

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2023
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Ex-Officio: Vivian Olivier. **ABSENT:** None.
3. Person to address the Committee:
 - *Mr. Lance and Sandy Lee addressed the council about adjudicated property. “If the parish attorney is in contact with my attorney I’m fine with that and don’t think we need to discuss it farther.”*

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I spoke to her this week.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So all are satisfied.”

Mr. Lance Lee stated, “As of now, we will wait and see what gets worked out. We thank all.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you for coming, sorry for the long wait.”

- *George Morgan addressed the Council regarding the double booking of the yambilee building. Mr. Morgan stated, “I decided to get married December 10th, 2022, we went to yambilee book the building and pay the deposit and get the contract that we have the building. My fiancé then my wife now, find out through social media that it was double booked so we had to find another venue. I’m not asking for everything that we lost of course we should be asking for but I’m asking for what was promised to us, it was told to her and myself find another location and we will pay for the location and everything that you guys have lost. Cause once we booked the building we went to buying different things for the location food, liquor, security, and caterer. We went through all these different processes and once we did not have that building, we had to get another building, which was Evangeline Downs Event Center, which cost more than the building we originally booked which was the Yambilee building. Once we booked that building Jessie Bellard office not him his self I never got a chance to talk to him he always in a meeting when I called the office or went by the office. The person we talked to stated they would take care of the building and anything that we lost so we just asking for what we lost. I was told in the last meeting someone would give us a call and no one gave us a call. I got a letter from an attorney and to call them and talk to them about a certain total, which was not the right total as far as what we lost. Therefore, I am here again to ask the Council or whomever who would be my next person to talk to in regards to getting the money back that we lost or what was promised to us.*

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain do you have any input on this.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “A refund was offered to Mr. Morgan.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “How much was that amount.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I don’t have it with me but \$1,250.00 something like that.”

Mr. Morgan stated, "He is correct but that is not the correct amount the Yambilee Building was \$3,000.00 and extra money for other things we had to book so that's not a good total we want to settle for."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "How much was the casino?"

Mr. Morgan stated, "Casino was \$3,000.00."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "How much was the Yambilee Building?"

Mr. Morgan stated, "It was \$1,700.00 or \$1,800.00 dollars."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "So are you requesting the difference?"

Mr. Morgan stated, "We requesting what was told to me and my wife which was they would pay for the building and anything that we lost. So what we lost in the process of getting ready to get married which was the deposit for the caterer that you cannot get back which was \$500.00."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "What was that total?"

Mr. Morgan stated, "The total of everything is \$3,500.00 dollars."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Are we allowed to pay that money back to him Mr. Duplechain. Like where is he going to go now that we offered him \$1,200.00?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The refund was offered, I don't have the breakdown of what was paid to Parish Government of what he lost but the refund was offered to Mr. Morgan."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Now that he refuse that offer what is next?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "What is next is that Mr. Morgan can consult with an attorney."

Mr. Morgan stated, "So if I get an attorney and go forward to everything that was offered that we lost does a contract mean anything to an attorney?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The contract is signed stating the deposit and the cost which I believe that amount was offered to be refunded to you."

Mr. Morgan stated, "I'm saying if I wouldn't have did what I was supposed to do in that contract would I be liable. The Yambilee building had a contract and we were not notified from you guys. Imagine December 9th we would have went there to decorate and the other group that was there was decorating. What would have been the lost? How would we do both now?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Can you clarify your question?"

Mr. Morgan stated, "The question is when we have a contract and you fail on your end of the contract do you believe that you are liable for whatever lost I accrued. I am going off what Mr. Bellard office promised the day we brought it to your attention they said they would take care of whatever venue we could not get the Civic Center because the Mayor said it was booked for election. I went out personally and found the Evangeline Downs and called the lady and she stated we looked at that and we got it for you Mr. Morgan."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We not Evangeline Downs."

Mr. Morgan stated, "I'm saying Mr. Bellard office stated they would take care of it."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "First question I have is, did you call Mr. Bellard office and get in touch with his office and spoke to him."

Mr. Morgan stated, "The day we found out. Yes."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "I'm saying after the wedding to rectify the problem. I am saying after the 10th once you got married, did you contact his office about the funds that you spent. The way I feel about it Parish Government is responsible to pay you the deposit that you paid for the Yambilee Building."

Mr. Morgan stated, "So you saying just give me my deposit back and go about my business."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Regardless of what you spent, all the other cost you probably was going to spend that anyway."

Mr. Morgan stated, "The food was \$18.00 per person. Yambilee the cheapest is \$26.00 to \$28.00 per person. Therefore, we went up on that already but I am not asking for that. The cost of the venue is \$3,000.00. Yambilee \$1,800.00 dollars. We had purchased liquor ourselves and Evangeline Downs you cannot bring liquor inside building, you have to purchase liquor at that location. That is a whole lot of different cost that I am not even bringing up. I am just saying about what was promised to me. If you would have told me from the beginning different, I would have gone about my way."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So what you are saying is that he promised to pay for the venue is that correct."

Mr. Morgan stated, "Whatever venue, yes."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "So Mr. Bellard, can we rectify this problem if it will cost another \$2,000.00 to square this away being that this man had this building scheduled and then someone else used the building but it was already booked for his event. Due to having the event scheduled for December 10, 2022 and it was took from them and someone else had the opportunity to use that building I think we are responsible for giving them back their funds. Was it in writing?"

Mr. Morgan stated, "No, just his word."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "That is totally different, you are going on someone word and you did not get it in writing."

Mr. Morgan stated, "How could I have gotten it in writing?"

Council Jerry Red Jr. stated, "When someone guarantee you that they will take care of something for you then you make sure you get that in writing for your records. That is something you have to stand for."

Mr. Morgan stated, "I really do not understand exactly what you are saying."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "If you just take a person word verbally that is totally different but being that you had that building scheduled for the 10th I think we should offset and square it off. Come in the middle give you \$2,000.00 or \$2,200.00 dollars just offset. I mean you talking about \$3,500.00."

Mr. Morgan stated, "Exactly but that is nothing on what I had to pay over. I called Jessie Bellard every other day and my wife went by there, she was more mad than me I was not mad about it. I called several times and never got a chance

to talk to him. He is in a meeting. He is in a meeting. He is in a meeting. The people that work there are very nice I do not have a problem with them. I have went by there several times rung bell stayed and talked to the person at the desk. Is Jessie in, no he is in a meeting? So I could not get with him.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Garett, I did not appreciate the comment you made because I think what he was asking if he was the one to break the contract would he have been obligated to hold on to that contract. I think that is what he was trying to explain the contract in his opinion was broken by parish government, but had he broken the contract what was his consequences.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I do not think Mr. Garett can give advice to the public. He is our advisor, not the public advisor. I am just throwing that out there, if I were him I would not say a word. He represents parish government not the public.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am hoping Mr. Morgan you can get a resolution I understand you were in a tense and precious time to get things done. I understand about the written contract because a lot of times you think your word is your bond unfortunately today that is not always the case but I hope you can get some resolution and I do understand your situation.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “I was just going to address the fact that you did mention the balances of the two different parties. Mr. Jerry did ask one of the questions I was going to ask then I rethought it did you get that in writing that they would reimburse you for the entirety of that contract. As I sit here and think about it the reason, we are here because the writing you did get was broken. Therefore, if you would have got something in writing that might be broken also. I would think if you take the time that you spent here today and try to speak to Mr. Jessie tomorrow see if we can get something resolved from there.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard you shaking your head over there. You do not want to talk to this gentleman.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not meeting with him. They have an attorney.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “Ok so Mr. Morgan who made this promise to you the office or the attorney.”

Mr. Morgan stated, “The office made the promise.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “Who you wrote the contract with the office or attorney.”

Mr. Morgan stated, “The office.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “So Mr. Garett where can he meet you to resolve this situation. I know you gave him an offer but you gave an offer without knowing the balance. Did you understand what the office offered him?”

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “Yes I understand but I am not representing him, if he had an attorney I’ll be glad to meet with his attorney. That offer was made and that where it stands right now. If Mr. Morgan does have an attorney, I will be glad to meet with his attorney.

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “Who is over our yambilee Mr. Jessie. Who runs that department does the booking to double book it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The double booking was from an ex-employee. The person that runs the day to day operations now is Alicia Mire.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, "So when Alicia took over she have not looked over the contracts at the time to see the people who has been double booked."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Again, whenever the double booking occurred there was nothing on the books for them."

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, "So do you have a receipt that show that you it."

Mr. Morgan stated, "Yes we went into the yambilee building to book it. I have a contract and a receipt. The lady pulled up a big book with dates on it and said December 10th is open. She wrote our name in it and we gave her the \$500.00 deposit. She gave us a receipt and a contract I had to sign. I had to go get police officers within two days and bring it back. I got police of Opelousas Police officers sign and I brought it back she made copy and gave back to me. We went back by yambilee building with our decorator and she looked at it."

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, "It would be in your best interest to get you an attorney to deal with it from a civil matter. Unfortunately you won't have what's promised to you in writing."

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I just wanted to say Mr. Chairman that the council move this forward we cannot help with this situation it is an executive matter."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "I have one quick question, Mr. Morgan the difference between the yambilee building and Evangeline downs is \$1,200.00 and that's basically what you looking to receive."

Mr. Morgan stated, "There was a lost that was promised to us. We could have discussed this two months ago when I went by and talk to her."

- AF & RL Enterprises, LLC. (Airport Rentals) addressed the council. My name is Ryan Lagrange and I am here about a lease at the airport. I was asked to come here for various reasons and this is my fourth lease. The previous three I did not have to come.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Out of all due respect when this was brought up a gentleman called and said did Jessie tell yall that this was his cousin he renting the hanger to at the airport. Be upfront that yall may find out this is my cousin here it is. Do you have an airplane that you are renting this hanger for?"

Ryan Lagrange stated, "That is correct but I sign the same lease as everyone else at the airport. Well yall also have it were everybody from now on is going to have to come here. I do not think that is in the best interest of the airport."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I made the motion and if we going to ask you to come here because you his cousin then you should not be separated from anybody else. That was only out of respect for the individual who had to come now. If one have to come then they should all have to come that is the reason behind that."

Ryan Lagrange stated, "So this is my fourth lease I been investing in this airport trying to help it grow. Everything I do it helps the parish more than it helps me. Every plane that is parked there to buy fuel is a good source of revenue for the parish. Average plan probably spends five to ten thousand dollars a year at the pump and I created nine spaces for people with airplanes. It is many obstacles to get this done permits and everything and to come here is another step that discourage you from doing it. There has been three hangers built this year and have not had a new hanger built at this airport in 20 years, so we really seeing

progress. When people coming from other places and they have many hurdles you making it harder for them. Something that went that way for so long, I do not think it's necessary to come."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Lagrange thank you for coming. Your hanger is going to house more than your planes is what you are saying."

Ryan Lagrange stated, "I'll be renting places as well."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Will that be commercial rate or private plane rate."

Ryan Lagrange stated, "It's all private. It is a small personal plane."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 18th, 2023** to sign the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Government and AF & RL Enterprises, LLC to Lease a Hanger at the Airport. **On roll call vote:** YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, Easton Shelvin, and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Just for the record, the leases that come to this council is approved by this council. Not by the parish president just because he my cousin or anybody else this council is the one that approves that lease. Unless yall have a conflict with anything, there is no need for me to disclose who is leasing the property other than what I did. I just want to make it clear because Mr. Lagrange have three other leases over there and no one said a word."

4. Parish President & Finance Report:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Next thing you have in your package is CEA with the town of Melville. I met with the Mayor and she is asking for assistance in getting things done over there. The CEA was drafted last year in conjunction with the Legislative Auditor office. It states if help the town of Melville then they would get more time to get there stuff together. Basically, all we will be doing is helping them write policies and procedures. Also, help with their ordinance. They do not even have an ordinance book anymore. They have issues right now and need some guidance to help them move forward. I gave a copy so everyone can read over before the next meeting for consideration."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 18th, 2023**, the CEA with the Town of Melville and St. Landry Parish Government.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Now Mr. Bellard this is not going to cost the parish no money at all."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No we not going to be given no money to be assisting them."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Whose district is that."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "That is my district."

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "On the finance reports do anybody have any questions."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I have a few. It is kind of a late hour but I will ask you the first question."

A comparison of the Income Statement from September 2022 to October 2022

Budget vs. Actual

General Fund:

In reviewing the coding numbers of funds in the Revenue Column, I noticed that many do not match from September to October.

Example: In September, code 4100105 is for Affidavits. In October, the same code is for State Revenue Sharing. In September, code 4100110 is for Beer Tax. In October, it is for Severance Tax. The coding errors are prevalent throughout the Income Statement.

Question: Can you explain this error?

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "We in the process of going to the new accounting system so we having to renumber our chart of accounts. If anything has changed as for as the account number that is it but as for as the revenue description that stayed the same. We are putting the account numbers in order so they make since for the new accounting software."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "So that explained the beer tax and severance tax next month."

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "Yes it is just the number that changed. I can give you a printout regarding those accounts if I need to."

Regarding the total expenditures of the Budget vs. Actual in the General Fund for September vs. October. I noted that in September the actual spending was within .6% of Budget. However, reviewing the October actual spending vs. the General Fund Budget appropriation was overspent by 25.1% or \$1,247,283.00

Question: Can you explain how we spent 24.4% of the General Fund Budget in one month? Additionally, what did we spend it on?

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "I don't have that information in front of me. I will have to get back to you on it."

Road and Bridge Fund (21)

In reviewing the Budget Column in Road and Bridge Fund for September, I noted the Budget Amount was \$2,288,300 and in the October Budget Amount was \$1,888,300.

Question: Can you explain this error?

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "I don't have that information in front of me either."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I will give you a copy of this but I would like to read it for our minutes."

Regarding the total expenditures of the Budget vs. Actual in the Road and Bridge Fund for September. I noted that in September actual expenditures was \$4,172,776 vs. with Budget Appropriations of \$2,502,000 or a spending deficit \$1,670,766 or 66.8% over budget.

Question: Can you explain?

Question: Were you aware on September 30 that we had a budget deficit of 66.8%? If you were aware of the deficit, why didn't you ask the Council for a budget amendment, as required by State Law and the Home Rule Charter?

Health Unit Maintenance Fund (23)

In reviewing the Budget Amount for September, the statement shows the 2022 budget amount of \$1,833,425 yet the October statement shows the budget amount of \$1,085,425 a difference of \$775,000.

Question: Which budget amount is correct?

Question: Can you explain?

Airport Fund (146)

Regarding the total expenditures of the Budget vs. Actual in the Airport Fund for September. It is noted that in September actual expenditures was \$496,826 vs. with Budget Appropriations of \$391,900 or a spending deficit \$104,926 or 26.8% over budget.

Question: Can you explain?

Question: Were you aware on September 30 that we had a budget deficit of 26.8%? If you were aware of the deficit, why didn't you ask the Council for a budget amendment, as required by State Law and the Home Rule Charter?

Regarding the total expenditures of the Budget vs. Actual in the Airport Fund for October. It is noted that in October actual expenditures was \$521,922 vs. with Budget Appropriations of \$391,900 or a spending deficit \$130,022 or 33.2% over budget.

Question: Would you like to share with the Council your best estimate of the budget shortfall for the Airport Fund December 31st?

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "That is all I have."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Caryn do you have anything to say. Are you going to furnish the information to Mr. Taylor?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Taylor can I have a copy of that please?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "You sure can."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They would make a copy for everybody. Again, just for the record we did not and will not spend in a deficit for this parish government. We will provide the information that is being asked but there is no deficit."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin, to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 18th, 2023** the results from the questions asked by the finance committee tonight that Mr. Taylor has requested.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

5. Forward to Full Council **RESOLUTION NO. 001- 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish Council request that Sheriff Bobby Guidroz finish his report and turn it over to the District Attorney to possibly have a Grand Jury Investigation on what was transpired in reference to the two dogs picked up at Michelle Benoit residence located at 491 Curleys Road Sunset, Louisiana.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "At this time I offer a report on this resolution. I spoke to the sheriff and he advised me that he has finished his investigation and already turned it over to the District Attorney office Mr. Chad Pitre. It will be up to Mr. Chad Pitre on what he will finally do with this matter."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So my understanding is that the sheriff is already doing an investigation. Is that correct?"

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "According to what he told me yes he is finish with his investigation and turned it over to Mr. Pitre. We will wait to hear from Mr. Pitre."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "My only question is if he already done an investigation. What is the reason for us to ask him to do another investigation?"

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I am not asking for another investigation. I pull number 5 Mr. Red."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "So we not going to do this."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "No, I pull number 5."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Bellard will the council know what happen with this incident at some point. Will it all go to the D.A. office and it is up to him to acknowledge if he want to give us any information regarding that investigation or not."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "To my knowledge it has to come from the District Attorney office whether or not any prosecution or they send it to the Attorney General office."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Once you the information from the District Attorney office can we have a litigation report."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If I receive it from the D.A. office I will forward it but I am sure it will come from Mr. Duplechain anyway."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard are you doing any kind of investigation on your own as the Parish President."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have an open investigation at this time."

6. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Government and AF & RL Enterprises, LLC to Lease a Hanger at the Airport.

This item was forwarded earlier in the meeting.

7. Discuss the sound system that transcribe the meeting minutes in our St. Landry Parish Council Chambers. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Ms. Sherell you want to give use some insight on that."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "Lafayette music came by and will change a part on the mixer that is bad. The part has to be ordered and it will take a couple of weeks."

8. Request a Copy of All Employee Salaries in St. Landry Parish Government.
(Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I received a copy and I am asking for a copy for all the council so we can get an update of all employee salaries in parish government."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If I am not mistaken it was emailed to Sherell."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "It was provided by Candace a couple of weeks ago."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "The problem with that copy, I could not make out everything clearly and they could not make it dark."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Ok, I'll take care of it."

9. Discuss how are we informing the public on Bid Contract Jobs that Parish Government has to offer. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I was approached by some contractors that was interested in bidding on some of these jobs and wanted to know how do they know about it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The law requires us to put it on our official journal and we do that every time. We also go above that and put it on our central bidding process, which is an online. Most of the contractors they go online and that's how they bid on it from central bidding."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I guess because they will be new contractors so now I can tell them it is central bidding."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can get you a copy of the actual website."

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

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I would like to make a motion that we pull the resolution for people to come before us when providing an application for the airport based on Mr. Lagrange that came here tonight. He felt like that was one-step that we did not need to add to that process. I made that statement because I did not want anyone to feel like we had picked on any one individual. He felt like that step did not need to be there so I am going to ask that we withdraw that step. Of course, if we need to resubmit it then we can.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting January 18th 2023, to remove having applicants come to council meeting that are renting a hangar at the airport.

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

Motion forwarded.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard in the new budget do we have a pay raise for the Constables and the Justice of Peace."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The state approved more money this year. It will be \$100.00 dollars. Therefore, we received more money from the state so we will just pass it on."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "So they will be getting \$100.00 more a month or a year."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “One hundred dollars more a month.”
Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ok, so that will be taken care of in the new budget if it passes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ms. Sherell brought to my attention this afternoon we still have a water leak and some paperwork had gotten wet.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are just waiting on the contract to start the work.”

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

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