

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilwoman Vivian Olivier)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. CONDOLENCES**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- a) **Joseph Scottie Dumas and Melissa Villery 171 Gulino Street, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0104463050**
 - b) **John Gabriel Lewis Jr. and Enola Lewis Linwood Loop, Opelousas, La. 70570 Parcel #0105451200**
 - c) **Marvin Guillory and Penny Guillory 8844 Hwy 190 Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0602770965**
 - d) **Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation 239 Bullard Avenue N. Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0103875700**
 - e) **Midsouth Bank 728 McNeese Street Opelousas, La 70570. Parcel #0105008100**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- **Regular Meeting: July 17th, 2024**
 - **Special Meeting: August 7, 2024**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- **Update on Equipment Purchase**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
- *Items passed through committee.
1. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 171 Gulino Street, Opelousas, La. 70570 Parcel #0104463050 owned by Joseph Scottie Dumas and Melissa Villery.
 2. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located in Linwood Loop, Opelousas, La. 70570 Parcel #0105451200 owned by John Gabriel Lewis Jr and Enola Lewis.
 3. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located in 8844 Hwy 190 Opelousas, La. 70570 Parcel #0602770965 owned by Marvin Guillory and Penny Guillory.
 4. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located in 239 Bullard Avenue N. Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0103875700 owned by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.
 5. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located in 728 McNeese Street Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0105008100 owned by Midfirst Bank.

6. Authorize THE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL SHOWING A SUBDIVISION “DALY ESTATES” OF 143.52 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING PARTITIONED AS LOTS 1-15; LOCATED ALONG HWY 182 AND HWY 178; SITUATED IN SECTION 174 & 175, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST OPELOUSAS, LA
7. Authorize the Final Approval of newly proposed 250’ Verizon cell tower site location- 112 Elementary School Road US-La 5453 Morrow, La Parcel #0402739510A
8. Authorize the Council Clerk to place an order for minute books beginning with the year 2025 thru year 2028 total cost \$885.50.
9. Authorize a signed copy of all Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, Lease Agreements, and Intergovernmental Agreements be provided to the Council Clerk once signed, and decide if we need a resolution to do that.
10. Authorize the start process to sell the bonds for District 9, Road District 1 of 11-A, Fund 42 to begin the process of overlaying roads.
11. Vote to re-appoint Leroy Randall Jr. and Robert Carter for two appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one and two-year term. (09-19-2024 – 09-19-2025) & (09-19-2024 – 09-19-2026).
12. Vote to re-appoint Jerry Domengeaux for one appointment to Ward Two Gravity Drainage No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-21-2024 – 09-21-2028).
13. Discuss starting time and length of hearing for each Ordinance.
14. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (10-20-2024 – 10-20-2028)

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-031

An Ordinance to Establish the St. Landry Parish Government’s Authority, Discretion, and Procedures for Work on Private Roads, if Fully Funded by the Private Applicant(s).

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-032

AN ORDINANCE TO DONATE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY LOCATED ON BERNICE STREET, OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, TO THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT STATION WHICH IS FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-033

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE ROAD DISTRICTS SUB-1 ROAD DISTRICT 11-A, ROAD DISTRICT 12 OF WARD 2, AND ROAD DISTRICT 1 OF WARD 3, TO SUBMIT TO THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL ALL INVOICES AND RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENT FOR WORK PERFORMED ON THE ROADS IN THOSE ROAD DISTRICTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PAYMENTS ARE MADE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-034

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-85 OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE WORDING IN SECTION 18-85 (c) TO READ “50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is lesser....”

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-035

An Ordinance to Establish Rules and Controls to Ensure the Accountability and Transparency of St. Landry Parish’s Local Governmental Entities.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-029
(Sponsored By: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO HAVE A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH FOR OAK ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 44-3 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances shall be amended so that the speed limits for Oak Road shall be 30 mph;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all other provisions of, and amendments to, St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances 44-3 shall remain unchanged and have the full effect of law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-030
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)**

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

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WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government shall offer for sale the following adjudicated properties with a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each adjudicated property as follows.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated properties shall be offered for sale at public sale and there shall be a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each of the following adjudicated properties:

PARCEL #	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER
1	8101793000 1240 W LANDRY ST	MARY JOUBERT
	1 LOT (50X150) N LOFTON S LANDRY ST E TERRACINA W BERTINOT FRONTING 50' ON WEST LANDRY ST	
	729976 (DON 46-108) (LOT 8 BLK 12 W LANDRY ST	

	BID START AT \$8,300.00		
2	8103606700	831 RAYMOND ST	MICHAEL RAY ANDRUS
	1 LOT 1 (60X135) OF STOUTE PLAT N SYLVESTER S LOT 2 E RAYMOND ST W STOUTE FRONTING 60' ON RAYMOND ST IN SEC 72 T-6S R-4E 774912 (G-34-950) 1010748 BID START AT \$2,830.00		
3	8400945800	399 SEVENTH ST	JOHN ANTHONY JEFFERS
	1 LOT (105X129) DUCOTE SUBDIV N JARREAU S VALIN E MORAN W SEVENTH ST FRONTING 105' ON SEVENTH ST 942012 (C-41-736) REDESCRIBED 2005 1044332 1053644 BID START AT \$5,590.00		
4	8401936027	THREE MILE LAKE SUB	FREDDIE BRANDT
	1 LOT T-169 (50X195) THREE MILE CORP IN SEC 10 T-6S R-6E 722258 (D-30-319)		
5	8400536500	236 6TH STREET	MORRIS GUIDRY ETALS
	1 LOT #1 (50X142) BLK 25 LEBLANC ADD 634966-A (I-22-388) 1142342		
6	0641431862	130 GASPARD ST (EUNICE)	GASTON & MARY THOMAS WOODS
	1 LOT (50X84) LEFT N JOHNSON S WOOD E GUILLORY W GASPARD ST 602311 (O-12-651) 939820 (A-41-349) BID START AT \$2,650.00		
7	0602200000	140 GASPARD ST (EUNICE)	CLIFTON J WOODS
	1 LOT (50X84) N JOHNSON S WOOD E GUILLORY W GASPARD ST 783070 (S-34-396) 996914 BID START AT \$1,200.00		
8	8102261300	910 W LANDRY STREET	HENRY MICHAEL MICHEL
	1 LOT (43X87.2) N MANUEL S LANDRY ST E MANUEL W GATH FRONTING 43' ON LANDRY ST 837655 (DON 64-335) 917828 (B-40-863) (LOT 6 BLK 9 W LANDRY ST BID START AT \$12,825.00		
9	0602228400	141 MAMIE ST	LADD DAVID YOUNG
	1 LOT (50X150) BEGINNING AT A POINT ON S SIDE OF MAMIE AVE 50' W OF E BOUNDRY LINE OF LOT 5 BLK A SUB DIV OF GOURNEY PARK ADD THENCE W ALONG MAMIE AVE THEN S 150' THEN E 50' THEN N 150' TO POINT OF BEGINNING		

	BID START AT \$6,200.00		
10	8102857500	923 JEFFERSON ST	MARY OTHERIE SAM
	1 LOT 3 (48X149.4) BLK 1 ANDRUS SUB DIV 565435-B (M-18-558) 999533		
	BID START AT \$5,500.00		
11	8105585500	1818 PEACE ST	JAMES E MICKENS
	1 LOT (50X86) MCNEESE & BISHOP SUBDIV N JOSEPH S PITRE E JOUBERT		
	W BENJAMIN 623407 (S-21-289)		
12	8400765500	446 PACIFIC ST (PORT BARRE)	LEONARD THOMAS
	1 LOT 12 (55.5X146) BLK 2 SANDOZ ADD 562676		
13	0400265000	BURTON STREET (MELVILLE)	MRS ELZINE PERSLEY
	1 LOT 7 (48X120) BLK 53 KROTZ ADD 1202498		
14	8102110000	1704 DUSON ST	RICHARD LEWIS III
	1 LOT 19 (50X150) BLK 12 COLO SOU ADD 761775 (DON 52-423) * * DEEDED		
	2010 PARISH TAXES * *		
15	0105785055	RECARD ST	CATHERINE ANDERSON
	1 LOT 20 (50X112) SAM PARISH SUB DIV FRONTING 50' ON NOEL DRIVE IN		
	SEC 50 & 53 T-6S R-4E		
	(RE-DIVISION OF LOT 19 MCNEESE & BISHOP)		
	1 LOT 19 (50X1125 SAM PARISH SUBDIV (RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 19		
	MCNEESW & BISHOP) N LOT 81 S LOT 20 E NOEL DR		
	W LOT 17 FRONTING 50' ON NOEL DR IN SEC 50 53 T-6S R-4E 1123831		
16	8400052021	219 FONTENOT ST (MELVILLE)	CHINCI SHAW ETALS
	1 LOT 4 (50X200) BLK 6 SHELDON & HAGEN SUB DIV N HAGENS S		
	LONDERNO E HAGENS W PALM ST OR HWY		
	FRONTING 40' ON PALM ST 1052352 1158792		
17	8400232250	921 LAFLEUR ST	CHINCI SHAW ETAL
	1 LOT (113X100) (.25 AC) ON STATE HWY 10 FRONTING 113' ON HWY 10		
	(ORIG TOWN OF MELV) 982248 (B-43-360)		
	1137784		

18	105280000	CHARLIE ST/COLORADO ST	HARRIS JOSEPH LANCLOS
	4 LOTS LOT 24 (50X125) LOT 25 (50X125) LOT 42 (50X120) LOT 43 (50X120) CHARLIE BURR SUBDIV N CHARLIE ST S AGNES ST E LOTS 26 & 41 W COLORADO AVE		
19	8100649973	647 E. BELLEVUE ST	WILSON WEBSTER
	1 LOT (45X100) BLK 27 OPELOUSAS ORIGINAL TOWN N BELLEVUE ST S GREEN E CASCIO W FOURNIER 198391 892087 (TAX 13-852)		
20	0101724000	423 ACADEMY ST	NANCY JOHNSON
	1 LOT (20.7X100) N E TERRACINA S RISEMAN W ACADEMY ST 566745 (LOT 9 BLK 4 S ACADEMY ST - FOR OFFICE USE ONLY) 1 LOT (10X56.5) N E TERRACINA S BILLEAUDEAU W ACADEMY ST 566745		
21	8102980000	1609 EVANS ST	FRANK SIMIEN SR
	1 LOT (48X100) MOUTON SUBDIV N BABINEAUX S LEWIS E DOHMAN W ARTIGUE ST IN SEC 92 T-6S R-4E 219651 (Q-7-579)		
22	8100241200	810 N MAIN ST	B & B BUILDERS & Investors
	1 LOT 13 (52X124) HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH N LOT 14 S LOT 12 E LOT 3 W MAIN ST FRONTING 52' ON MAIN ST 937641 (X-40-839) 986940 (G-43-427)		
23	8100866050	GUIDRY ST	SHAWN DEJEAN
	1 LOT (.488 AC) (N 112.47 S 106.54 E 180.27 W 207.75) N CITY OF OPELOUSAS S GUIDRY ST E RAILROAD AVENUE & CITY OF OPELOUSAS W SOUTHERN PACIFIC RR FRONTING 106.54' ON GUIDRY ST IN SEC 72 T-6S R-4E 765319 (T-33-555)		
24	8100040000	928 E. JEFFERSON ST	NED ALLEN
	1 LOT (52X148.8) N JEFFERSON ST S BARNABE E ANDRUS W GUILLORY FRONTING 52' ON JEFFERSON ST 217536 (LOT 6 BLK 9 E JEFFERSON ST		

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:
None.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7th, 2024 @ 5:45 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin. Chairman Wayne Ardoin ask that the audience silence their electronic devices.**
- II. Councilwoman Vivian Olivier led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.**
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, and Ernest Blanchard. Ex Officio: Wayne Ardoin. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.**

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Before we go any further I will ask for a motion to amend the agenda. The meeting was called in reference to Resolution No. 014-2024. Now we have another Resolution that was added on and would like to be heard today which is Resolution No. 015-2024.

Do I have a motion to amend the agenda?"

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to amend the agenda to add and approve Resolution 015-2024. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown, and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 7th, day of August, 2024.

IV. Item for Discussion:

- RESOLUTION NO. 014-2024**

RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE OF GUILDCO, L. L. C. RELATIVE TO PROGRAM CONTRACT NUMBER 2080373-ITE

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In reference to this Resolution GUILDCO actually did all of their paperwork and they were non-compliance and the state recommended requires us to take action one way or the other and the take of no action is what I am recommending because they did file their paper work, it was just late. I did get verification from the state and they forwarded everything to me so they are in good standings."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Has a copy been provided to all of the councilmembers?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not sure. I have it. I will e-mail it to you all."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Do I have a motion to approve Resolution No. 014-2024?"

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve Resolution No. 014-2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 7th, day of August, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2024

RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE OF GUILDCO, L.L.C. RELATIVE TO PROGRAM CONTRACT NUMBER #20180373-ITE

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21 (F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides that the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board") with the approval of the Governor of the State of Louisiana ("Governor") may enter into contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes for certain industrial and manufacturing ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has established the terms and conditions pursuant to which he will approve contracts for the Industrial Tax Exemption ("Exemption"); and. the Board has promulgated Rules pursuant to which it will approve contracts, all in accordance with Article VII Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board")/ Louisiana Department of Economic Development ("LED") and the GUILDCO, L.L.C. confected agreements under Program Contract Numbers 20180373-ITE

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board") has notified the St. Landry Parish Government that the GUILDCO, L.L.C. is in non-compliance with contracts awarding tax exemption, under Program Contract Number 201803373-ITE and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council and Parish President have studied the grounds for the alleged non-compliance and have determined that the said bases therefore are not material; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council by Resolution Number 014-2024 previously found no reason for the adoption of any remedial action for previous alleged violations premised on identical grounds relative to similar contracts between the Board/Led and GUILDCO:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Landry Parish Council recommends that the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry and/or LED adopt no remedial action for the alleged violations of Program Contract Number 20180373-ITE in so far as and only in so far as the failure of GUILDCO to meet the requirements of their contract for job creation, job retention, and/or annual payroll dictates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President and St. Landry Parish Council have concluded that the responses of GUILDCO relative to the alleged violations are cogent and reasonable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution applies only to the alleged violations set forth in the transmittals dated, addressed to the Parish President from St. Landry Parish the program director of the Industrial Tax Exemption Program administered through the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Mark, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to approve Resolution No. 015-2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 7th, day of August, 2024.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 015-2024**

WHEREAS, there may be circumstances in which the cost of a Capital Outlay project administered through Facility Planning and Control, Division of Administration, exceeds the agreed upon costs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that St. Landry Parish Government is committed to dedicating any amount of construction and change orders, if any, to cover all costs that exceed State Funding for Capital Outlay Project “50-J49-23-01 Parish Wide Road Program, Planning and Construction” Administered through Facility Planning and Control, Division of Administration.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE 7th DAY OF AUGUST , 2024.

V. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adjourn this Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Harold Taylor and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 7th, day of August, 2024.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th, 2024
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.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor was absent for this meeting

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation was said earlier in the meeting.
3. **Roll Call:** Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor.

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to appoint Councilwoman Nancy Carriere as Temporary Administrative Finance Chairwoman for the Administrative Finance Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

4. **Person to address the Committee.**
 - a. **Mr. Lance Armentor (CEO of Opelousas General Hospital) Introduction and update on Opelousas General Hospital.**

- **Mr. Lance Armentor addressed the council.** He stated, “Good evening everyone. My name is Lance Armentor. I am the new President and CEO at Opelousas General Health System. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to come and speak with you all for a couple of minutes about who I am and what our plans are here in the great future of our Hospital. First and foremost I wanted to make sure that everybody knew that we do have some good support here and I wanted to announce a couple of the members that came from the Hospital. From my board we have Mr. Albert Semien which I am sure he is no stranger because I have traveled with him around town and I don’t think that he ever meets a stranger. We have Mr. Robert Wolf, another big supporter from our board. We have Dr. Rachel Tate who is our CMO at the Hospital, Ms. Suzanne Kidder, Chief of HR and Mr. Tim Marks who is our Vice President of Population Health and all of our partnerships at the hospital and as you know we have a lot of partnerships. Myself, a little bit about me, I have been married for right at 19 years to my wife Samatha and we have five young kids, four daughters and one son ranging in the age of 2 years old to 12 years old. We recently moved to Opelousas this past weekend and I am very happy. I have been commuting from Lake Charles to Opelousas since April. Mr. Dexter I actually think that I am in your Jurisdiction I moved to the Ranch.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Timmy as well.”

Mr. Lance Armentor stated, “I am not sure who’s District I am in but I am on Saddle Drive, so whoever has Saddle Drive. We are very excited about moving to the community in Opelousas. I can tell you that coming from Lake Charles I married a woman that is from Mamou and that brings challenges with in itself. She is very hardheaded and she definitely has a lot of Cajun roots. The hard thing for us and what we were so excited about you can’t get a good link of Boudin in Lake Charles anymore. Lake Charles has lost a lot of its Cajun Heritage and so coming here we are really excited to be here and be a part of that heritage and raise our kids in this community and be a very vibrant active member of Opelousas and St. Landry Parish. For the Hospital I will tell you that I think the future is very bright for the hospital. There are a couple of key things that I hold very important and it drives my moral compass, it drives my faith and every decision that I have made is weighed with prayer and what is in the best interest of OGH and the people that we serve in this community. The first and foremost thing that this Hospital is going to do moving forward under my leadership is we are going to take care of the people in this community. We are going to change our culture and we are going to be a culture that is one that is a servant hospital to the people in this parish and the community that we serve especially the underserved population. We have a large underserved population in healthcare here that we own them access to healthcare so we are going to do that. We are going to take care of our employees and our staff. We are going to make sure that our employees are treated fair and equal and we are going to make sure that they have the opportunity to grow. We are going to make sure that they have avenues for the Youth in this community and other people in this community to be able to have good jobs and make sure that the hospital stays vibrant in this community. Lastly, we are going to make sure that we can keep our money here locally. One of the big things that we are going to do is make sure that we get vendors from this community an opportunity to do all of the work at the hospital that they can. I think that it is very important that we keep our money local and we are not hiring vendors from Lafayette, Baton Rouge or New Orleans. We need to use the people here that are local and use the people that have been in their own family business for years to help drive the economy here in Opelousas. Lastly, we are going to invest back into the community. As the Hospital gets better and we grow we are going to invest back into the youths, education, school system and we are going to invest into the recreational programs and helping kids through scholarships and give them great creative avenues to be able to follow their education and grow within our community. I wanted to take a moment to tell you all some of the things that we have planned for the hospital and what we are going to do. If

you all have any questions I would definitely be open to answer any of those. I know that was kind of quick because I only had a short time.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would say first of all thank you for coming and addressing us. I would say take care of your employees and tell them to uphold a great quality of care for the patience that is upmost the quality of care. Thank you sir. I appreciate you.”

Mr. Lance Armentor stated, “Thank you Sir. Thank you all.”

- **Mr. Robert Carter of Fire District 7 addressed the council.** He stated, “Good evening, my name is Robert Carter. I live in Big Cane. 45894 HWY 361. I am presently the board chairman for our Fire District and I am looking forward to continuing that if you all will rule like that. We are thankful for our fire department. We are a growing fire department and we have a lot of good trucks, a lot of good people and we have problems like every other fire department that is voluntary. We appreciate you all supporting us as we support everybody in the community. Thank you. Do you all have any question?”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “I do Mr. Carter, how are you? Thank you for coming. How many years have you served on the Fire District?”

Mr. Robert Carter stated, “Since 2013.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “So you are well versed. I see that you are a retired construction manager as well.”

Mr. Robert Carter stated, “Yes, I did a lot of traveling on jobs.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Thank you for your service. I appreciate you.”

- **Ms. Lena Charles addressed the council.** She stated, “Good evening to our Parish President Mr. Jessie Bellard, thank you for being here and all of your assistance. To our Parish Council men and women thank you so much for allowing me to have these few minutes. I don’t see the clock so I will talk as fast as I can. This is our 42nd year for the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival, our theme reflects that. Our theme says *‘It is not broken.’* It is an unbroken chain and legacy of the Creole Culture in Zydeco Music in St. Landry Parish. We are so happy to be able to be the keepers of the culture and the tellers of our own story. For you all as Parish Government St. Landry Parish to have this as our parish festival means a lot to us. It also means a lot to the people that are coming from all of the different states, international folks and everyone that comes down they want to come and see where it all begin. They come to our host parish which is St. Landry Parish. We do a good job of putting on and organizing the festival but we could not do it without the support of St. Landry Parish, Parish Government and all the vendors as well as the business folks that show their hospitality. Every year we have a kick off of the Zydeco season which is busy and we are going to be busy because we have to hit everywhere and every nook and cranny to promote this thing. We want our local folks to be there to be able to receive the folks that are coming from out of town and from the other states. I don’t know the influx of people in West Texas that love to come here and they are on their way. We are especially looking at our hotels and our rentals, we have all of that on the website, it is not totally updated yet but tomorrow you will have a special invitation to be at our kick-off of Zydeco Season Opelousas Interpretive Museum on Main Street between 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. If you can shake a leg and take off from your work or other responsibilities we would love for you to be there. We will be unveiling our card and all of the different activities for that

weekend as well. We take our responsibility as being part of this parish very seriously. We follow every letter of the law of the ordinance of mass meetings for an event. This special event is more than a mass meeting for us so we want to make sure we have everything. All of our insurance and everything is in order so you as our partner feel that you have a responsible partner to make sure that everything is in place. So tomorrow we will have a good time, Geno is going to be there and you will be able to take a photo opt so come down and show your face is you can stop in and out. I don't want to keep you all that long but I have an invitation for you all and I can entertain any questions before I wrap up my three minutes. Are there any questions or concerns?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I just want to say welcome back."

Ms. Lena Charles stated, "Thank you. It has been a while. It has been a difficult journey but thank you all so much. I appreciate you and thank you all for all of your thoughts and prayers that were with me and my family during this time. A part of me is missing but the community make up a lot of that part so thank you."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Ms. Charles I just want to personally say thank you for all that you do for our Parish. We really appreciate it."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Thank you."

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I know that you mentioned tomorrow night they were going to do the unveiling. You did not say where it was going to be?"

Ms. Lena Charles stated, "I did not say tomorrow night. I said tomorrow between 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. That is lunch hour. We specifically want this for the business folks and our sponsors to come out and we will be unveiling it at the Opelousas Interpretive Museum. That is across from the old J.B. Sandoz next to City Court. That is where we are having it. It will be a light refreshment and they can come in and ask questions and take pictures. That will kick off our Zydeco Season."

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I to want to take this opportunity to tell you thank you for all that you have done for the parish and the city."

Ms. Lena Charles stated, "Thank you. Are there any other questions? As I said I have an invitation and I will pass it out to you all. I will try to be back for the next meeting to have the cost and we will have that official opening as well as your user gift package from me. Thank you."

5. Parish President & Finance Reports:

- a. **The Preliminary approval showing a Subdivision "Daly Estates" of 143.52 Acre Tract of land being partitioned as lots 1-15; located along HWY 182 and HWY 178; situated in section 174 & 175, Township 7 South, Range 4 East Opelousas, LA.**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 21st, 2024** to authorize The Preliminary approval showing a Subdivision "Daly Estates" of 143.52 Acre Tract of land being partitioned as lots 1-15; located along HWY 182 and HWY 178; situated in section 174 & 175, Township 7 South, Range 4 East Opelousas, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

b. Final approval of newly proposed 250' Verizon Cell Tower site locations – 112 Elementary School Road US-LA 5453 Morrow, LA Parcel #0402739510A

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* to authorize the final approval of newly proposed 250' Verizon Cell Tower site locations – 112 Elementary School Road US-LA 5453 Morrow, LA Parcel #0402739510A

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am sorry at this time we forgot to get the President’s Financial Report.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is provided. We provided it prior to the meeting.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We do have a copy of it in front of us.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to accept the Parish President & Finance Report

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

6. Authorize the Council Clerk to place an order for minute books beginning with the year 2025 thru year 2028 at a total cost of \$885.50.

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* to authorize the Council Clerk to place an order for Minute Books beginning with the year 2025 thru year 2028 at a total cost of \$885.50.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

7. Authorize a signed copy of all Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, Lease Agreements and Intergovernmental Agreements be provided to the Council Clerk once signed and decide if we need a Resolution to do that. (Chairman Wayne Ardoin).

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, we sign all of the Resolution could your office provide her the copies so that she will have the in her office. She is not getting them back is what she is saying.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Lease Agreements and Intergovernmental Agreement, stuff like that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “If you all could furnish her with the paper work so she could file it.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes that is fine. Whenever an Intergovernmental Agreement is approved by the council and the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements that is part of the record in this office. I will come and sign it but I am not going to take it with me. It should be done in this office and let it say here as part of the record. If we are taking them then that is not right we don’t want them.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “If you have any from now own you give them back to her.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “I don’t get any CEA’s. I only have Resolution and Ordinance that I file in here.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “From now own out you will furnish that.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay so let’s make this clear. If the council takes action and it is for an Intergovernmental Agreement or a CEA it needs to stay here and I will come and sign it here and the other party who ever it is with will do the same thing. That way it does not leave this office and it stays as part of the record that you all approved. We just don’t want to make sure that it does not leave.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “I am fine with that Mr. Bellard. I scan it in so I will keep a signed copy on the computer.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “I would like to know in the past who has them after they are signed? The other parties and the Intergovernmental Agreement. As Mr. President was saying they should not keep them maybe they should get a copy.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “As long as he signs them I can make sure that we both have a copy.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Don’t you bring them upstairs right, don’t you file them?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Not the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements only the Ordinance I file upstairs.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “So we keep the original.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So you all will get together on it? She asked me about it and that is why it was placed on the agenda.”

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

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “For example I have an Intergovernmental Agreement right now that have been signed with the Clerk of Court and the Parish Government and I have it across the street. I will bring it to Sherell at the appropriate time. We will also get an authorization that everything inside the building goes with Parish Government, the building by Dairy Queen. The Clerk of Courts Building. That old building that we will take away.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “What has been the procedure in the past for the CEA’s? You mentioned it was done electronically.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is something that I do. I scan everything, Resolutions and Ordinances are kept here. I don’t keep Cooperative Endeavor Agreements and Intergovernmental Agreements here.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “The president just stated that they stay here and he will come here and sign it and that way you will have your copy.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is perfectly fine.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “My question is whoever the Endeavor Agreement is with they will need to get it in a timely manner as well. So how is that being done?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “I don’t handle that. With my stuff if I need to get it to someone I give it to them the next day.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Do we generate it?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No, we don’t generate them.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, not all of the time.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “I guess what I am trying to determine is when there is a CEA or whatever of Governmental Entities, how do we know that it is being forwarded to those people as well in a timely manner? I had an incident and it was a little delayed so I had to call and find out where it was. That is all that I am asking.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think that is the one that Garrett has in his office right now.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Also there is one with St. Landry Parish District 6 Public Works Commission. That one will be transported here where it will have a signature from the Chairman, Mr. Fitzgerald and from Jessie. That will go to Sherell so she will keep it here. The details of that is being worked out. I was notified about it right before I walked over here so I will talk to Jenny about it tomorrow.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “My point is that I was at the District 6 meeting and they have received information about the CEA and their obligations financially. Their questions were: What if the expenditures go over what has been projected is the new CEA going to be waived or will there be some type of adjustments?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I talked to them today. If the cost goes over the estimated amount by 20% they are good with that and they have obligated to facilitate 50%. Their concern is this: What if the cost is more than 20% over? I got that information right before I walked over here so I was going to bring that to Jenny tomorrow morning.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will work that out.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have one question. It is almost what you all are asking and I don’t think that it directly got answered. My question is this: In the past we have done CEA’s with other entities such as the city. We have had issues where it was not signed or nobody had a copy of it. I know where we are going moving forward but going back someone may say that we had an agreement with the parish and nobody has a copy of that agreement is what I am trying to figure out.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated. “It should be in Mr. Bellard’s Office.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “He said he does not have copies where are those copies?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Which copies are you speaking of?”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Anything from the past. Any agreements that we have had. We have had agreements from the past with the city and other entities so if they come back and ask about them. Since you don’t have them and she does not have them where are they?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Madam Chairman, a lot of those agreements, if you want to know what is in them they are in my computer and I have hard copies at

my office if we want to know what is in them. Now the signed copies I think they are with Sherell.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No, they are not with Sherell. I do not have any signed copies. The only thing that I am responsible for are the Resolutions and the Ordinances. I asked for the signed copies of the CEA’s on purpose so I can keep them here in case someone ask for them and they will be at my fingertips because I scan them in.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So that is my point. Garrett if you have anything on your computer.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I have unsigned copies on my computer. I have forms of all of the contracts that we have done. Now the signed copies, our clerk, I think scans them in or she wants to scan them in or she will scan them in so someone will just come here and they can get a signed copy from our clerk.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes, that is what I want to do.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The unsigned copies that you have in your computer is what I am concerned about. We have had that issue with the city recently. From years ago we were suppose to have it that everything was signed and it was not and now it is an issue now. So that is what I am asking about anything that is unsigned.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Everything gets signed once it leaves my computer. I have hard copies but the signed copies would go to our clerk and not me.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Just make sure that she has a copy of it because if it comes back we need to be able to produce that it was signed and she needs to have a copy of it because everybody does not go to your office for a copy they go to Sherell for a copy.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think it is a simple process that it does not leave this area until it is signed. After it is completely signed then everybody who sign gets copies of it but the official record stays here with minutes of the meeting. I think that is the easiest way to make this happen so we don’t have that confusion.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “That is fine. I think we are all on the same page because nobody knew that.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Correct.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “So again that is the new process going forward.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes, I would like that process.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “I am understanding that the copies that Garrett has are we going to get hard copies or scanned copies so that Sherell can keep these on file?”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes, Garrett said he was going for forward it to Sherell.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes, Sherell will have all of the signed copies. If someone wants a copy they will come here and Sherell will have it. Just as a backup I keep everything in my computer and I keep hard copies I don’t always get the signed copies.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “That is fine just as long as she get it.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Pardon my ignorance but they are still not signed copies as Madam Chair was inquiring. Passed old signed copies are they available? Where are those signed copies? We have agreements with agencies and we don’t have contractual agreements with signatures on them.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If I want a signed copy of a CEA or an Intergovernmental Agreement I would come here and then if Sherell has it scanned in here computer I would simply get the signed copy in here.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We are going in circles. Madam Chair I am going to get with Mr. Bellard’s Office. They are the ones who should have all of the signed copies because you all are approving it here and he is signing it there. I would just have to go to him and see what signed copies we are missing and I will scan it in the computer and we will be done with that.”

Administrative Finance Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Hopefully that will work. Thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* to authorize the Council Clerk to receive a signed copy of all Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, Lease Agreements and Intergovernmental Agreements that are authorized by the council and signed by the Parish President.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

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

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, Mr. LeFleur evidently is a no show but I am going to ask the parish council to start the procedure on selling the bonds in Road District 1 of 11-A. Fund 042 so we can start the procedure of getting cost estimates.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “He is working on it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Do we need a motion to go ahead and start the process?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, that is fine.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask a motion from the council in reference to dealing with the road tax in my area District 9 which is Road District 1 of 11-A, Fund 042. We will start the process of selling the bonds. The taxes were just renews so we need to start the process to get some roads over layed.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday August 21st, 2024* to approve starting the process to sell the bonds for District 9, Road District 1 of 11-A, Fund 42 to begin the process of overlaying roads.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

9. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th, 2024
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards.
3. **Person to address the Committee:**

- **Mr. Jerry Domengeaux Addressed the council. He stated,** “Members of the council my name is Jerry Domengeaux. For those of you that I have not meet previously I currently serve as Chairman of the Drainage District No. 1 in Ward 2. My appointment is coming up and I have sent my application in to the office for your consideration. We currently have approximately 12 miles of Channel in our District which we currently have no problems with. The largest one in our District is Bayou Bo-Bay. As people bring us complaints we have taken care of them, we currently have no problems with it. I am here to introduce myself to you and ask for your consideration for my re-appointment. Do you all have any questions?”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Mr. Domengeaux thanks for being here. Could you tell us where your District is incorporated or where your district cover so there won’t be any issues or confusion anywhere? I would appreciate it.”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “We cover all of Sunset and Grand Coteau. We go up on HWY 182 out of Sunset up to Bayou Bo-Bay going on HWY 93 toward Cankton we are approximately 1 mile that way. On HWY 182 going towards Bayou Carencro we go up to the Carencro Bayou but coming west, nothing east because that is in another Drainage District. On the north end we tie in and Bo-Bay is our boundary which ties into Bayou Calahan.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated. “Ward 1 South Drainage District borders with you. I think you boarder with Prairie Bass.”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “Prairie Bass is on the east of us.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Thank you, on your tax dollars your annual funds that you are generating is that number available here?”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “Probably on an annual basis of \$200,000.00.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “A couple of hundred, okay. It is really not adequate I would think to do a lot of the things you need to do.”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “We have been fortunate to be able to maintain throughout the years but our biggest one is Bayou Bo-Bay. When you get into that one it will lead the funds out fund pretty good.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Jerry I just want to say personally thank you and I appreciate you coming and answering questions and your presentation, it is a pet-peeve of mine. We want to say thank you for what you do and we appreciate it. How many years do you have running now with the drainage board?”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “I have been there probably a year and ½ to two years after it was created. I served for 2 terms and then I was elected to the school board. When I got off of the school board I think this is my second term back on the board.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Welcome back and thank you.”

- **Ms. Doris White addressed the council. She stated,** “Hello, I have been here before and I am back with the same subject of the Environment and the condition of the parish. Can you all here me? Okay. The purpose of money is to improve one standard of living that is why we all work for money, right? Your purpose too I believe is the same thing and that is to improve the standard of living of the people that you represent. Is it not?”
- **Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated,** “It is, yes Ma’am.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I would hope so. The Solar People have come in and this governing body will receive some funds or have received some funds. In other words you have the money that have not improved our standard of living instead it has lowered the standard of living in our community. The property value in our community have gone down. We are largely of a small farming community with a lot of retirees who come in with a fixed income. We have people with a good income that comes in and retire in that area and they are not going to come anymore when they are going to see acres and acres of panels. In my situation I thought I was living in the country and now I have a huge power plant in front of my house with the lights that shine through my living room. This is not improving our standard of living. I understand that the windmill thing is still in the making and I urge you to oppose this, these windmills. It is immeasurably worse than the solar energy. People living a mile from these windmill farms are affected by them and their communities are affected by them and nobody is going to come and build a home and retire in those areas with these huge windmills and solar panels all over the place. I am urging you to oppose any establishment of windmills in our community and in the whole parish because it is detrimental to the people of the parish, it lowers the standard of living and it prevents people from coming in and building and living in those areas. It will ultimately reduce the property tax that you receive from the people living in that area. While I am at it I would like to say if the money that come in from the Solar people be spent by you at least 50% of that should go to the community that were affected by the solar panels. We should get 50% of the monies and I urge our representative, Ms. Mildred Thierry to advocate for us that our community be improved because it has been dis-improved to put it simply. I urge you again to refuse the windmills that are coming into the community because it destroys the community and that is not your job, your job is to improve the community. Thank you.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “So the property values in those areas have gone up. The property value have gone up in that area tremendously and that is facts that is not just hearsay. So the property value have gone up and it has been up for farmland, \$5,500.00 per acre of commercial property. Every piece of land that the Solal Panel owns went up in property value. The farmers and the landowners who farm that area or own the land has the right to put whatever they want to put on their property, we don’t control that nor should we. If you live in the country you want to live in an environment where you can decide what you want to put on your own property far being from government to tell you what you are going to do with your property. When it comes to the windmills the same thing applies, with the windmills we have two companies that are talking to us right now in Evangeline Parish and Acadia Parish. From Lawtell to Eunice there is a trough that runs from Acadia all the way to Evangeline Parish and they already leased out 13,000 acres of land. By the time they get to us it is done. We don’t have a magic

wand to think 5 years ago what they should have done. As far as the people and the farmers they are all happy with the benefits of the Solar Farms and everything else. I am not advocating for anything other than what the people who owns the property want, not what the neighbors want because the neighbors live there and they don't want me telling them what to do with their property. I am worried about the people that is going to be affected by the Solar Farms and the Wind Farms and that are the ones that are leasing out their property and gaining the property value."

- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** "I have a question Mr. Bellard. The property that was leased for the Solar Farm they were leased a long time ago like a mineral right on a lease. They did not come to us first am I correct? They went to the people a long time ago."
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "Three and four years before they were coming to us."
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** "So it is the neighbors that leased their land to these people to do what they done, it is not us."
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** "Many times it is not our neighbors it is the absentee landowners."
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** "It makes it difficult for the ones who owns the land it is their property to do what they want."
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** "So you have nothing to do with it."
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard,** "By the time it gets to us."
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** "When it gets to you what you have to do with it?"
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "When it gets to us the only thing that we are doing is making deals with these companies to get the best bank for our books for the parish."
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** "If you refuse to make a deal with them what happens?"
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "Then we lose out."
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** "Then they don't have a deal."
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "We lose money and the landowners get nothing."
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** "Well."
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "No, No, that is not how that works. We are here to make sure that we take care of the people whoever that may be. Just because some land owners don't live on the property doesn't say they are not a landowner. I get it that the people who lives next door are mad because they have a windmill or they have a solar farm. We don't have zoning in this parish for a reason because we believe in people doing what they need to do for their property on their own property. It would be like if I go to your place and tell you what kind of fence you can put in your front yard, that is not what we do, that is not government. We let the people in the country do what they need to do. That is why people leave the city and go to the country."
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** "So a commercial project can come anywhere in the parish and we don't have anything to say about it."

- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes Ma’am that is correct. We have no law on the books that tell us that we can do anything about it. Commercial or Residential it does not mean anything to us because we have no zoning. If the subdivision have these laws that they put in place for their own, it is called Subdivision Rules, they can restrict people from going in their subdivisions but there is no law against it. There are a lot of things that happens in the parish that everybody loves to have the freedom until it is right next door.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “Who is advocating for the neighbors?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The neighbors can come to the council meeting or come to my office and I can tell you the same thing I will say and this council is going to say. We don’t have a law on the books that says we can prevent them from coming in.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “This body should be able to advocate for the neighbors. It should not be allowing companies to come in and destroy the way of life and say we don’t have nothing to do with it.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We follow the law. There is no law on the books that says that we can’t. In fact if we would deny them permits they would bring us to court and win because there is no law backing us up to deny it. There are a lot of things that go along with this that people don’t realize until the solar farms are in place and now the wind farms wants to come in. There is no zoning.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I would prefer that you all find some way to advocate for the little guy. There should be a law that says that landowners who don’t live in the parish cannot affect this parish the way that they have. An absentee landowner.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “But the landowners own the land and that is who pays us taxes.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I propose that you all find some ways to help out these communities. It will get much, much worse when the windmills come in. I find it hard to think that the property value next to a windmill is going up.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Whenever you get your tax roll this year everybody will be surprised at how much the taxes will go up in that area.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “So what makes the tax value go up?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “That property over there is commercial property now.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “Oh, it becomes commercial property.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes, Ma’am.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “So the farming community and the retirement community is being turned into a commercial property.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No Ma’am if you live at your house and it is just your house then you will have no problems. If the commercial property that is next door to you and the landowners are going to send a bill which is going to be up and it is all about taxes.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “You all will need to make some new laws. Thank you.”

- **Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “It is my understanding that these solar companies provide some community funds to the schools in the area.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Correct, yes Ma’am. Each one put money up and I want to say it was \$250,000.00 for the schools especially in District No. 4 in your area, yes Ma’am.
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “Do you have a record of which schools?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes Ma’am we do.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “Can I get a copy of that.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Definitely.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I will be by to pick it up. I still would like to advocate that we get 50% of all of the money.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Oh trust me she does.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned Ms. Doris White, He stated,** “How many acres of land do you own?”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “In that community about 40 acres.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “You have 40 acres of land in that community, do you have land somewhere else besides that community?”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I do.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned,** “How many acres do you have in the Parish if you had to guess totally?”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “That is the only one that I have in the parish.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “So if someone approached you to dig an oil well on your 40 acres and they would tell you that you would get \$100,000,000.00 a year in revenue would you not put that oil well on your property to protect the noise that it would create in your community?”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I might not. They approached me to pay me \$38,000.00 just to run a line through my front yard and I refused. Now we have a plant right in front of me but the light shines in my bedroom. An old lady living next to me who is partially blind says there is light that is coming into her house and it is very confusing to her.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Mr. Bellard, can you check on that please. Thank you.”
- **Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned,** “Mr. Bellard, on the books do we have any ordinances or anything as far as those Solar Panels?” There is one on HWY 167, I know I passed there just the other day. The grass has gotten out of hand. Do we have anything on the books where they have to clean up there?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes, they have to take care of everything
- **Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “The vegetation.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes, everything. They are not complete.”
- ***Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Thank you, I appreciate it.”

- **Mr. Leroy Randall Jr. addressed the council. He stated,** “Good evening. My name is Leroy Randall Jr. I am a Board Member for Fire District No. 7. I am here tonight because we have to renew our membership and we were told as new members we would have to come to the council to introduce ourselves. I have been a member for at least 6 years. I am not technically a new member I am just renewing my membership. I don’t know if that was a misunderstanding or is this the new standard?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No, it is not a misunderstanding. This for every member that wants to be re-appointed or a new appointment. You are here at the right time.”
- **Mr. Leroy Randall Jr. stated,** “I am here to introduce myself. My name is Leroy Randall Jr. as I said earlier. I don’t know if there is anything else you all need from me. Are there any questions?”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I want to thank you for coming, we appreciate it. We would like to put a face with the people that we appoint for the board. I am very grateful that you came by.”
- **Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated,** “Mr. Leroy thank you. Like Mr. Lejeune stated we like to put a face with the person. I also wanted to ask your years of experience but I see that you served on the board for six years.”
- **Mr. Leroy Randall Jr. stated,** “Yes Sir.”
- **Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated,** “So you are well versed in that area obviously. Thank you.”

4. Public Works Report:

- a. Update on Leasing Equipment

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is the other thing that Mr. LeFleur was going to be touching on. It is \$1,800,000.00 of equipment that we are going to be buying instead of leasing. He has a schedule and he is figuring it out. I am hoping by the full council meeting he will be here and he will be able to present what we are going to be doing.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The \$1,800,000.00 is it possible that we can get a list of what those equipment’s are?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Definitely, he was suppose to be here tonight to present it. I will make sure that you all get it ahead of time before the next meeting.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Thank.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, “In the month of July we:

Boom Axed	37 Roads
Culvert Cleaned	40 Roads
Culvert Installation	16 Roads
Debris Removal	75 Roads
Ditching	11 Roads
Grading	26 Roads
Material Spreading	10 Roads
Patching	60 Roads
Shredding	112 Roads
Sign Installation	41 Roads
Tree Removal	4 Roads
Washout	4 Roads

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Do you have a lot of tree debris pick up left?”

Mr. Barry Soileau stated, “I would say that we are like 80% done on the tornado stuff. People are cleaning their property and they are putting it back. Now we are having to double back. We have two trucks running every day and a dump trailer.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned: Mr. Soileau, thank you for all that you do. I want to start off with a positive. I want to know, Mr. Bellard, do we have any more money that the state had given us? And are we doing everything with the parish funds is that Correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right, the time frame that was given to us everything was allocated. We have not received the funds back yet but we applied.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere started, “So we don’t have any other contractors but our parish government employees that are picking up all of the debris from the storms.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They are picking up debris parish wide every day. It is not so much as a storm related it is just in general.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I saw on TV that they were cleaning up at Moosa in Eunice. It is still our employees or did we contract that out?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No that is our employees and myself. I would be there right now if I was not here.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What is the time limit left if we are doing that work?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We don’t have a time limit.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We are not almost complete is what I am saying.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have a lot of work to do. I am almost finished with the second story on the back side. I have another two hours or so on that one to take it down. Then we have the big piece in the front. I am thinking within the next six weeks we will be finished. All of that concrete has to be picked up and grinded and put on roads and stuff. What we are doing with the material is that we are averaging a little over \$1,000.00 a day that is being brought to the scrap yard on metal. The material that is picked up and brought to the yard will be material that will be put down underneath our roads that don’t have a bottom. We have some roads that no matter what we do with them we can never put enough lime stone on them. We are going to take the top layer off and put this material at the bottom and come back on top and hopefully we can start having bottoms to some of these little country roads that goes to nowhere but a farm. A lot of these rice fields and stuff that stay wet. We have a lot of material that we are going to be using but everything is being done by the people here. We even have 2 women that are driving dump trucks for us right now and they work in the office and they can drive a truck, in fact that is where Cynthia is at right now.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Is that our property? Will we be discussing what we will be doing with it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the Hospital District that meets once a year there when I went to their last meeting they were going to do some things with that property that did not meet. I was not going to sign no paper. That is why we are going to demolish it and it will be sold at Public Auction or however way that it needs to be done. Whatever money that we receive from that goes back to the parish to pay us back for the labor that we put in place over there and equipment.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just want to understand, when it is going to be sold at the Public Auction is this going to be separate from Adjudication? Will this be a separate auction? Will that be for the Public?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is right correct. We will keep one of the buildings. One of the building is 13,000 square feet and all it needs is a roof on it. The bones are still good on the inside. Hopefully we can get a grant to refurbish it and put it back into office complexes or whatever. It looks like we are going to have about 2 acres to sell once we complete demolition and bring it back down to ground level. The other part will stay for the parish and they have another couple of acres around the area that we own as a parish but all of that is going to stay and hopefully we can make something out of it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Again Mr. Soileau thank you for all that you do. I know that we spoke last week about the grass cutting. Are we cutting and spraying or are we just cutting?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Both.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know you were moving along in the parish. So I want to thank you very much again.”

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District 7 for a one and two-year term. (09-19-2024 - 09-19-2028)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* all applications received for two appointments to Fire District 7 for a one and two year term. (09-19-2024 - 09-19-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Ward Two Gravity Drainage No. 1 for a four-year term. 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-21-2024 - 09-21-2028)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* all applications received for one appointment to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-21-2024 - 09-21-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Discuss starting time and length of hearing for each Ordinance. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I am not going to spend a lot of time on this item at this point. I would like for us to as a full council to take a look at the starting time of the Public Hearing and the length of each Ordinance that we spend. Starting a public hearing at 4:15 p.m. is not giving a lot of people the opportunity if they wanted to come in and be a part of the Public Hearing. Most people if they are still working they are still employed at that time. We have our own two council clerks they are still on the clock at 4:15 p.m. It is my recommendation that we consider and I will forward to the full council looking at starting no earlier than 5:00 p.m. and I will have more ideas that I will bring up

before the full council with this. I would like to make a motion that we look at and discuss what we can do to make sure we don't start any Public Hearings at 4:15 p.m. because the public does not have the opportunity to weigh in on it at that time."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting Held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* to continue the discussion on a time to start the Public Hearings.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (10-20-2024 – 10-20-2028)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (10-20-2024 – 10-20-2028) .

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Discuss where we are at with the Private Road Ordinance. (Chairman Wayne Ardoin).

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard, I know that there are 2 or 3 ordinances that have been drawn up and none have been acted on but your attorney have drawn one up that maybe we can look at?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes we have one that is going to be brought for the 21st meeting. Right now he is almost finished. After he gets finished I will send it to Garrett so they can look at it and then we will bring it to the council on the 21st of August.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Then you will have a price tag as far as what it will cost those owners that are adjoining on that road?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes Sir. It will not be a price like a set amount. It will be hourly rates and stuff. It will not be a set amount like for a grader or anything. It is whatever the cost is going to be for that job. That way we don't have to worry about coming back to change an ordinance to change the prices.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "On the material wise, let's say there is no material and you know what road I am talking about, Fleur Des Coteau, there is a gentleman right before the range. He went in and took it upon himself and all of the neighbors saw what he was doing but he dug a hole in the road to be to the bottom of it I guess and he was going to put some material in it and it started raining then they have a duck pond on the road so everybody have to go around on the highland and it causes chaos. That is why I am bring it back up so we can try and come up with something. When you are going to have the ordinance drawn up everybody is going to have to pitch in or nothing is going to be done."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There is a couple of ways to do it. You are right they are going to have to agree to sign over the right to be on the private property is number one but they don't all have to pay as long as the price that is agreed up is paid and we have to make sure that we can get on the property that is the key thing. Not everybody wants to pay and that is okay.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "As long as they come up with the amount of money that we are asking for, the hourly rate or whatever we are going to ask for."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes sir."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You will bring it up later.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I Should have that next week and I will send it to Garrett and if we can all agree on the ordinance then we can bring it to the council on the 21st.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know we talked about a certain percentage of people that have to sign the right of way have you all have the percentage?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It will be in the ordinance whatever that number will be. I did not see a draft of it yet.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I was just wondering what you were looking at. If one person can stop the whole show at the beginning.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If was depending on what type of work that needs to be done. If it was going to be a complete overlay what they did in the past they were on assessment on the properties where not everybody had to agree to do it but the majority could do it on that road, this is a little bit different as for the maintenance of it. The maintenance is going to have to be where they allow us on the road. If it is going to be an overlay project and whole group gets together and 51% agree there is a difference. There are two separate ways to do this and we are going to have the options of both of them in the ordinance.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The second question that I have is this: I don’t know who we are going to be getting to do the work, will it be us because we will be billing them and making some money so are we prioritizing our work over doing private roads? I am for helping private roads but I am just curious to know that we have some grading and we have some work to be done so how is that going to work?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “As everybody know right now we don’t have it in place so it is going to be a work in progress. Keep in mind that people who live on these private roads they still pay taxes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I agree with you 100%.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not going to be able to justify taking the crew off of a road to go and do this unless it is considered an emergency.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I would agree, that is fine. Thank you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard in the case of Fleur Des Coteau, the center of the road a person owns that half and the other person owns it across the street so how are we going to handle that? Are you going to have some verbiage in there to get this together where as they all will have to agree? Everybody will have to sign a right-a-way there.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If they don’t all agree then we will have a problem. It will be up to them to decide among the group. That would be consider as an emergency since day one.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I know that we have drawn up 3 ordinances and none of them have come into play yet.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think this one will be something that we will be able to work with or at least start with. We will have some issues but we have been looking at other parishes and trying to understand how they do theirs and not many do anything with private roads.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We are looking forward to Choupique Road also being resolved. Thank you very much.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Ma’am.”

10. Discuss status of debris pickup. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Madam Chair I think this item has already been taken care of earlier in the meeting.”

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

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard on Tecumseh Loop there are vehicles that park on the end of the road I don’t know if they are using it for a parking lot the community is complaining about that.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a Sheriff’s Office. If it is on the roadway it will be a violation of the statute.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “They do nothing. They have called.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will call the sheriff tomorrow and see what we can do.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Okay thank you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I just want to make an announcement that I have received word from Mr. Chris Chavez of DOTD. They are going to shut down HWY 178 Bridge across Bayou Bourbeux by the Dimmick Property. They will shut the bridge down and repair it. There are some pilings that are bad and they will start an overlay project. I spoke to Representative Dustin Miller and they are in the process of overlaying that road from Domengeaux Lumber Company at HWY 182 in Sunset to HWY 182 at the Old Harold Fontenot Grocery Store. That is in the process. They were going to close the road yesterday but he put it back another week. They are going to close the road first to fix the bridge then they are going to start overlaying. Dustin Miller advised that there were some verbiage in the bill to overlay that road and they are going to have all of that taken care of.”

Public Works Chairwoman Vivian Olivier questioned, “Where are they going to end it?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “They are going to end it at HWY 182 to HWY 182. That is the short cut to go to the back side of Sunset. That separate you and I in District 8 and District 9. Chris Chavez of DOTD advised it. Thank you and that is all that I have.”

12. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jody White adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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

XIII. ADJOURN