

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CONDOLENCES

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- Patti Holland- Teche Project
- Tara Lalonde- Bellridge Drive

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting: April 21st, 2021

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.
- Update on the Public Works Report.
- Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home9
- Quarterly Report on Adjudicated Property Funds

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Authorize the research of an Ordinance for Seminole Lane and Wichita Lane.
2. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign contract between St. Landry Parish Government and Prairie Contractors, LLC for Phase 5 Road Improvements to Beverly Road, Moreau Road, and Dry Bayou Road.
3. Authorize the Engineer to place a note in the Teche-Ridge Subdivision contract that informs the Buyer to be aware of a Pipeline that crosses their property and a Structure could not be built on it.
4. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Agreement for Disaster Recovery Debris Management and Removal Services between the St. Landry Parish Government and Morgan and Morgan Land Preparation, LLC.
5. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Debris Monitoring Contract between the St. Landry Parish Government and Thompson Consulting Services, LLC.
6. Vote to re-appoint Mickey Mills, Charles Miniex, and Barney Johnson for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2021-05-02-2025).
7. Vote to re-appoint Robert Duplechain and Barry Hardy for two-appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).
8. Vote to re-appoint Rita Rene Kaiser-Aymond for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).
9. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Conveyance of ownership for the land from Parish Government to Fire District No. 7.

10. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).
11. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2024).
12. Authorize Morgan Goudeau & Associates, Inc. to do a Survey on the Storm Drains in the Royal Garden Subdivision.
13. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to replace Culverts under the Roadway on Tillou Andrus Drive and split the cost. Funding for the St. Landry Parish Government Cost will come from Road District Fund 42.
14. Authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to create an Ordinance that will Fine anyone that damage the Parish Roads.
15. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program Grant Agreement.
16. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fire District No. 7 for ownership of property.

IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

*Items not passed through committee.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-003- Sponsor Councilman Jerry Red Jr.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-135 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

Whereas, the St. Landry Parish Council has determined it is in the best interest of traffic regulation in St. Landry Parish to repeal Ordinance section 36-135 in Chapter 36 which requires the consent of emergency agencies within in the parish before a speed bump can be installed;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 36-135 in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this ordinance shall become effective on the date of the full council meeting that this ordinance is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-004-Sponsor Councilman Jerry Red Jr.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-136 WHICH IS AN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 36-136 in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Before placing a speed bump on any parish roadway, the council member for the district in which the speed bump will be installed shall be notified. In addition, all registered voters residing on the parish roadway where the traffic control device is to be placed shall be notified in writing regarding the date, time, and location of the public hearing that will take place before the parish council votes on whether or not to pass the ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this ordinance shall become effective on the date of the full council meeting that this ordinance is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-005-Sponsor Councilman Jerry Red Jr.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-132 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 36-132 in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Upon request of the parish government to install speed bumps on a specific parish roadway, a survey will be conducted by mailing such survey to each household registered with the registrar of voters on that specific parish roadway. The survey shall request that each household state if they are "for" or "against" the installation of the speed bumps on that specific roadway. The survey is to be returned to the council clerk of the parish government in the provided self-addressed stamped envelope within ten days upon receipt. After 15 days have lapsed from the time the surveys were forwarded to the households, the clerk will tally the returned surveys. The clerk will refer the installation of the speed bumps to the public works director for a feasibility study in accordance with _section 36-133 only if 75 percent of the households surveyed are in favor of installing the speed bumps.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this ordinance shall become effective on the date of the full council meeting that this ordinance is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-006- Sponsor Councilman Alvin Stelly

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 28-11 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 28 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 28-11 in Article I of Chapter 28 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 28-11 – Idle-no wake zone.

(a) No person shall operate a motorboat, motor vessel, or recreational watercraft on waterways of the parish in excess of the posted "IDLE-NO WAKE ZONE" at that location when appropriate official parish government signs giving notice thereof are erected, and they shall be effective at all times or at such specific times as may be determined by the parish government. Any location where a sign has been erected reading "IDLE-NO WAKE" or "NO WAKE ZONE" or language with the same or similar meaning the maximum speed shall be an "idle-no wake speed." The "no wake zones," in addition to other areas which may be posted, are as follows:

- (1) Two O'clock Bayou: for a distance from old Hwy. 190 South to landing (weir).
- (2) Dubisson Lake: for a distance of 200 feet from the boat ramp.
- (3) Bada's Landing: extending a distance of 300 feet in an easterly and westerly direction of boat ramp on Bayou Courtableau waterway.
- (4) Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge and Courtableau Road Wooden Bridge-Beginning at a point 150 feet north of the intersection of Bayou Courtableau and Bayou Darbonne and extending for a distance of 2,000 feet east of the Courtableau Road wooden bridge on Bayou Darbonne and extending 300 feet south of the Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge and Bayou Courtableau.

(b) The parish president may declare a flood event in the parish and impose a "no wake zone" on any waterway in the parish by executive order. The "no wake zone" shall remain in effect until cancelled by the parish president, unless the duration of the "no wake zone" is stated in the executive order.

(c) The parish sheriff, the state department of public safety and corrections, and the state department of wildlife and fisheries are hereby specifically authorized and requested to assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this section and R.S. 34:851.27.

(d) Any violations of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine in an amount as established by the parish council from time to time plus court costs, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:
NONE.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 004 of 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Landry Parish Council:

2021 MILLAGES

General Alimony	3.780mills
Exempted Municipalities	1.890 mills
Health Units	2.170 mills
Jail Parish Wide	1.000 mills
Road District No 11A Sub 1	9.260 mills
Road District No 11A Sub 2	8.430 mills
Road District No 1 Ward 3	10.260 mills
Road District No 3 Ward 1 Sub 1	9.650 mills
Road District No 12 Ward 2	4.800 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

**RESOLUTION NO. 005 of 2021
AUTHORIZING CIVICSOURCE TO ADMINISTER
AN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES SALE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, each year immovable property is adjudicated for non-payment of taxes, and
WHEREAS, adjudicated properties remain on the tax roll until redeemed or are either sold or transferred, and
WHEREAS, the resources to satisfy the legal requirements for adjudicated property sales are substantial, and
WHEREAS, there are currently no assurances of title insurance for adjudicated properties available for purchase, and
WHEREAS, many adjudicated properties are blighted and abandoned, and
WHEREAS, a sale program encourages redemptions and returns adjudicated properties to commerce, and
WHEREAS, title insurance provides investors the protection needed to redevelop adjudicated properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. We hereby authorize the execution of a professional services agreement with CivicSource® to sell eligible adjudicated properties through online, market-driven public auctions and through an adjoining landowner program, and to perform all due diligence needed to both comply with applicable laws and to ensure purchasers the availability of title insurance.

Section 2. The Parish President, on behalf of the St. Landry Parish Government, is hereby authorized to execute an act of non-warranty cash sale in which the St. Landry Parish Government conveys unto the high bidder at public auction or to eligible adjoining landowner all right, title, and interest in and to a property adjudicated to the St. Landry Parish Government and to execute any and all other documents needed in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION NO. 006 of 2021

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish government owns the immovable property and buildings that Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana is using as a fire station;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish government owns a fire truck which is being used by Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, it would be mutually beneficial to St. Landry Parish government and Fire District 7, for maintenance purposes, insurance purposes, and liability which may arise out of Fire District 7's use and occupancy of the immovable property and fire

truck, for St. Landry Parish government to convey ownership of said property and fire truck to Fire District 7;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolved to convey to Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, through an Act of Donation, the following immovable property:

A certain tract or parcel of land containing 0.500 of an acre situated in Section 15, Township 3 South (T-3-S), Range 4 East (R-4-E), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, including all buildings and improvements thereon, being bounded, now or formerly, on the North by U.S. Highway 71; on the South by Sammy Guy Sutton or assigns; on the East by St. Marks Baptiste Church or assigns; and on the West by Sammy Guy Sutton or assigns, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the property line common to St. Marks Baptiste Church and the said 0.500 of an acre tract and the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 71; thence S01 degrees 02 minutes, 22 seconds East, a distance of 263.86 feet; thence N 44 degrees 30 minutes, 00 seconds West, a distance of 120.00 feet; thence N 01 degrees 02 minutes, 22 seconds West, a distance of 263.86 feet; thence S 44 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 120.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract of land is more clearly shown on a plat of survey by Robert L. Wolfe, Jr., P. L. S., dated October 30, 1995, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Being a portion of the same property which the St. Landry Police Jury acquired in a Cash Sale recorded on November 30, 1995, and bearing Act number 797841 in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolved to convey to Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, the 1985 GMC Fire Truck bearing vehicle identification number 1GDT9E4J8FV630939;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolve to authorized St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute said Act of Donations to convey to Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana the immovable property, including all buildings and facilities, described above, and the 1985 GMC Fire Truck bearing vehicle identification number 1GDT9E4J8FV630939.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th, 2021
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards called the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Harold Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
3. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.
4. Person to address the Committee:
 - Mr. Carl Fontenot addressed the council regarding a fence on Seminole Lane and Wichita Lane. He stated in 2009 the council voted that the fence was illegal. This fence is still blocking a public road. There is a concrete barrier on Seminole Lane that does not belong to the parish. I have given council members' dockets from a hearings and Judge

Caswell have decided to leave those roads closed. Mr. Fontenot stated on his street, Wichita Lane, there is a fence at the end of the road that had Asphalt dug up and a Cul-de-sac was built and it is not a thru street. There is no Ordinance that can be found that Seminole Lane or Wichita Lane can be closed. He would like to have Wichita Lane open as a thru street and it will only cost the Parish Asphalt. To open Seminole Lane, the only thing that needs to be done is move the concrete barriers. In 2002, the Parish Ordinance states a road in a subdivision cannot end in a dead end, it has to have a Cul-de-sac. I feel we have wrong doing on two roads that are being blocked and I am here to try and get Seminole Lane and Wichita Lane open.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Tonight I was going to ask Garrett to research Wichita Lane. I did talk to Garrett about the other road that was blocked off with that cement barricade. It is a big cement barricade and I am not sure who holds the liability. If someone is driving down that road and they are not familiar with that road it can be an issue. Garrett did say that the court ruled and we have a 60-day limit to appeal." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It is 67 days and there was no appeal taken to the Judge's decision. When it comes to the barricade that was the subject to that lawsuit, the Judge made his decision and if it is removed, you can bet that the Ranch is ready to defend that legally. When it comes to the other barricade that was not a subject at issue in that lawsuit, it is a misdemeanor to obstruct traffic on a public road. The Parish could remove that barrier." Mr. Carl Fontenot stated Judge Caswell was presented with documents that was not ever stamped or sealed or approved by the council. The only plat which says it is a 5' x 50' reserve strip owned by the Parish Government and not intended for thru traffic. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I cannot go back into that lawsuit. There was seven days to file for a new trial and sixty days to appeal it and none of those things were done. We have something to work with the barrier that was not subject to that lawsuit." Mr. Fontenot stated his concerns for opening the road. He said that it is an easy access to his home and over 250 constituents that live in that area would have an easy exit if the Pipe Line Company that is housed in that area would rupture. Public Works Chairman, Jimmie Edwards asked Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to look into this matter and get back with Mr. Fontenot. Councilman Timmy Lejeune suggested getting the Ordinance for the creation of that whole property on both sides of the fence and track it all the way down until today to see where it feels from the cracks. A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the research of the development of the Ordinance for Seminole Lane and Wichita Lane. On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

5. Public Works Report:

a. Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Each member should have a copy of the latest version of the Adjudicated Property List. Enclosed is the procedure to buy adjudicated property. This will be issued out to the public so they can follow the best procedure to buy adjudicated property. One thing we are doing different is whenever a person wants to buy property we will bring that description to the council and we will publicize it with the intent to sell. That will start the process of selling the property. We will publicize it again with the bid and public notice and the highest bidder in line to buy the property. We are getting a lot of people who are interested in buying adjudicated property. We started cleaning some of the properties and they are the first ones that the people are inquiring about. We cleaned up two properties in Sunset and one property in Port Barre. Whatever it cost us to clean up the property, that will be the minimum bid that we are requesting to get our money back. We will place a list of adjudicated property on our website so anyone can print out the list. This is a start in the right direction of selling property."

b. Update on Road Work throughout the Parish.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In your pack, you have a copy of the Smooth Ride Home Program. You have a recommendation to award the contract of \$1,414,762.30 to Prairie Contractors, LLC to repair Beverly Road, Moreau Road and Dry Bayou Road. We will do the work in Phases as the money is available. According to the

Engineers, we will have about \$300,000.00 of expenses that are not needed so we won't use it. I am asking the council to bring this to the full for approval.

c. Update on Phase 5 of the Smooth Ride Home.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Government and Prairie Contractors, LLC for Phase 5 Road Improvements to Beverly Road, Moreau Road and Dry Bayou Road.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

d. Teche-Ridge Subdivision.

Mr. Jacob Jarrell Survey, Morgan Goudeau and Associates, Inc. addressed the council to answer any questions the council may have regarding the Preliminary Platt on the Teche-Ridge Subdivision. Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the three pipelines that crosses thru the Subdivision. He asked if a 'Buyer beware' note could be placed in the contract stating that there is a pipeline crossing on your property and a structure could not be built on it. The Engineer stated he would look at the structure and get back the council.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Engineer to place a note in the contract that informs the Buyer to beware of a Pipeline that crosses on your property and a Structure could not be built on it.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

e. Debris pickup Contract.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We did a bid. It is a 90-10 Split. 90% is paid by FEMA and 10% is paid by Parish Government. This goes into effect for the next three years. Morgan and Morgan Land Preparation, LLC picked up the debris from the last hurricane. In the event of another storm they will come and pick up the debris as soon as the debris is ready to be picked up. Morgan and Morgan Land Preparation, LLC was the lowest bidder and I am asking the council to approve the contract for Disaster Recovery Debris Management and Removal Service.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned the Parish President about the amount of time it would take for all the debris to be picked up in the parish.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They did not give me a time frame. But once the contract is signed, they are ready to begin."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned the amount the Parish Government would have to pay from the 10% split with FEMA. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I would like to say about \$150,000.00 would be our share." Councilman Timmy Lejeune asked the Parish President to try and get some assistance from Solid Waste to pay some of our 10% share. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he will definitely ask Solid Waste for assistance.

Councilman Coby Clavier informed the Parish President of a large pile of debris that needs to be picked up but the grappler truck could not reach the debris to get it picked up. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated this company, Morgan and Morgan Land Preparation, LLC will be able to pick up the debris. They have available equipment. He suggested Councilman Coby Clavier to give him the address of the debris that needs to be pick up.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry informed the Parish President of a lengthy list of places where debris needs to be pick up. She stated she has informed Public Works of the list. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated they have the list.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned the Parish President about a Parish Employee that is familiar with all the roads in the parish. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We will go with the list of roads that is called in first. We also have two employees that are out right now that are pen pointing the areas that needs debris to be picked up."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned if Solid Waste is still picking up debris. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't think so."

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly for forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign the Agreement for Disaster Recovery Debris Management and Removal Services between the St. Landry Parish Government and Morgan and Morgan Land Preparation, LLC.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

f. Debris Monitoring Contract.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Thompson Consulting Services, LLC is based out of Florida and they were the lowest bidder for Debris Monitoring. The Debris is picked up by the contractor and Thompson Consulting Services, LLC knows what is regulated and what is negative. That is how they get paid based off of the amount of yards for the pickup.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry for forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Government and Thompson Consulting Services, LLC.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

6. Forward all applications received for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2021 – 05-02-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 all applications received for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

(05-02-2021 – 05-02-2025).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 all applications received for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Discussion of a building for Fire District No. 7. Morrow Area. (Councilman Harold Taylor.)

Councilman Harold Taylor stated he will yield to our Parish President who negotiated this application. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Fire District No. 7's property is owned by the St. Landry Parish Police Jury. We did not buy it; it was bought thru Road District No. 5 a long time ago. They want the property to be donated back to Fire District No. 7. We don't want the property and we don't want the building because it is more of a Liability on us. My question is, should we do it by Ordinance or Resolution." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It would be an Intergovernmental Agreement because it is a donation Conveyance of ownership from Parish Government to Fire District No. 7. It will be a Resolution where the council authorizes the sale to take place and finally if the council passes it, it will be a Conveyance donation from Parish Government to Fire District No. 7. The council can go with an Ordinance if they want but usually you all sell property with a Resolution." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We just want to give it to them. It is their property; they did everything with district money in their district." A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign the Conveyance of ownership of the land located from Parish Government to Fire District No. 7.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four-year term. (06-21-2021 - 06-21-2025).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2024).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three-year term. (06-21-2021 - 06-21-2024).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

12. Discuss the Storm Drains in the Royal Garden Subdivision. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "There are some storm drains that were placed in the Royal Garden Subdivision in the 1950's. I am asking that we give Morgan Goudeau & Associates permission to do the study on those storm drains to see how much it would cost to repair them. I will ask that some of the funding that will be coming into the parish be used to repair these storm drains. Sinkholes are beginning to appear in the back yards of the constituents."

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 to authorize Morgan Goudeau & Associates, Inc. to do a Survey on the Storm Drains in the Royal Garden Subdivision.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

13. Discuss the speed limit on Country Ridge Road. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I would like to withdraw this item. The Sheriff has advised that he would like to leave it like it is."

14. Discuss replacement of a Culvert on Tillou Andrus Drive. Cost to be paid between St. Landry Parish Government and Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

(Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 would like to change the Culverts under the roadway. They want to do it on a 50/50 basis where Parish Government pays ½ and they would pay ½. It is looking at about \$10,000.00. Our share would be \$5,000.00 which would be paid out of Road District Fund 42."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated and Intergovernmental Agreement will be need to complete the work.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to replace the Culverts under the Roadway on Tillou Andrus Drive and split the cost. Funding for the St. Landry Parish Government Cost will come from Road District Fund 42.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

15. Update on Grant Road for damage done by a Utility Company back 8 or 10 months ago. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Entergy Electrical Company did some damage to Grant Road when Mr. Russell Schexnider was employed here. Public Works have some records of the damage. Mr. Leger taught they has some photos of the damage but they cannot find the photos. They have damaged the road which was just overlaid. Mr. Leger has the list of all the people who has to be contacted. I am asking that our Legal Counsel get with the Public Works Department and do the research and take the procedures that are available to get the estimates to get the road repaired." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are not ready for that. We have already make contact with them and we have been talking to them. When they get finished doing their work then we will get to that step." Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated he has a property owner that lives in that area and he is concerned and he asked the Parish President to stay on top of the matter.

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned an Ordinance that states if someone tear up the road they are responsible to repair it. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes Sir. Those who come and get a permit, we can follow up to see if they did any damage to the road, in this case they did not get a permit but we are on top of it. Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. President, you mentioned, if they don't get a permit there is some chance that they may slip thru the crack and no control of them paying to repair the road. Is there any way if they don't apply for a permit and we catch them, we can fine them \$5,000.00 plus the damage? Can we make an Ordinance to that effect?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You all can do anything you all want to do, I would love for you all to do something like that. Right now, people are coming into Mrs. Mildred's District and Mrs. Nancy's District and they are doing the same thing with CLECO. Again, if we don't know that they are doing it, then we cannot do anything about it.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to create an Ordinance that will fine anyone that damage the Parish Roads.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded

16. Discuss adding Grant Road on the list of debris pick up from beginning of the gravel section to the end. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated this item was discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Bellard will add Grant Road to the list of Debris Pick.

17. Forward to full council a request for Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-003.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-135 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., asked Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to give more clarity on this Ordinance. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "There is an Ordinance which requires First Responder Emergency Personnel to give their consent before a Speed Bump can be installed. This Ordinance 2021-003 will repeal that Ordinance so we will no longer be required to get the consent of First Responder Emergency Personnel before we install a Speed Bump in St. Landry Parish. Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned if this is pertaining to Charles Burr Lane. Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated this Ordinance will apply to any road that is introduced. Once you amend the Ordinance it opens it up to the whole parish regarding speed bumps. Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain regarding the First Responders concerns about Speed Bumps. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "One of the things that the Ordinance does is, it is raising the approval rating from 60% to 75%. Speed Bumps slows down traffic to prevent people from being injured."

18. Forward to full council a request for Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-004. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-136 WHICH IS AN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "There is an Ordinance which has a requirement that has to be met before a Speed Bump can be installed. One of the requirement is that 60% or more of the people who live on that road have to agree to the Speed Bump being installed. Ordinance No. 2021-005 amends that Ordinance to state that is has to be 75% or more of the people that lives on that road have to consent to installing the speed bump before a speed bump can be installed on that road."

19. Forward to full council a request for Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-005. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-132 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Ordinance No. 2021-005 clarifies and streamlines the language in the Speed Bump Ordinance. A Notice of a Public Hearing is stated to the people on that public road where the Speed Bumps will be installed. This hearing is required to be had before that Ordinance is passed to install the Speed Bumps.

20. Forward to full council a request for Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-006. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 28-11 WHICH IN ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 28 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Ordinance No. 2021-006 amends Ordinance Section 28-11 so that the Parish President can declare by Executive Order there is a Flood Event. When there is a Flood Event in St. Landry Parish, it can impose on a No Wake Ordinance during the Flood Event and the duration of that No-Wake Ordinance will be stated in the Executive Order until the Parish President release that No-Wake requirement." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This was asked by the Sheriff's office and the Wild Life and Fisheries. When the water gets high on some of these Bayou's, people fly buy with their boats and the water goes into their camp. This Ordinance will help us stop that problem." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "This Ordinance is very specific. It has to do with No Wake Zones in the Parish. This will amend the Ordinance to install a provision in the Ordinance when we have a Flood Event in the Parish, the Parish President can temporarily, by Executive Order impose a No-Wake requirement so that they won't cause Wake on people's property because we have a Flood Event in the Parish." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There are certain areas that have No Wake Zone now. This Ordinance is used in case of a Flood Event."

21. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee. Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, a young lady that stays at 830 Bellridge Road, just off of HWY 167 by Prayer House Road and Bernard Road. She stated on the corner of Bellridge and Bernard, the pavement stops. She would like to know why the entire road was not paved. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he will have to review what Phase that road repair was in. He stated as the funding comes available, we can do

it. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry also informed the Parish President about the pavement that was incomplete on Malveaux Road, Bellridge Road and Prayerhouse Road.

22. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

6 O'CLOCK PM

OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

MEMBERS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Dexter Brown.

1. Call to Order.

2. Roll Call.

3. Persons to Address the Committee.

There was no one to address this committee

4. Parish President & Finance Reports:

a. March Budget to Actual Financial Statements.

Amanda Cain, Finance Director presented her March Budget to Actual Report to the Council. She stated,

General Fund Revenue at the end of March: \$2,270,512.38.

Expenditures: \$1,049,430.19.

Net Income: \$1,221,082.19.

Amanda Cain, Finance Director stated she is concerned about the inmate cost which will be discussed later.

Road and Bridge Fund: Revenue at the end of March: \$313,997.61, Expenditures: \$561,634.16.

Net Loss: -\$247,636.55.

Amanda Cain, Finance Director stated the Racino and Parish Transportation is behind in sending their funding.

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned the comparison of funding to pre COVID.

Amanda Cain, Finance Director stated, "The funding is not at 100% but it is better than it has been. It is probably at 90 to 95%. It is getting back to normal."

Health Unit: Revenue at the end of March: \$1,407,467.37,

Expenditures: \$506,154.06.

Net Income: \$901,313.31.

Jail Maintenance (024): \$644,776.63.

Expenses: \$194,774.10

Net Income: \$450,002.53

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the Prison Inmate Jail Funds. Amanda Cain, Finance Director stated, "On Inmate Cost, we are not over budgeted but we are projected to be. Some of that American Rescue Money is going to be used to offset."

Airport: \$113,633.19

Expenses: \$124,822.17

Net Loss: -\$11,188.98

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned the Net Loss at the Airport.

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, "This is how the Airport has operated. Every single month the revenue just tends to be behind with the fuel. We had a Net Income at the end of 2020. We are still very optimistic and we are still on Budget.

Road District 12 of Ward 2 Maint. (0326). \$234,631.97

Expenses: \$104,418.91

Net Income: \$130,213.06

Cash Balance at the end of March: \$231,242.93

Finance Director Amanda Cain presented the council with a copy of the details for March behind each Road District.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned the monthly payment on a Grader.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That was a decision that the council made before I became Parish President. I will check on this situation."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is Muscadine Road. Mr. Bellard, I hope you can guarantee that these roads will get graded more often if we go to Central Service. I will have no problem with that. Before you came here, that was the only way that we could get some roads graded." Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "We have someone here that states they have not seen a grader in three months. Just think if we go back to how we were before. I have seen before we have rented a grader for our district, there were about 4 or 5 months that we have not seen a grader." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is not the Grader, It is the personnel that we don't have to operate a grader." Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "If we have problems, maybe our three district need to get together and hire someone that can operate a grader." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It cannot be done that way Mr. Alvin because the Parish Government Home Rule Charter has everything done under the Parish President's office." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "The Council voted to use their money to buy a grader/lease a grader and reimburse the parish for the labor. I don't see anything wrong. Maybe we need to get an Attorney General's Opinion before you start making these statements." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will put it in the budget next year and let the council decide. Dealing with the Road District, the council members that represent those district don't make the decision on how that money is spent. When it comes time to the budget next year, I will have it come out of Central Services." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Why don't we work together and amend the budget and include it." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I can understand where you are coming from Mr. Bellard, but I can also understand that when you were here before, we did some similar things. We can sit here and discuss it all night long but the thing about it is, we have to look out for those tax payers out there that need the help."

Road District 1 of Ward 3 Maint. (027)

Total Income: \$297,647.04

Expenses: \$76,774.31

Net Income: \$220,872.73

Cash Balance: \$495,469.52

Sub Road District 2 of Road District 11A Ward 1 (028)

Total Income: \$203,578.54

Expenses: \$120,957.42

Net Income: \$82,621.12

Cash Balance: \$226,591.64

Sub Road Dist 1, Road District 3 Ward 1 Maint. (029)

Total Income: \$110,656.78

Expenses: \$80,641.22

Net Income: \$30,015.56

Cash Balance: \$226,591.64

Sub Road 1 of Road 11A Maint (42)

Total Income: \$274,820.89

Expenses: \$57,870.10

Net Income: \$216,950.79

Cash Balance: \$362,743.24

b. Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 authorizing

the Parish President to sign the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program Grant Agreement.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the Parish President & Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

5. Forward to full council RESOLUTION NO. 004 of 2021

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 approving Resolution No. 004 of 2021.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

RESOLUTION 004 OF 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Landry Parish Council:

2021 MILLAGES

General Alimony	3.780 mills
Exempted Municipalities	1.890 mills
Health Units	2.170 mills
Jail Parish Wide	1.000 mills
Road District No 11A Sub 1	9.260 mills
Road District No 11A Sub 2	8.430 mills
Road District No 1 Ward 3	10.260 mills
Road District No 3 Ward 1 Sub 1	9.650 mills
Road District No 12 Ward 2	4.800 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

6. Forward to full council RESOLUTION NO. 005 of 2021

AUTHORIZING CIVICSOURCE TO ADMINISTER AN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES SALE PROGRAM.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. asked for clarity on this Resolution.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The last resolution we had to go with the last contract that we had with Civic Source authorizes Bill Fontenot to sign the Non Warranty Cash Sales. Jessie will be signing them with the proper authorization. That is what this Resolution does."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to regular meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 approving Resolution No. 005 of 2021.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward to full council RESOLUTION NO. 006 of 2021

AUTHORIZING ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY TO FIRE DISTRICT NO.7.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 approving Resolution No. 006 or 2021.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fire District No. 7 for ownership of property.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fire District No. 7 for ownership of property.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

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

Councilman Jerry Red stated, "The demographer spoke to us about the different precincts. He said it would be cut down by probably about 4 precincts. I have been getting a lot of calls from several constituents. They were wondering if we were going to have about 40 something precincts being cut down. Do you know anything different from what I have heard? From what I understood, they said it was only going to be about 4 precincts possibly being cut." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can't talk about what happened in 2019 but it will start with 9 precincts from 92 to 53. That is what he was explaining to us at the last meeting. I think Mr. Don has a special meeting called next week to discuss that very issue." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard regarding grading the private roads. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I did get with Mr. Duplechain regarding that. I think he is doing some research on it. We have an Ordinance drafted to bring to the full council. He is just checking on a couple of things. Mainly what we will do is ask the land owners on those private roads to pay the fees and the cost associated with the work if it is legal." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard regarding Workforce Investments. He asked if the people that work for Workforce Investments work for St. Landry Parish or eight different Parishes. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They work for all eight parishes. They just report to our office. We have to be the one to administer the program. We are the Grant recipient of the program." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "If they come to you and ask for an increase in pay, is that done before we make our budget or is that being taken out of their funds." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is being paid out of their budget. It has nothing to do with our General Funds or anything on our budget side." Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned if a Workforce Investment employee request a raise at any time of the year? Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They have a board that have to approve it first and that request goes to the State. Once that is approved then it is put in place." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The same thing like here, once we approve our budget or unless we amend it, a raise cannot be given." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Not necessarily,

On our end, we can give out a raise on our employees whenever it is needed."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Even though the budget has been approved." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "A couple of weeks ago I got a call from Clerk of Court regarding the merger/splitting of districts in our 2019 Ordinance. It precipitated doing a little research to find out exactly what we've asked and what we did. I have little background information that I would like to give that will give us a better understanding of what we are trying to do. In 2018 the Louisiana Legislature adopted RS 18:532.1B92 allowing Parish Government Authority to design a clean set of Prospective Precinct Boundaries and preparation for the redistricting of Council Districts in 2021 as a result of the 2020 Census which we have not received the results. It has just been released a few days ago. In 2019 the council adopted an Ordinance 2019-015. An Ordinance to create Prospective Precincts by the Split and/or Merger of Precinct Geography in Accordance

with Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:532 and 18:532.1. In 2021 the Precinct Plan was created to the collaboration of effort thru our Demographer, Mr. Hefner, Registrar of voters, Ms. Milburn, State Legislative Office and then we adopted it by the council. Basically the new Precinct Plan combines several small precincts that voted in same polling locations into a larger precinct. The polling locations stays the same for voters. They don't have to go anywhere else, they vote at the same place, there is no change at the polling locations in the 2021 Precinct Ordinance. The intent of the Split and/or Merger was to lower the cost of elections in which the Parish Council was responsible to pay for. For example, when elections are held parish wide, with state elected officials and parish elected officials on the ballot, particularly the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Sheriff, District Attorney, Clerk of Court, Assessor and Parish President. The Parish Council is responsible for paying one half of the cost of election. The average cost per precinct is \$3,300.00. With the Parish having 92 Precincts the cost is around \$300,000.00 for an election. One Public Organization signed policies should be the goal of every elected official. Signed policies is a matter that is derived from analyzing existing data of past elections. Clearly in this matter the battle suggested that we have room for improvement and efficiency in the cost of election for our parish residents. The data indicates early voting numbers or increasing to-fo by reducing the number of voters on Election Day. The new precinct plan reduces precincts from 92 to 53. Our Demographer has stated that once the Census data is in, we will add additional precincts. Even if we don't extend 53, we still have capacity of each of the precincts to vote the number of voters that would be in that particular precincts to the extent we can reduce precincts. We don't know at this time because we don't have the result of the Census Data. We need to consider in the Legislature accepts Reapportionment in the Legislative District, both the house and the senate will start sight in New Orleans and work North. When they get North and just south of us is Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, we have small precincts on the way and they need 100 votes here and 500 votes there, they can't split a precinct to take voters, they will have to take whole precinct. When you have a large precinct they have to take 1000 voters or 700 voters, whatever it is. I have the rough data of what I have just read to you. We got room to shrink the precincts and save money for the citizens of this parish and still have a very effective transparent and save voting election. Even if we voted at a special meeting to change what we want to change, and I understand we want to do Alpha Split. You are dealing with alphabetical order. If you have a precinct and all the A's – M's here, what have you accomplished. You have added three more commissioners and increased the cost. There will be changes, my district will loose and it has lost population in the 10 years.

That mean some voters will have to vote in a different precinct but we don't know that at this time. If they had a problem with this, they should have brought it up in 2019 and not 2021. I urge you all not to get involved until we get the Census Data."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "One of the problems as you stated, we don't have the data from the Census. Because of that reason, I am definitely in favor of the Alpha Split. We cannot change what we have done. My memory seems to fail me, because when I voted, I think I didn't fully understand. Recently I have been educated and we also will have Ms. Milburn. I have recently spoke to Mr. Jagneaux. I think their specialty is more informative than me. When we have our special meeting, I think we are inviting them to come over and explain to us and break things down. We are one of the only parishes that voted to change this. All the other parishes did not necessarily go along with this. I will say wait until the special meeting and get another side and get other opinions and as a council we can look into seeing what we want to do."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "We were looking at saving the tax payers some money. I think we all voted for it except Mr. Lejeune who was absent because he was ill at the time."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Ms. Alise Babin from the election division of the Secretary of the State basically sated that we don't need to wait on the Census because all the precincts are locked in until 2023, they are basically frozen. With this Alpha Split it will be alphabetized. For example: A-H, I-P, Q-Z. It will also go by numbers as well. They have certain polling places that need to be in a larger area. I have also retrieved a copy of all St. Landry Parish Polling Places from Ms. Milburn. They have all the polling places and the number of people voting at each individual polling place. This is a little literature that I would like for you all to go over starting from tonight. The Special

Meeting will be held on Monday, May 10th, 2021 at 6 p.m. in our Council Chambers. We have done all the necessary notifications to the newspaper.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Brown, I understand that maybe they are not happy with the decision they made when they voted. I would like for someone to give me some clarity tonight. We are calling a special meeting to change the way the vote happened. I would like to know, what is Alpha going to do for that.” What does it change other than add cost. We are spending money for nothing. Explain to me what exactly Alpha is going to do.

Who is spear heading this and what is it going to do for us.

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “The situation with the Alpha Precinct, I wanted to call a special meeting where as every councilmember will be there and we will vote on it.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain, Mr. Brown is the Chairman of this Council. I totally agree, I am the one who nominated him. He is asking to have a meeting and I am going to ask councilmember who are in favor of having a special meeting. I taught this was all decided before. It went to the state and it was decided that we wait for the proper numbers given to us, then we can decide if we change some polling places or do we still have the number of polling places.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The Home Rule Charter states that the Chairman can call a special meeting. Whether or not we have a Quorum is a different matter. A Parish President or a Chairman or Majority of the Council can call a special meeting. The final decision is up to the majority of the council. The council can vote on whether or not they want a special meeting. Ultimately at the end, it will depend if a Quorum show up or not.” Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Are we inviting the Clerk of Court, the Demographer, The Secretary of the State, The Election Commission.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I did some research into that this morning. There are 15 precincts where there are 12,000 to 16,000 voters. Those are the biggest precinct that we have. If you split those polling places where people vote, you will get double the voting machines, double the election workers, twice as many people will vote at that one time. That is what it means. The address won’t change.” Councilman Harold Taylor questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain. He stated, “You have 15 of the 53 Precincts you want to Split in Alpha is that you are saying? You will be adding 15 precincts to 53 other precincts, what is that number. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We are not adding precincts, we adding polling places. If we Alpha Split those 15 Precincts, those 15 polling places where people vote would have double the voting machine, double the election workers and twice of many people would have be able to vote at one time. That is the only change. That is the only difference. I am not advocating. That is not my job. I am just saying what will happen.” Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I taught we were trying to save the people money. We will spend more money than trying to save people some money.” Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That mean more personnel will be hired. I just want to save the tax payers some money. Out of all due to respect Mr. Brown, call your meeting. I just don’t know what we are going to change.”

10. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion carried.

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

XIV. ADJOURN