaper when they used to have the Daily World. I don’t get the Eunice news, so I don’t even see the minutes but it was always some of what was going on. It is not hard to do what Mr. Lejeune is suggesting, it is what the law says. We just went extra and printed verbatim the whole meeting. Someone gave me the Eunice Paper, and it is pages of just back and forth and you will always have a record. The Audio record will be here forever. We don’t know what will happen with the video. The video right now is 30 days with Facebook, maybe longer at YouTube.”

Mr. William Woods addressed the council. He stated, “Good afternoon, everybody. I am Will Woods. I live at 2821 HWY 359. I guess everybody has gotten used to hearing from me now. I am just starting my journey with public speaking, and I am on my way to 50 years like Mr. Eli. I am not going to read this speech. It was already read at the State Capital today. I do have a question for Mr. Bellard for Fund 151. What is the current Due To for that Fund?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can’t tell you. I don’t know right now.”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “You don’t know. Okay, well my data came from Ms. Pam Gautreaux’s Public Information Request. The number that I came up with that is owed to the Smooth Ride Home Fund is \$2,950,000.00, that is what the Due To is. Now we all thought that it was \$1,800,000.00 I think he thought, but obviously he did not, but all of us did. The council did and the public. That is what they thought so I dug into it. If you all remember we had a meeting on August 19, 2026, when Mr. Dejean informed everybody, he read the ballot word for word. He explained to everybody on this council that you cannot use that money for a non-dedicated purpose. Low and behold in this public information request on September 2nd, 2026, we see a big transfer that came out of the Smooth Ride Home Fund, it is \$362,000.00. \$207,000.00 went to the General Fund, \$90,000.00 went to the Road and Bridge Fund, \$32,000.00 went to the Health Unit Fund and \$33,000.00 to the Jail Maintenance Fund. Those don’t seem like road repair issues.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Can you repeat that for me please.”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “\$207,000.00 went to the General Fund, \$90,000.00 went to the Road and Bridge Fund, \$32,000.00 went to the Health Unit Fund and \$33,000.00 to the Jail Maintenance Fund. I can guess why this money is used. It is a sales tax, It comes in every month and the parish is in a terrible financial position, and I am certain that this money must be used to fund the government, to pay salaries and to pay payroll. It should not be used but I think that was the intended purpose, I can only speculate on that. I am sure that he can answer us. That is not the only time. It was documented on August 27th, 2026, there was a \$194,000.00 transferred to Fund 44. August 26, 2026, \$36,000.00 was transferred to Fund 21. I guess I want to turn this question to Mr. Dejean. He is the parish attorney. How can we keep using this dedicated tax fund for non-dedicated purposes?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I was clear and I stand by what I said. You can’t use dedicated funds for non-dedicated purposes. In fact, if you all remember I used that phrase it is at your Parrell going forward and number two that you need to pay it back. It does not look as though you all are paying it back but anyway you all will have to decide that.”

Mr. Will Woods questioned, “So your opinion has not changed?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “No it has not. Someone says that it is okay to do this, I don’t think it is okay.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I understand there was a meeting in Baton Rouge today. I don’t know what the meeting was truly about. Mr. Taylor spoke to me in length on Sunday, unfortunately he is not here today because of medical reasons, I have not spoken to him, so I don’t know exactly what went on at the meeting. Mr. Wayne, I know that you were supposed to attend, were you there?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes Sir.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Could you enlighten us to what they found and what is going on with this?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “There was no discussion about any monies that Mr. Will Woods is talking about whether there was any money spent at that time that he is talking about. From my understanding what they are saying they will be monitoring our financial status from now on out. They have a young man that is supposed to be in charge of watching everything here. His name is Chris Provance, am I correct Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin continued, “He is the man that is going to be watching over our financial situation. Mr. Marks read a letter from Mr. Woods stating the amount of money taken out of Fund 151. I cannot tell you if that is correct or incorrect but evidently what he got was from a Public Records Request that Ms. Pam has received. Mr. Dejean made it very clear that if we continue doing this, we will have some issues.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “What findings did they talk about? Did they talk about that? They did not say that they found that?”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “They said the word findings, but they did not explain it. The did not extrapolate on that”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Were you at the meeting Mr. Woods?”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “I watched it online.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can answer that question. There were no findings. That is the answer.”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “There were findings for every single year.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, no, no findings were done with the Legislative Auditor’s Office.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “They did say that they were going to continue monitoring us, am I correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No findings, as long as we are clear on that. And it was discussed about Fund 151 today as well.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Let me say something because that brings me into it because I watched the meeting because I wanted to make sure. They did not address the issue of no it is wrong to take money out of Fund 151. What he said was this: That was handled by the Auditor, and he pointed out that your \$1,950,000.00 in the hole and his job is not to lay blame on how that happened, his job is to get you all out of the hole. He did not say that it was okay to take money out of the Smooth Ride Home Fund.”

Parish President Jesie Bellard stated, “So there were no findings from the Auditors on the recent reviews, and we have a letter to that affect. I don’t know if the council

received it but I know the Chairman and the Administrative Finance Chairman got a copy of it.”

Chairman Wayne Aredoin stated, “But they will be monitoring our finance from now on out, am I correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “For six months, yes.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean questioned, “Have you taken out any Smooth Ride Home Funds despite what I told you in September and October?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Have we taken any funds? No.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean questioned, “You have not removed any funds from the Smooth Ride Home?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “From the Smooth Ride Home.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So we did what you call a Due to Fund, not a transfer.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I don’t know what that means. Tell me what that means.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That means you borrow the money. You don’t use it for what it is not intended to use it for.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean questioned, “So you borrowed more money. I just want to understand it. You borrowed more money after the meeting that I had where I informed you not to take any more money. I don’t mean to say it like that, but I informed everybody here that you should not remove money from the Smooth Ride Home Fund to a Non-Smooth Ride purpose. So, you borrowed money, was it for a Non-Smooth Ride Purpose? The Due to Fund?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “When you borrow money with the intent to pay it back you are not transferring money, so you are not using it for that purpose, you are just borrowing it for that short term which is what government does all of the time.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “What was the purpose of the transfer?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not a transfer.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean questioned, “How did it get out of that account?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So a Due to Fund is not a transfer. A transfer is whenever you are going to use it for that purpose. We don’t transfer funds from one fund to the other unless it is intended to be used for that. There is a difference in Government Finance.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Again I want to understand this myself. If I have \$1,000.00 in the Smooth Ride Fund and next month it is \$900.00 that means \$100.00 was either spent, removed or due to, something happened to it, right? So what happened in your scenario to that \$100.00?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a Due to Fund from one Fund to the other Fund.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “So it went to another Fund?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “What other funds did it go to?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It went to the General Fund 23 and 24.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Okay, so that reduced the amount of the Smooth Ride Fund by some amount, right?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “So that is added to the \$1,850,000.00 that Mr. Moosa discussed.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No. See that is the whole thing. You all got a copy of the budget, right? If you look at the budget you will see a lot of things in there and that is why I keep on telling people whenever the Legislative Auditors came here that was a blessing for me, okay, put it to you all that way. Because they came in and did exactly what they were supposed to do, be independent. If you look at the balance on that fund it is not what you all think it is and I can’t tell you all the exact numbers, but it is not what you all are saying it is. When you pay it back it goes down. Whenever it is not being used in another fund this is not supposed to be used, you are only borrowing it until the other funds come in and you pay it back. Government Finances, there is a reason why there is no degree in Government Finance. It is because there is no specific way to do things other than making sure that everything runs like it should be with the funds that you have available and you pay it back at the end of the year.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Let me just be simple, when Mr. Moosa came up here and said there is a \$1,850,000.00, whatever you want to call that, a transaction or a transfer, whatever, that was money that was lent to some other funds and those have not been paid back yet, right?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “As of right now the way that the books are now all of that \$1,850,000.00 is all paid back. It is all done.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean questioned, “Where did it come from?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “General Fund.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “You must have come into some money with the General Fund.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Again, Government Finances is not the same as any other thing. Just read the recommendations. That is exactly what we did, what was recommended. I will put it to you that way. We followed what the Legislative Auditors Office recommended us to do.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Has he come to your office or is this all done by the phone? I would like to be in on the phone call as your attorney.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not on a phone conversation it is on paper. The Chairman should have a copy of it and the Administrative Finance Committee Chairman should have a copy. They e-mailed to all of us and those too.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Isn’t the Auditor coming to St. Landry Parish physically or is he just doing it by phone?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, they come here.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean questioned, “Does the council have any objections of me attending that meeting?”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “You are our representative.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Next time he comes around I would like to be there Jessie. I have to understand this to be able to advise you and them because I am not following it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not a problem.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Point of clarification on numbers. You have mentioned a number of \$2,950,000.00.”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “Correct.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “We had been told and thought to believe it was \$1,850,000.00. That is a \$1,000,000.00 difference. Where is that \$1,000,000.00?”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “It probably went to payroll, that would be my guess. It looks like monthly \$200,000.00 has been going into the General Fund. I can’t prove that because I don’t have all of the records. I only have one transfer for one month but that is what it looks like to me.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “So Jessie is \$2,900,000.00 is what we have for Fund 151?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Okay then what do we have?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can’t tell you. I don’t know the exact number, but I know it is not \$2,900,000.00.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “Does anybody know it? Is your Finance Director here?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “You said something important earlier, you said short term. I understand you must be able to do Due to and Due from to move money around. You have immediate bills, but I think they are meant to be short term. The definition that I looked up about short term is like 30 days, 60 days or 90-day type stuff, maybe a little bit longer, not multiple years. I think that is where everybody is choking on this because it is carried on year over year over year, that is the problem. They never intended for that. It is like if I went to Mr. Ardoin’s house and took his bicycle and left him a sticky note that said I will bring it back to you and I never bring the bike back he will have an issue with it at some point. So that is where we are at right now. Thank you all for your time.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard, I know Mr. Dejean said that he asked you if you had borrowed anymore money from the Smooth Ride Home after he had advised us that it was not at our best interest. You said that you have put it back already.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No I didn’t.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You did not put it back, okay. So do you intend to borrow anymore money from the Smooth Ride Home going forward?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It depends on what comes in.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carrire stated, “I just want to be here standing correctly that I did mention last time, and you said if we knowingly know this, we were violating the law. I want to make it clear that I do not know, did not know and I am sure in the

future will not know that money is being borrowed from Smooth Ride Home, and it is not supposed to be done legally. I want to clarify that for myself.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I think that you are good. What is the Parrell? What could happen? There is a notion in the law called Malfeasants, people throw that around, that is very slippery, it is like a watermelon seed law. I am not saying that we are near that or anybody is approaching that but you are heading in that direction in my opinion because we have this dedicated fund and we are using for something that the people did not want it to be used for so I stand by what I say. You keep doing it and Jessie, I watched that meeting, I don’t think they addressed going forward. I know you once said there are no findings and I think you sold a good bill to him, that means that you did a good job, I have to commend you on it, good or bad, I think that you did a great job. I would like to get Mr. Waguespack here for him to see what is going on because I don’t think he understands what is going on with that Road Fund, it is basically the bank, it is better than Washington State Bank for you to pay no interest. You have no payback and you have no note that is due, I don’t know when it gets paid, I really don’t. It is better than going to Washington State Bank because you can make up what you wanted to get from not getting the approval from last time you went to Baton Rouge. You could make it up conceivably if you keep taking money out of that Smooth Ride Home Fund with that money that you need. I am assuming his figures are right, I don’t know if you disagree with his figures, but we know that it is \$1,850,000.00 as of December 2025. Then you have 6 months and then 2 months and he is claiming it is another \$1,000,000.00, I don’t want to throw that out as an official number but I would like, maybe at the next meeting can you get us the exact amount, whatever you want to call it, due to loan, transfer, it is a reduction in the amount of the road fund so that we would have a grasp of what is going on. I am saying this as a legal authority for you all because you have to know what you are dealing with to look at budget because to be honest with you, I can’t figure out this budget, that is not my background and Jessie you have a knack for it. You have a knack for figures. Most of you all probably don’t have a knack for figures like Mr. Bellard does, nor do I, but we need something planner looking, I need to know what that number is.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “My point here is this: We are using dedicated funds, The Auditor said we have been doing this for 4 years. Out of that 4-year period Mr. Jessie have we paid any of that back?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “How much? I don’t know.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So that has been going on in Government since the Police Juror Days, okay if you want to go back far enough let’s go back far enough Due to Funds exist in Government Finances.

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “I did not say that did not exist. I am saying that we used the money for the last 4 years to help pay other entities and other funds, but we are supposed to pay it back, is that right?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “And we did pay some of it back, yes.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Some of it. I am talking about \$1,850,000.00, is that correct. That is your annual, \$1,850,000.00 or is it the \$2,950,000.00?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is no such thing as \$2,950,000.00.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Somebody just mentioned it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well I mean yeah, but look at the source.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Next year, 2027 we have the dedicated True Ride Home Fund Tax will be back on the ballot, is that correct.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Ma’am, that is your all decision.

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “When is it due?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “2029.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I pray that the money or something gets done or the money is back. Going forward councilmembers, I hope that money gets put back in.”

Editor, Bobby Ardoin addressed the council He stated, “I am Bobby Ardoin and I am representing the Eunice News as a Parish Correspondent, and I am representing St. Landry Now as an Editor/Acting Publisher. My question and it is on the card, Mr. Marks, Mr. Ardoin and Mr. Bellard were at that Legislative Auditor’s meeting, but we still haven’t heard any tangible feedback from that meeting. You have all been talking in generalities about it, and I would like for both of you, Mr. Marks and Mr. Ardoin and Mr. Bellard, to discuss what was the essence of the meeting? What did they say? That is what I think all these people here want to know.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “I yield to the Chairman because I was not part of the original documentation. Mr. Harold Taylor was since he is the Chairman of this committee.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “To answer you Mr. Ardoin the meeting started at 2:00 p.m. and Mr. Waguespack was the Chairman. Mr. Fleming was there as one of the members and Mr. Lester. They had a quorum at the meeting and Mr. Bellard gave his take on everything, and he well explained how the funds have been generated and how we are spending money on the prisoners and everything else that is costing this parish money. He well explained it and how much money is taken in and he did not touch base on Fund 151 too much. He gave the findings of money that is coming in and how he is watching every penny every day. He has cut employees and has not replaced some. He has made them leave the vehicles at the office, they drive their own vehicles, am I correct Mr. Bellard? You have cut back on vehicle usage.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin continued, “You are watching the operation day-to-day, and no one is taking the calls except you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I take the calls.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin continued, “They did say that they had come in here and they looked at our financials and they were going to be monitoring them. That is about all I got from the talk that M. Bellard had with them. Now Mr. Marks read Mr. Will Woods letter as a Citizen of St. Landry Parish, we spoke about that. We also spoke about the Smooth Ride Home, it was touched on, why it took 4 years for our Auditor’s to come back and give us the information whereas I think that Mr. Bellard should have gave us that information after the first year because it was a Due to Fund but we found out 4 years later. That is what looks so bad and that is what Ms. Nancy is chattering on because it is going to be hard for us to renew that tax because people have lost a lot of trust with the taxing persons in St. Landry Parish. The School Board right now their name is not good, and our name is going to be sort of mashed also, I think because of the situation of spending some money that is supposed to be dedicated to roads and drainage. It is just not looking great and we don’t really have a correct answer on how much money is still in that fund or how much money have been spent since Mr. Dejean gave us his information of what we needed to stop doing or what the Parish President’s office needs to stop doing. So that is the take that I got from it but from there Mr. Marks can explain or Mr. Bellard.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “What I would like to say here now is that most of you have not even had the chance to see the video, so you all have no

information. The letter that was sent to me by Mr. Woods is what I read verbatim. I would like for him to read it so you all can hear what was said.”

Mr. Will Woods stated, “Good evening my name is Will Woods, and I am a Citizen of St. Landry Parish. I am asking this committee to take a serious look at the Financial Management of St. Landry Parish Government and whether State Intervention or the appointment of a Fiscal Administrator is warranted. The most troubling issue is the use of Road District No. 1 Sales Tax Fund 151. A dedicated tax approved by voters for repairing, constructing, and maintaining roads and bridges and for repayment of the 2014 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds. The parish is own budget identifies that purpose. The record shows that Fund 151 has increasingly been used as a financing source for other government operations. By September 2026 approximately \$2,500,000.00 was owed back to Fund 151 by other parish funds including approximately \$2,480,000.00 owed by the General Fund alone. On August 19, 2026, Assistant District Attorney Tommy Dejean, speaking on behalf of the District Attorney’s Office, publicly warned the parish council regarding the Road District No. 1 Proposition. He stated that the council would be placed on notice and that the tax was clearly dedicated and that the District Attorney’s Office opinion was that the parish needed to figure out a way to pay it back. Despite that warning Fund 151 continued to be used as a source of transfers. The records show transfers from Fund 151 after August 19, 2026, including transfers on August 26, 2026, August 27, 2026, and September 2, 2026. On September 2, 2026, alone, Fund 151 transferred \$362,000.00 to other funds including the General Fund, The Road and Bridge Fund, The Health Unit Fund and the Jail Fund. The proposed 2027 Budget does not solve this problem. The General Fund projects only about \$21,966.00 in ending Fund Balance while relying on nearly \$3,000,000.00 in short term borrowing activity and significant transfers from other funds. At the same time Fund 151 is projected to transfer approximately \$1,300,000.00 to Fund 21 approximately \$653,333.00 to Capital Projects Fund 70 and more than \$5,600,000.00 to the Bond Sinking Fund for a total transfer exceeding \$7,600,000.00. This is not the picture of a financial healthy government it is the picture of a government that has become dependent on moving money between funds to sustain operations. The Citizens of St. Landry Parish deserve independent oversight. We need a full review of the use of the Dedicated Tax Revenues. The legality of the interfund borrowing and the parish’s ability to re-pay amounts owed to dedicated funds and the long-term sustainability of the 2027 budget. When a dedicated road tax fund becomes the government lender of last resort after the District Attorney’s Office has already warned officials to stop and pay it back, state intervention is no longer an overreaction it becomes a necessity. For these reasons I respectfully request that the State of Louisiana consider enhance Financial Oversight and evaluate whether the appointment of a Fiscal Administrator is necessary to protect the taxpayers and to restore public confidence. Thank you.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Thank you Mr. Woods, Jessie do you want to say anything about your meeting? Do you have any comments?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No I think the Chairman did a good job.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “What Mr. Woods read here, and I know that the Legislative Auditors have been here. I am going to ask at this time the possibility of this council look at having a Forensic Audit of all of our funds. I am looking at it in the way that the taxpayers of St. Landry Parish are really looking at all of us, not just the Parish President’s office but every councilmember here. I think that we need to ask for that whereas we can clarify a lot of things and bring everything to the full front. I am asking you all to think about that as a council that we look at that. I think the School Board did it and they had some issues also. They are going by the Bonding Commission right now, I think for \$20,000,000.00. We went for \$3,000,000.00 and we got turned back. I think we need to clear the air and let everybody know that we are self-sustained here. We are getting all kinds of figures of how much money is taken out of that Fund 151. That 151 is a bad fund. Why was it taken out from the start? That is what I am asking you all to possibly do as a committee and bring it to the full council and ask for that.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Legal Counsel what is the process for that? Do you know as far as for Forensic Audit?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “To do an investigation?”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “I don’t know the process.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I think that you do it by motion and order I don’t think that it is an ordinance. I think you must state in writing what you want to do and the limitations. I will have a better answer for you, but I am pretty sure about that. They can do some limited investigations on their own. I don’t think that you can submit your own budget. When you all have a budget committee hearing you all can propose amendments to it.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “So the Auditors are not going through every bit of everything to make sure that these funds are properly used now and there is no more, I don’t want to use the wrong language, but we are not spending money where we should not be and doing what we should not be doing? Are the Auditors doing that, is that why they are here to manage that dollar and make sure that it gets to the finish line like it supposed to be done? Isn’t that their job? Can you answer that Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So Legislative Auditors Office is here. They monitor every account through the banks. They have access to everything we have, okay. The problem is it does not fit the narrative that everybody wants to see so they want to do something else that is going to cost a bunch of money for no reason. That is the intent, it is not because they want to know anything more it is that the Legislative Auditors office, everybody was hollering for them to come in. They came in and they are doing their job, but it doesn’t fit their narrative Timmy so that is why. If they want to do a Forensic Audit it will cost us a bunch of money for no reason.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “All I am trying to ask is this: Is that their job? To manage, oversight, look at everything and make sure it is right? When are we going to get that report from the Auditor?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They gave the recommendations to the Council Chair and the Administrative Chairman last week. I can make copies for you all.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Are they currently reviewing all of that as we speak? Is that what I am understanding?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Everyday. In that meeting today they even stated that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Mr. Lejeune, how many bank accounts do we have here in Parish Government?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “If I had to guess 20.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “63.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “How many did you think they had Mr. Wayne?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I had no idea. I figured our Road Districts had the Health Unit, Jail and everything but they claim today we have 63 bank accounts. So, are they going to look at every one of these bank accounts? That is what I am concerned about also.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the answer to the question Mr. Chairman is yes there are 53 accounts not 63. Fifty-three Bank Accounts and they have access to every last bank account that they check every single day They have access to all of the

software, and they can log into the computer system from wherever they are at. You all don't understand what they are doing but I do because I see them and I talk to them when they come here. They are doing exactly what is asked of them but because it does not you all narrative you all want to try something else and waste taxpayers' money, it is okay though."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It is not that it does not fit the narrative but in the public eyes we do not look good as a parish council and as the parish president."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated "Only in a hand full of people in this room. It will be alright though."

Mr. John Trahan addressed the council. He stated, "After all these numbers that have been flying around and the little list that I have is nothing. I was going to ask how many miles of Smooth Ride Home we have done this year?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will have to pull the records, I don't know. I don't have that at the top of my head."

Mr. John Trahan questioned, "How much money in the Smooth Ride Home is left?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "As of today I will have to check the Bank Account, I don't know. I don't look at those accounts every day so I can't tell you."

Mr. John Trahan stated, "I am just curious. I was feeling bad when I came in, I am feeling worse now. I will close with this: You are talking about narratives and stuff like that. That CPA that we had I thought he was supposed to do the job, did he do it? He had the ball for four years and he did not let it go. You hired him?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Nope."

Mr. John Trahan questioned, "Who hired him?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This council."

Mr. John Trahan stated, "Well if you all hired him, you all need to get your money back. If you go to a doctor and the doctor tells you that you have cancer and he finds that you had it four years ago and he waits 4 years and says you have cancer, I don't believe that he is doing his job. This fellow that you all hired, I am sorry for blaming you Jessie, but he is not worth nothing to me. I live in District 1. I am on the Smooth Ride Home, and I bought 2 cars, paid my taxes and I have a gravel road, and I don't think I will get any help at all. Am I right?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I live on a gravel road."

Mr. John Trahan stated, "I am looking out for me."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I understand that. I live on a gravel road, and a lot of people live on a gravel road and people are going to get their roads done. I was not the one that promised everyone black topped roads."

Mr. John Trahan stated, "No but you took the money out. You took the money out and passed it around."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I used the money for the government. Nope, I used it for the government also for the services that you all received."

5. Parish President & Finance Report:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The only thing that I have is Bayou Corta Bleu. They are requesting a permanent No Wake Zone."

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Only Bayou CortaBleau? From Where?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They said the whole Bayou.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “Is that in place now?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No. We just put it temporarily whenever we have a flooding event. The residents want to do it permanently but that is a long stretch. I just wanted to bring that to you all attention.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Mr. Bellard do we have any COVID money left?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So where would it be in this budget for next year if you have any? Do you have any at all?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No. COVID had to be spent by 2024.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “By 2024, where are we at on Community Action with the transportation? I have heard rumors that everything has stopped so nobody can get taken to the doctor or get any transportation at all.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So we do not provide transportation anymore at Community Action, but we have plenty services in the parish that can do the same service. They can still get the same service but not through Community Action but through private companies.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Through private companies, do you have a list of those companies?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, anytime somebody calls we give them a list.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Is that the companies where they pay or is it free of charge?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “None of them are free.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You did have one with Community Action where they would pay, right?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Medicare or Medicaid would pay. They also had a cash fair that people would pay to go from wherever. It is the same services that they are getting now.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “If we have some constituents out there that are trying to get a ride right now you will be able to furnish them with a list of the people that does it and it is paid correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Same Process.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “I am asking for a Public Records Request of every road that was done or construction was done off the Smooth Ride Home Fund 151 in the last three years. Is that possible?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “My next one is this: All of our vehicles do they all have parish emblems on them?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “No, why is that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Because some of them don’t need them. I will say some, one.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “One, which one is that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The one that I drive.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The one that you drive. So all the other vehicles have emblems, and some do not?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, all the rest of them should have the seal of our parish on them.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do they have the number on the bumper?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They have a number somewhere on it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “When they did the audit in 2012 that was one of the issues, am I correct. When the Legislative Auditors came in here in 2012?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t remember. I can pull it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am going over it because I refreshed my memory last night. With our meeting that we had today and I think that was one of the things that we got wrote up for and that is why I am asking that question.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Maybe in 2012.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “But now today they all have emblems on them.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Any parish vehicle they should have an emblem on them, correct.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard the medical transportation. I understand it is like 1000 people were affected by this or you don’t know the numbers.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, if it would have been 1000 people we would have not shut it down. We could have kept it going but it was not, that is the problem.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know you said there are other agencies out there, I got a call about the Council on Aging. The vehicles, do we still have the vehicles or have they been auctioned off? What are we going to do with the vehicle we have?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, that belongs to the state. Those vans belongs to the state except for one that got off the books, and it was donated to the parish.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Your vehicle, is it a parish vehicle?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “What reason it does not have an emblem on it that you could be identified.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Because it does not need to be identified that is why.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Nobody needs to know that you are the Parish President and driving a parish vehicle.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Like I said, it does not need to be identified.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “The transportation at Community Action did we not vote that down as a council at a meeting that was funding that was supposed to be for that and we voted ‘No’. We did not want the funding; it was free money.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct. It was brought to the council and the council voted ‘No’.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I just want to say something. The DA does not have an emblem on his car and the Sheriff Department, Mr. Guidroz does not have an emblem on his car so why bring up about the Parish President?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I thought that was the Sheriff’s personal vehicle so he would not need it. This is a tax paying vehicle, and we asked about all the vehicles and the emblems and the taxpayer’s vehicles. That is why I asked.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “One question that I missed is this: Do we have a personnel procedure pamphlet when someone is hired and if they are given a car they know the details about what they are supposed to do and when they are supposed to do it. Do we have that in place? Is there a procedure manual for our employees?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “Can we get a copy of that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “You all were the ones that put it in place.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “I know that we did but I did not know if we were using it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, we are using whatever what was put in place by this council years ago even though it was not adopted by this council but you all Peace-mealed some stuff together but yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Mr. Bellard you made a statement on May 28, 2026, in the Eunice News: Cancelled until further notice. Bellard wants better security for trail rides. Were you satisfied with what you had this past weekend as far as for the trial ride that was held?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “If people were complaining about the traffic issue over there.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So it is very simple. We as a government follow the ordinance. If somebody comes to file a permit and they follow the ordinance we cannot deny it unless we have a history of problems with that agency or that organization. In this case there were never any issues. We rent out the Yambilee Grounds, we don’t rent out HWY 190 or anything else. The Sheriff’s Office should be policing that, not parish government and not the trail ride organization. So, if there was a problem with the way that was handled as far as the traffic is concerned that is the Sheriff’s Office that handles that. They are the ones who approved of the security for the trail rides, and they had extra security because we asked to put extra security. The organization did more than what we asked for. As far as the actual ride or the actual event is no different than anything else that goes on, honestly. People make a

big old thing about something and as always until this body changes that ordinance somebody comes and apply for one the only thing I ask them is that we put more security and not just follow what the ordinance says but go above and beyond.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I understand that it is a cultural thing about the trail rides. But I know you heard some complaints just like every councilmember that is here tonight have heard some complaints and it is a shame that social media carries it all but we got a black eye about it because of people got held up for hours on HWY 190. Were you satisfied with the way that situation went this past weekend? As the Parish President.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes because nothing happened. There were no issues except traffic. Again, we go back to what I just finished telling you. If you don’t like the way that it is, make a motion to change the ordinance in this council. That who does it, not me.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I take that you had said that we were not going to have anymore trail rides and then we had one.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Until further notice.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Sir.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Until further notice and that was because of a safety issue. Then they asked to go back and do it and do their trail ride this weekend and they were providing everything and then some. They went above and beyond from what the ordinance called for. We did not have any shootings despite what a couple of council members are trying to spread the rumor about. They had a few fights, but when you have three or four thousand people in a place you will have some fighting.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I heard it from Citizens of St. Landry Parish about the wait that they had on HWY 190 with the horses and the four wheelers.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you heard the complaint, you are in a position to change the ordinance. That is where it comes from.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We possibly need to look at it. Thank you, sir.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “While we are on that subject matter HWY 190 is a State Highway is it not?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard, “That is correct.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “Do they have jurisdiction?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard, “The Sheriff’s Office?”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “No. Doesn’t the state have jurisdiction on that road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard, “Of course.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “Were they aware of the situation?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard, “They were out there with us.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “They were out there?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “I did not know that. Was there sheriff there also?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard, “No Sir. In fact, they had two deputies on the ground working the detail and they were called by their supervisor and told to leave.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks questioned, “They were hired by this trail ride organization. We have nothing to do with that.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “With the magnitude of people that we had for the Why Play Trail Ride, we should contact the foundation where Ms. Lena Charles is because they have hundreds of acres of land out there where the original Zydeco Festival was held. It may be a good venue for the magnitude of people and their campers that come to that event. It is just a suggestion, and it is just my opinion. It only come once a year.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “That is a good suggestion.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Another organization was out there before, and it was stopped because of traffic. The State Police did not want it on that highway because it is only a two-lane highway, so that is why it had stopped over there. I can talk to Ms. Lena and see if there is anything that can be done.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Several events have been held there besides the Zydeco Festival and again it was stopped because of the traffic. Maybe those videos were exaggerated about all the mud and the tearing of the ground. I don’t know who is going to fix all of that but one of the things that I would suggest is that tickets be sold. Tickets are sold and once they reach the capacity of the tickets then that should be it. That was really too many people. Thank God nothing major happen because if someone would have just said gun and people would have gotten trampled. We don’t want to be known for that in St. Landry Parish. We have enough things going on. So, tickets for events are as large as those. I have not been to a trail ride, but we had started the ordinance years ago about the trial rides and there were supposed to be a limit. Then the attorney that was writing it up with us had two babies and we never completed that ordinance.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is a limit on the trail rides. Again, people get confused with something. The trail ride is on a Sunday so there is a different all together permit for actual events at the Yambilee or the Ag Arena is another different event.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “As far as that Yambilee Building that was over capacitated.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Ma’am it was not. The Fire Marshall came out last week and he did his part. I know someone put on there about the Fire Marshal and this and that, but the Fire Marshall comes out there before every event and he tells us what we can and cannot do. He came out last weekend and we followed what they told us.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What was the number of people that attended this trail ride?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “How many people attended the whole weekend?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am talking about just the Yambilee Building event. How many people?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not at the Yambilee, it is in the Ag Arena.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “How many people were in the Ag Arena?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will have to find out for you.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “All I am asking is that we consider while going forward, and I don’t want the trail rides to stop, it is a part of my culture, I just want it to be managed.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “I think we can follow-up on the recommendation to look at the ordinance, critique it and do the changes that we need to do is that correct?”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Faltory Jolivet to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivet, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

6. **Discuss the expense of publishing the minutes of the meeting in the Eunice News. Requirement by Law is the actions taken by the council not the conversation. (Councilman Timmy Lejeune).**

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “It seems like we had an hour conversation about it. I make a motion that we do not publish the minutes verbatim in the paper. I do say that we should keep a written document of the minutes. I will let the attorney speak on that.”

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Clarity before we go to that.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “By this very conversation that we had it will probably cost you all \$1,000.00. You all want to make a motion to go back to minutes like everybody else does. If we can keep an audio record. For example, if we go to court, they don’t type up everything unless you request it, no-one is asking them for it. You may go and get a particular hearing on an appeal, but I think that it is a lot of waste of time to make her type up every meeting.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think that it is required to be put into our Official Journal, not word by word but they do have to publish something in the official journal.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Let’s go back to what a minute is. A minute is a short version of a conversation. You all want to go back to the minutes at the same time you all want to keep an audio record. If someone wants to pay you to type it, I will get a court reporter and pay them to type it up.

Temporary Chairman Ken Marks stated, “It is not that they don’t get it they would have to ask for it.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “If you want something typed up like a hearing you had, you must go and pay for it. You have to hire that court reporter, and they will type it up for you. I think you all should adopt a pay schedule.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “How long does it take you to type up the minutes?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Ms. Karen does the majority of the typing. It does take her days; it may take her 3 days. If it is a lot of conversation like it was tonight it will take 4 days, which is a lot. In those 4 days of minutes, it may be like

40-49 pages and that will cost \$3,000.00. If you look at the second page of the revised statute what I gave
To everyone Ms. Misty of the Eunice News gave us a quote example on what we have been billed by Eunice News for the minutes, and 42 pages is \$3,000.00 and that is what we have been paying because our minutes have been long.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I just wanted to know if she is not going to be typing the minutes what are they going to be doing if they are not going to be typing the minutes?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We still have to keep minutes, but we will be keeping word for word of the minutes. We are keeping the recording of the minutes; we are still typing minutes it is not word for word.”

Councilman Faltory Jolivette stated, “So Ms. Jordan you brought up something. We still have the Audio of our meeting. We can always go back to that. Basically Mr. Dejean we basically just going to follow the Revised Legislative Committee and that is 42:20.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “That is correct. I think there ought to be a fee. I would adopt something like the court reporters do with the judges. They are reasonable. The minutes will continue to be typed up but if you want a complete document they can listen to the audio.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Dexter Brown to Forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026*** to discontinue publishing the meeting minutes verbatim in the Eunice News and only submit the action taken from each agenda item to be published.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

7. Forward to Regular Meeting Resolution No. 022-2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Faltory Jolivette seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026*** to Adopt ***Resolution No. 022-2026.***

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “***For the record: The first title of this Resolution was not read.***

Councilman Dexter Brown read the first title of Resolution No. 022-2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2026

A Resolution Establishing the Rules and Order of Business of the Parish Council and Providing for the Recording and Publication of Its Official Proceedings

WHEREAS, the Parish Council is authorized to determine its own rules and order of business; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20 requires public bodies to maintain written minutes of all open meetings; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20(A) requires the minutes to include the date, time, and place of the meeting; the members recorded as present or absent; the substance of all matters decided; and a record of individual votes when requested by a member; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20 does not require the minutes of the Parish Council to constitute a word-for-word or verbatim transcript of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council desires to ensure that its official actions are made available to the public in a timely manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

Section 1. Rules and Order of Business

The Parish Council shall determine and adopt its own rules and order of business for conducting regular meetings, special meetings, public hearings, and other official proceedings.

Section 2. Written Minutes and Proceedings

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20, the Clerk of the Parish Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all open meetings of the Parish Council.

The minutes shall include:

1. The date, time, and place of the meeting;
2. The members of the Parish Council recorded as present or absent;
3. The substance of all matters decided; and
4. At the request of any council member, a record of each member's vote.

The minutes shall provide an accurate summary of the proceedings and official actions of the Parish Council. The minutes are not required to be a word-for-word or verbatim transcript of every statement made during the meeting unless otherwise required by law.

Section 3. Public Records

The minutes shall constitute public records and shall be made available within a reasonable time after each meeting, subject to the exceptions provided by law.

Section 4. Publication of Official Actions

All official actions taken by the Parish Council shall be published in the official journal, **The Eunice News**, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the action was taken.

When required by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:20(B), a copy of the minutes shall also be posted on the Parish Council's website within ten (10) days after publication in the official journal and shall remain available on the website for at least three (3) months after posting.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

8. Forward to Regular Meeting RESOLUTION NO. 023-2026.

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "All of these polling locations were at Norh Central High School. They were only there temporarily. They want to move them back to their original places. Fire District 3, Morrow Community Center, District 7 Fire Station and Palmetto Fire Hall. This was asked to be moved back by the Secretary of the State."

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, "Was that that move whenever they had that flooding?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes, when they had the flooding. They temporarily move these polling locations, so they want to move the back.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, October 21st, 2026* to Adopt *Resolution No. 023-2026*.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None. *Motion forwarded.*

RESOLUTION NO. 023-2026

A Resolution to Reassign the Polling Locations for Precincts 1A, 1B, 1C, 2B, 2C, and 5

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council serves as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Precincts 1A, 1B, 1C, 2B, 2C, and 5 currently use North Central High School, located at 6579 Highway 10, Lebeau, Louisiana, as their polling location; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council has determined that these precincts should be reassigned to separate polling locations to provide appropriate and accessible locations for conducting elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, that the following polling locations are hereby reassigned:

Section 1. Precinct 1A

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
North Central High School 6579 Highway 10 Lebeau, Louisiana	Fire District No. 3 18021 State Highway 182 Bunkie, Louisiana

Section 2. Precinct 1B

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
North Central High School 6579 Highway 10 Lebeau, Louisiana	Morrow Community Center 189 Highway 107 Morrow, Louisiana

Section 3. Precinct 1C

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
North Central High School 6579 Highway 10 Lebeau, Louisiana	District 7 Fire Station 3449 Highway 361 Morrow, Louisiana

Section 4. Precincts 2B, 2C, and 5

Current Polling Location	New Polling Location
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North Central High School
6579 Highway 10
Lebeau, Louisiana

Palmetto Fire Hall
224 East Railroad Avenue
Palmetto, Louisiana

Section 5. Notice and Election Records

The Clerk of the Parish Council is authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the St. Landry Parish Registrar of Voters, the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, the Louisiana Secretary of State, and any other appropriate election official.

The appropriate officials are requested to update all election records and provide public notice of the polling-location changes in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Accessibility

Each new polling location shall be arranged and operated in compliance with applicable accessibility requirements so that qualified voters with disabilities are provided access to the polling place and the voting process.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and the completion of any notice, review, or approval required by applicable law.

9. Forward to Regular Meeting RESOLUTION NO. 024-2026.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Does it cost us any money for this Mr. Bellard, out of pocket?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, October 21st, 2026* to Adopt *Resolution No. 024-2026*.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None. *Motion forwarded.*

RESOLUTION NO. 024-2026

A Resolution Requesting Financial Assistance from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation, for Improvements to the St. Landry Parish Airport

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the St. Landry Parish Airport; and, the sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the St. Landry Parish Government, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor" does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport specifically as described in the Six (6) year Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance which is dated September 1, 2026, and which commences in the year 2027.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the DOTD Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

10. Approve the highest bidder from the last Adjudicated Property Sales from September 29, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026*** to approve the highest bidders from the Adjudicated Property Sales dated September 29, 2026.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded

11. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.
None.

12. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Faltory Jolivette to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

(SECOND MEETING)
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. **Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards** called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. **Roll Call:** Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex-Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Jody White.

3. **Person to address the Committee:**

Brent Hollier addressed the council, “Goodevening, I am here for item number 13, which is a 14-lot subdivision, and I am available to answer any questions.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We had to table it last time, but we have received everything we need now.”

Benjamin Doucet addressed the council, “I currently live at 375 O.G Track Road and I am here to ask the council to consider me for the Fire District 2 position that have an open seat.

Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards, “Thank you.”

Jessica Meche addressed the council, I live in Carencro, La and just recently I was able to purchase a mobile home for me and my daughter. Before I purchased the mobile home, I was not aware of the Ordinance, so me and the landlord was kind of blindsided by it after everything happened. They told me I would have to come up here and request a mobile home variance from the Council so that is why I am here today. I already did an inspection as well with the permit office.

Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards, “She did an inspection on that Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, you all should have it in your packets as well.”

Jessica Meche stated, “It is suburban village mobile home park.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “You are asking for a variance on a mobile home and what year mobile it is.”

Jessica Meche stated, “It is a 1998 model.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Where are the pictures.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “You should have a copy of it with an inspection report along with it.”

Jessica Meche stated, “It is the one at 127 Empire Lane Branch, La. and I am moving it to 359 Country Ridge Road, Opelousas, La Lot 21.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “But you do not have a picture of the trailer?”

Jessica Meche stated, “No mam, I thought I had seen one in the packet.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “We had one picture they are passing it around.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I only have a couple of comments on this, we have an Ordinance in place after speaking with our attorney. We may have some issues.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “If we grant variances at the speed, you all are granting variances you will end up with no Ordinance. If you keep granting variances you have no Ordinance because the person you rejected will get a lawyer and sue all because you not covering it fairly, it looks fine I am just saying my opinion but kind of like the City of Opelousas, that keep granting variances where your zoning is getting thin. I think you should pick a day and say we not granting anymore variances, maybe six months from now or whatever. I am just telling you what the rules are, but I am not saying Ms. Meche is the one to start with, I know you would like to get your mobile home moved.

Jessica Meche stated, “I am looking at it from here and I am not sure if that is the correct one. May I see the picture?”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard asked, “What exactly do you want to do, move the trailer?”

Jessica Meche stated, “Yes sir, so before I even purchased the home, I asked the landowner if there was an Ordinance in place or if it was an owner preference because I know some land is grandfathered in and he told me there was no Ordinance in place so that was my understanding. That was the reason why I even purchased my mobile home in the first place, if I would have known all about this, I probably would have gone a different route, but this is the route I had to take.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard asked, “Did you go get a permit?”

Jessica Meche stated, “They did an inspection. I did not go get a building permit. I did not know I needed a permit to move it into the parish. I deal with Lafayette parish mainly, so I think you all do things a little bit differently. I was not familiar with it. It is in Branch 127 Empire Lane. I have the pictures on my phone if you would like to see them.”

Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards, “Did you apply for a permit?”

Jessica Meche stated, “No, because the last time I was going through this, I did not need to deal with any permit issues because I was moving outside city limits in Carencro and Lafayette parish do not need a permit if it is outside city limits in their parish. I did not know it was different and the landowner in Opelousas did not make me aware of it unless I probably would have gone a different route. Now that I am aware of it, I purchased it and need a variance to move it to this lot in Opelousas.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette asked, “Question you stated that you got an inspection, so it was inspected by us Mr. Bellard? The procedure to get that inspection she would have to apply for a permit?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, she has to come in and pay \$100.00 dollars then the inspection goes out and does a report and take pictures and bring it to the council, but I am trying to find the actual pictures that goes along with her permit.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette asked, “Was her inspection passed, Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well we do not pass or fail. We just provide and then it is up to the council.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I would like to make a motion to push it to full council.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “At the full council I will make sure we have the right information and everything.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette asked, “Will that delay you. Where are you now as far as your next step you need to take?”

Jessica Meche stated, “Where I am at now, I have to be out by November so it would slightly.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026***, to authorize Variance for Jessica Meche relocating a 1985 Mobile Home from 127 Empire Lane, Branch, LA into St. Landry Parish. The new proposed location is 359 Country Ridge Road, Lot 21, Opelousas, LA

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

Wendy Murphy addressed the council, “Hi, I am Wendy Murphy, I live at 1065 Sandoz Street, and I am applying for a variance to move a mobile home.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “What is the year model?”

Wendy Murphy stated, “It is a 1985 from Sandoz to Mini Road.”

Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards, “Do you have pictures?”

Wendy Murphy stated, “They have pictures.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard asked, “What model is it?”

Wendy Murphy stated, “A 1985 trailer.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin asked, “Where is this at mam?”

Wendy Murphy stated, “Sandoz.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026*** to authorize Variance for Wendy Murphy relocating a 1985 Mobile Home located at 1065 Sandoz Street, Opelousas, LA in St. Landry Parish to 184 Mini Road, Opelousas, La

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked, “Can I just one question. Are you moving it on your private property. Did you buy some land or something.”

Wendy Murphy stated, “The property that I am on the property owner wants it moved so I have no choice but to move it. I cannot move it in the city limits, so I need to move it outside the city limits.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked, “So you bought some property?”

Wendy Murphy stated, “My son is buying property so the lady I spoke to in parish government she needed to make sure there was enough frontage to be able to move my mobile home on the property.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune asked, “I have a question about that. Why would the city of Opelousas would not let you move it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is an Ordinance in the city of Opelousas.”

Karl Anthony addressed the council, “It is on 304 Bernard Road. I am here respectfully to request a variance for that land. I understand why there are subdivision standards and those standards make sure that residential lots have proper access, sufficient area, and orderly development and I am not asking the parish to abandon for those purposes but I am asking for permission to create something that would not undermine the intent of the Ordinance. The difficulty with this track is its shape and its depth. Under strict compliance with the current frontage the property could be divided into a 3-lot configuration. What it would do is create long narrow strips of land and that is the last page in your package. That is why I do not believe that configuration is the best use for that particular property. This is why I was asking you to consider allowing the variance so I could create a 4-lot use for that property. The rear lot would serve by a dedicated private servitude, and each lot would be well over half an acre. So, it would be substantially larger than the 12,000 sq ft minimum that is proposed in the current Ordinances. The 4-lot layout also gives me room to handle the things that matter beyond simply drawing property lines. I can provide organized access to the rear lots, I can provide drainage along the access, coordinate the utilities and place homes in a way that creates usable residential site rather than some narrow strips of land. From my perspective I am asking for relief from the one frontage requirement while still trying to preserve the purpose behind these Ordinances. Safe access, adequate lot size, usable building sites, proper drainage, orderly residential development are all very important to me. Personally, I am a person of faith and must be a steward of what God gives me and that is how I try to approach my business, my family, and the things I own. Obviously when you are in business things must make sense. I have a wife and 3 wonderful kids and if I put my name on something one day I want to drive by in 5 or 10 years and tell my kids hey Dad had a part in that. The way the housing market is at the current time is, a lot of people are looking for a decent piece of land and a new mobile home. This is one of the reasons I would love to create that and have that available right here in St. Landry Parish. I want to be a good neighbor to people. I have spoken to people around that area; one neighbor was concerned about privacy. I have not ran a final budget on it but I would love to if that is available provide that for her, I am also willing to place some appropriate restrictions and standards on these lots so that the quality I am describing tonight is not just something I say in a meeting but I actually stick to it with all intent and purpose and have that in writing. Currently the property has a 1986 mobile home on it and whatever I would want to put on it a newer style home.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard asked, “Did you take this picture?”

Karl Anthony stated, “No sir, that is my vision on what I would want it to look like from Bernard Road private servitude serving 4 lots. The area map on how it shows now on page 1 will show the older mobile home that I draw and then page 2 my vision of what it would look like.”

Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards asked, “You would have 4 mobile homes on there.”

Karl Anthony stated, “Right, each one would be .6 of an acres.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune asked, “Would this be considered a subdivision?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am going to ask the council to table this until the full council meeting and I will get Karia to look at it and come up with her recommendation before coming back to the full council meeting.”

Karl Anthony stated, “Can I add a comment to that. She did say she could make that work with the current Ordinances that are in place right now, but she would not be able to make it one extra lot. Instead of it being 4 lots that I am requesting it would be 3 but that would make it the long narrow strips of land.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right, there are certain things that we can do administratively but other things must come like for a variance. I rather wait until we get something in writing from Karia.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly asked, “How much frontage do you have on Bernard Road?”

Karl Anthony stated, “It is right at 200- feet but divided up 3 ways and 3- lots, that would be 66- foot in a 3-lot variance. That is why I was proposing to create 4 lots but make it to where I have a private servitude to access the back 2- lots.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “The front of the mobile home from the road is that 90 feet from the road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not frontage of the road. It is the frontage of the property, the linear feet. It is in the front but on the roadside frontage not into the property.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So it does not matter about the size, the width of it. The length he got but the width is good.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No mam, I rather get with Karia tomorrow and have her put something in writing to bring to the council.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You mentioned one was on the lot already, so what are you going to do with that one?”

Karl Anthony stated, “That one is in the process of getting sold.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Can it be transferred into this parish with the age?”

Karl Anthony stated, “It probably would be transferred out.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Last question, will it be a private road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is another concern I had when he made that comment so I rather if we wait and get the proper information and bring it to the council.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin asked, “Will this be considered a mobile home park?”

Karl Anthony stated, “No sir, it would be considered residential individual lots.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin asked, “It would be only mobile homes on that property.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin asked, “Mr. Bellard, would I be correct by saying it would be considered a mobile home park. We have an Ordinance in place where mobile homes must have so much distance between the mobile home park on the side of it. I mean not just the front.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct. I am on the same page with the council on this one. I do not know enough about it to say something tonight, so I

suggest we get more information and bring it back to full council. I am not saying it is denied, I am just saying we can provide information.”

Karl Anthony stated, “I was told anything less than 4 mobile homes than it was not considered a mobile home park.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Again, I am not familiar with that Ordinance, but they are I am asking to just table it until we get to full council and get more information.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to table to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2026** 4-mobile homes on 304 Bernard Road until more information is provided.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

4. Public Works Report:

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, “For the month of **September** we:

Services Performed	Instances	Locations
Boom Axed	34	Roads
Box Blading	41	Roads
Culvert Cleaning	2	Roads
Debris Removal	49	Roads
Ditching	6	Roads
Driveway Covering Insulation	19	Roads
Grading	65	Roads
Patching	19	Road
Material Spreading	0	Roads
Sign Installation	32	Roads
Tree Removal	13	Roads
Washout	2	Roads

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. Forward all applications received for three appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year term and four appointments for a two-year term. (09-19-2026 – 09-19-2027), (09-19-2026 -09-19-2028), 11-18-2026 – 11-18-2027) and (11-18-2026 – 11-18-2028).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2026** all applications received for three appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year term and four appointments for a two-year term. (09-19-2026 – 09-19-2027), (09-19-2026 -09-19-2028), 11-18-2026 – 11-18-2027) and (11-18-2026 – 11-18-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Fire District No. 2 for the remainder of a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026*** applications received for one appointment to Fire District No. 2 for the remainder of a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 7. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Mary Ann Anderson advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 204 Texas Eastern Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0103588700A.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026***, to authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Mary Ann Anderson advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 204 Texas Eastern Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0103588700A.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 8. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Kenneth Moses Frank and Vertina Rougeau advising them to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 9190 Highway 190, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0602986050.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026***, to authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Kenneth Moses Frank and Vertina Rougeau advising them to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 9190 Highway 190, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0602986050.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 9. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Yeager Soileau and Angelle Valentine Soileau C/O Connie Vasseur advising them to come and address the council regarding the demolition and the debris removal of the structure located at 2714 W. Landry Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0106285500.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026*** to authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Yeager Soileau and Angelle Valentine Soileau C/O Connie Vasseur advising them to come and address the council regarding the demolition and the debris removal of the structure located at 2714 W. Landry Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0106285500.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 10. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Rosa Mae Bertrand Harris ET Als advising them to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 389 Deprimo Lane, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0500315500.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, October 21st, 2026*** to authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Rosa Mae Bertrand

Harris ET Als advising them to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 389 Deprimo Lane, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel #0500315500.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 11. Authorize the St. Landry Parish Government to demolish an Adjudicated Property located at 324 Carriere Street, Washington, LA 70589 that has been condemned by the town of Washington within the 3-year mark.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman this is one of those properties where it has not met the 3-year mark to be eligible for sale or anything but the town has condemned it so it is not a very big structure so we just need to get approval to go over there and tear it down.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, October 21st, 2026* to authorize the St. Landry Parish Government to demolish an Adjudicated Property located at 324 Carriere Street, Washington, LA 70589 that has been condemned by the town of Washington within the 3-year mark.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 12. Authorize the St. Landry Parish Government to demolish an Adjudicated Property located at 161 Armide Street, Eunice, LA 70535. No notice needs to be sent by the council clerk. All parties previously signed the authorization form.**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, October 21st, 2026* to authorize the St. Landry Parish Government to demolish an Adjudicated Property located at 161 Armide Street, Eunice, LA 70535. No notice needs to be sent by the council clerk. All parties previously signed the authorization form.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 13. Authorize the Preliminary & Final approval for Lots 1-14 (5.55 acres) located on McCarthy Road, Opelousas, LA.**

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, October 21st, 2026* to Authorize the Preliminary & Final approval for Lots 1-14 (5.55 acres) located on McCarthy Road, Opelousas, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 14. Authorize Variance for Jessica Meche relocating a 1985 Mobile Home from 127 Empire Lane, Branch, LA into St. Landry Parish. The new proposed location is 359 Country Ridge Road, Lot 21, Opelousas, LA**

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, October 21st, 2026* to authorize Variance for Jessica Meche relocating a 1985 Mobile Home from 127 Empire Lane, Branch, LA into St. Landry Parish. The new proposed location is 359 Country Ridge Road, Lot 21, Opelousas, LA

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

15. Authorize Variance for Wendy Murphy relocating a 1985 Mobile Home located at 1065 Sandoz Street, Opelousas, LA in St. Landry Parish to 184 Mini Road, Opelousas, La

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, October 21st, 2026* to authorize Variance for Wendy Murphy relocating a 1985 Mobile Home located at 1065 Sandoz Street, Opelousas, LA in St. Landry Parish to 184 Mini Road, Opelousas, La

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

16. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Dejean you made a comment a while ago and I could hardly hear you. On these mobile home variances that we are currently giving do we have an Ordinance in place at this time?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I do not know, do we have one.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “My question to you seems like every meeting we have 3 or 4 people that is coming for variances, this Ordinance do we need to do away with it? We put this thing in place, and we started with x number of years then we extended it and then we extended it the third time. Am I correct Mr. Lejeune?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I am going to tell you yes, we not following the law. If we will write a law, then we need to follow it.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “As I am observing this, you must get to the point of source. If you buy a mobile home and it sits where it is sitting, then no one is complaining but if you move it then you must get a permit somewhere right. Have to intercept the permit that they need to be standard before they put the money down, that is the problem. It is easy to turn them down if they have not bought a mobile home but I think most of these people have bought a mobile home. We have dealt with this in the City of Opelousas, we had a mobile home Ordinance, and you are not supposed to bring a mobile home within a certain perimeter. Like Jessie, when they go get a permit they have to come to you right?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, they do come to the office.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “They have to be notified of the rules or maybe not I do not know maybe not.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The biggest issue we are having is the mobile home companies when they sale the mobile homes or the movers will move the trailer home without coming to get a permit and the owner of the trailer house is not told one way or the other and the house is moved on the property without a permit and it becomes a major issue because it is on the property most of the time. We do have an Ordinance in place, and the council did do another Ordinance for 25 years or more than they must go through this inspection process for the variance. The law says this, but we also have the variance Ordinance that says the council can give a variance based off the inspection report.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is sort of a double deal if I am correct Mr. Bellard? So I think we need to revisit it and be fair to our constituents that are out here in the parish that want to move into the parish. It will cost them \$100.00 no matter how you look at it. Am I correct? We need to revisit this Ordinance where we will not have all these variances because people are waiting to move their mobile home and must wait until we have another meeting.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Whatever the council wishes on this Ordinance the reason why this was put in place was because of a couple of areas where they were moved into subdivisions. What I been looking at I will give an example, Shoney Hills, Shoney Farms, and the Ranch put that in the form of zoning, you restrict that area in the form of zoning by an Ordinance and not penalize the whole parish for trailer homes. Identify the areas where we do not want to have trailer houses whatever the case may be and zone that area like we did in Mrs. Mildred district. Where if you in the country move your house if you want to.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am just saying every time we have a meeting, we have this problem and these people are waiting to move in their mobile home and cannot do anything.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I think most of the people that came to get a variance the problem was if they bought a trailer or mobile home that was out of date, she did not know because they lived in another parish. You see she lived in Branch and did not know the laws of St. Landry Parish so maybe we need to inform the public more of what the laws are.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I understand but I can tell you if someone move into Lafayette Parish, I promise you they go to that website and find out. Our problem is in our parish we never enforce anything, so they just do what they want to do. Now we are enforcing it, someone moves into our parish that is not supposed to do it that way we give a citation and they must go in front the hearing officer. People are not afraid to come into our parish and do anything wrong because in history we never did anything about it. I bet you cannot go in Lafayette Parish and do that because they know they go look at the website to find out the rules. I agree maybe we need to enforce it a little bit more and put more education out there, but we have been giving tickets, and they must come in front the hearing officer to pay their tickets.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked, “I understand everything must go through you now when we need any work done. We can’t call public works. We need to call you. Are you prioritizing this or when anybody call you will you look at what needs to be done?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Whenever the four of you have an issue in your district that something needs to be done then you just contact my office.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked, “So it is only for four of us not all the council.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Nope, it is only for four not all of them and it is a reason behind it, but it will be ok. The work gets done but the constituents need to know it’s faster to contact public works directly than to do the council members.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Trust me I will let my constituents know if they need something they can contact you and that is fine because that is how the system is supposed to work. That is the charter, it is not the police jury way. So that is fine I just needed to understand that so I will be directing them to you, but it is unfortunate that our tax dollars don’t work for everybody.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It’s going to be alright.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I have two things. One is about Ordinance I would like to make a comment about it. If you go through the city of Port Barre, I promise you everybody knows that you better follow the speed limit. Number 2 we spoke about six months ago about some funding that came in to demolish homes throughout the parish and there was a survey done on some homes that may have had asbestos etc. do you know where we at on that project?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I know we issued the p. o. for the company to come in and remove the asbestos and lead on the homes so until they do that work and give us a certificate we cannot tear them down but we are tearing down other homes

that did not have the asbestos or any type of contaminates. Mrs. Cynthia is telling me they should be starting within the next couple of weeks to remove the asbestos.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I understand that Mrs. Cynthia Fontenot is retiring.

Mrs. Cynthia Fontenot stated, “Yes”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “It was a privilege working with you mam.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “She only been here 15 years, but I will not tell your age.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Mrs. Cynthia, Thank you for all of the hard work, the hours, the extra hours, the weekends, the holidays, I know I called you on some holidays sometime, so I thank you.”

Mrs. Cynthia Fontenot stated, “Thanksgiving Dinner, you called me.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you mam, from the bottom of my heart I thank you. We will truly miss you.”

Mrs. Cynthia Fontenot stated, “I just want to say thank you for having me on board to serve the people of the parish. It was a hard decision, but it was a decision that I had to make, I am not but a phone call away.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Best wishes to you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, I have one other thing the old Bordelon property (Bordelon Motors) is adjudicated to the parish. The 3 years is up now before that we could not do too much with it but now the 3 years is up and I think the city was trying to purchase it but that fell through we had a meeting a couple of weeks ago. We going to be in the process of tearing that building down because it is falling on the roadways so it will be a safety issue and we will deal with them after the fact, but we will be tearing it down within the next couple of weeks.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard asked, “Where is that money coming from Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It will be coming through us from our people working we are not hiring anybody.”

Wendy Murphy stated, “This is my first time coming to a parish council meeting and I hope it is my last but I have to come again in 3 weeks but the only reason why I am applying for a variance because the property owner where my mobile home is located wants it moved, so I have no choice but to move it. I cannot move it in the city limits so I assume I can move it in the parish outside city limits. If I cannot move it outside city limits, then where am I going to move it unless someone is going to give me some property somewhere then I can move it. The owner is Ricky Dejean; he owns the land. Mobile Homes have been there for years. I bought it in 2015. The lady I bought it from passed away in 2016. I do not know how long it has been there before I bought it, but I have been in it 18 ½ years and now it must be moved.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard asked, “Did they give you a time limit mam?”

Wendy Murphy stated, “The end of the year.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “She still has to find her a piece of property, am I correct.”

Wendy Murphy stated, “I have where it will be located at already.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ok well in two weeks we will give you your variance, but you have to wait until full council meeting.”

Councilman Dexter Brown asked, “What is the address you stated the trailer is going to?”

Wendy Murphy stated, “It is 184 Mini Road.”

Councilman Dexter Brown, “Ok.”

17. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE
SHERELL JORDAN, COUNCIL CLERK
KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**

XIII. ADJOURN